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A Seminar* by

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on

**European Public Transport Policy:
A Story of Quasi-Monopolistic Competition, Bus Trips and Detergents**

Time: 7:00 p.m., Friday, 7th December, 2007

Venue: Room 222, Hui Oi Chow Science Building, HKU

About the Speaker

Harry Timmermans is Professor and Head of the Urban Planning Group at the Eindhoven University of Technology. His research concerns the analyses and modelling of consumer response to planning policies and the development of decision support systems. Transportation is one of the domains of application. He is editor of the Journal of Retailing and Consumer Services and serves/has served on the editorial board of many journals in transportation, retailing, tourism, geography, planning, marketing and computer systems.

Seminar Abstract

Recently, European countries have unfolded their policy to privatize public transport. Using competitive bids, concessions are given to public transport companies. It is believed that increased competition will improve the quality of public transport and at the same time reduce costs. Based on some Dutch examples, the goals and objectives of this policy, its implementation and its effects will be discussed.

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