

## **PETER NIJKAMP**

Professor Dr. Peter Nijkamp is the 2020 recipient of the Roger R. Stough Outstanding Mentor Award. He is the first awardee for this recognition.

Professor Peter Nijkamp is an emeritus Professor in regional and urban economics and in economic geography at the VU University, and associated with the Open University (OU), Heerlen (The Netherlands), Jheronimus Academy of Data Science (JADS) of the division Smart Cities, 's-Hertogenbosch (The Netherlands), Royal Institute of Technology (KTH), Stockholm (Sweden) and A. Mickiewicz University, Poznan (Poland). He is a member of editorial/advisory boards of more than 30 journals. He is also a fellow of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Sciences, and past vice-president of this organization. He has served as president of the governing board of the Netherlands Research Council (NWO). In 1996, he was awarded the most prestigious scientific prize in the Netherlands, the Spinoza award. In addition, he is a Fellow of the Regional Science Association International (RSAI). Professor Nijkamp holds a Ph.D. (cum laude) from the Erasmus University in Rotterdam on new solution methods for non-linear mathematical programming models for industrial planning.

Professor Nijkamp has been an excellent role model of, one of the biggest supporters to, and an exemplary mentor to students and early career professionals. He has always made himself available to students and junior colleagues within and outside of his own institutions, from a wide range of academic disciplines, and at various stages of their careers. Professor Nijkamp is known and greatly appreciated by many for his continued support and mentoring after students' graduation and during their career development. In addition to offering financial and academic support, Professor Nijkamp has provided students and early career colleagues invaluable access to the regional science community in Europe, North America, Asia, and Latin America. He has been instrumental in broadening student participation in professional meetings with open arms welcoming new, often younger, students and faculty and welcoming new ideas and initiatives. Professor Nijkamp is especially keen to students and early career faculty from emerging countries and regions where the field and community of regional science are less developed and known. His leadership and contribution in supporting and championing for students and in broadened and inclusive participation in the regional science community are without limits.

Professor Nijkamp is widely cited. As of early November 2020, Professor Nijkamp has accumulated over 17,000 citations in Scopus and over 69,300 in Google Scholar. According to the RePec list, he is among the top 30 of well-known economists worldwide. Professor Nijkamp has published more than 2,000 scientific articles in the international literature, and over 40 monographs and 100 edited volumes.

The North American Regional Science Council is therefore pleased to present the inaugural, 2020 Roger R. Stough Outstanding Mentor Award to Peter Nijkamp. Congratulations!!