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**Education and Research at the Faculty of Spatial Sciences:
Economic Geography, Cultural Geography,
Planning and Demography**

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Country The Netherlands

- ✓ Population: 17 million (and 19.7 million bicycles)
- ✓ GDP: US\$ 1 trillion (China US\$ 15 trillion)
- ✓ GDP per capita US\$ 58.000 (China US\$ 11.000)
- ✓ Bicycle used for 26% of all trips by all groups of the population
- ✓ Compact cities & towns = strong urban & regional planning




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City of Groningen

- ✓ City since 1040
- ✓ Cultural & economic capital of the North, two hours from Schiphol Airport
- ✓ University city:
 - 220.000 inhabitants, 60.000 students
 - 50% younger than 35
- ✓ Wide choice in student associations
- ✓ Lively and cosmopolitan
- ✓ ERSA Congress 2017





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Groningen / University

- ✓ Founded in 1614; 11 faculties
- ✓ Top 100 research university;
- ✓ Nobelprize 2016 Chemistry: Ben Feringa
- ✓ Student-oriented, 30.000 students
- ✓ International classroom: 5.000 student from abroad
- ✓ Recognize differences in talent and ambition
- ✓ Stimulate cross-border research and education



Faculty of Spatial Sciences

95 staff, 100+ PhDs 950 students

2 bachelors → Human Geography and Urban and Regional Planning, Spatial Planning and Design

8 masters → 6 international

Making places better together!

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Department of Economic Geography

- ✓ **Master Economic Geography**
 - ✓ **Track: Regional Competitiveness and Trade (jointly with Faculty of Economics and Business)**
- ✓ **Master Real Estate Studies (RICS accredited)**
- ✓ Real Estate Research Center
- ✓ Topics: Regional labour markets, Entrepreneurship and regional development and in equalities, Housing market sustainability, Commercial real estate investment

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Faculty / International (100% English)

- ✓ 20% international staff, 65% international PhDs
- ✓ 2 International Bachelor programs
- ✓ 7 international Master programs
- ✓ 4 double degree programs in Bandung, Barcelona, Cologne, Oldenburg
- ✓ 80 international students a year
- ✓ 80 exchange students a year
- ✓ 4 short courses, 2 summer schools
- ✓ Relations with universities on all continents

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Faculty / Education

- ✓ **2 Bachelor programs**
 - **Human Geography and Urban and Regional Planning**
 - **Spatial Planning and Design**

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Faculty / Education 1 Year Master programs:

- **Master Economic Geography**
 - Track: **Regional Competitiveness and Trade**
- **Master Real Estate Studies (RICS accredited)**
- **Master Population Studies**
- **Master Cultural Geography**
 - Track: **Tourism Geography and Planning**
- **Master Environmental & Infrastructure Planning**
- **Master Socio-Spatial Planning**



Faculty / Research

✓ Research program tWIST: *towards Wellbeing, Innovation and Spatial Transformation*

- Economic Geography & Real Estate
- Cultural Geography
- Demography – Population studies
- Spatial Planning and Environment



URSI overarching research theme: tWIST *towards Wellbeing, Innovation & Spatial Transformation*

Connecting to the themes of the University of Groningen: healthy ageing, energy, and sustainable society



Faculty / Graduate School



- ✓ Graduate School:
 - Research master Spatial Sciences (2 year!)
 - PhD program (max 30 EC) embedded in tWIST
- ✓ Academic skills:
 - Writing and presenting
 - Methodological, theoretical, analytical
- ✓ Admission criteria:
 - Master degree (Spatial / Social / Economic Sciences)
 - IELTS > 7.0 English proficiency
 - Research proposal / Funding
 - Website: <http://www.rug.nl/research/gradschool-spatial-sciences/>