

## **PETER NIJKAMP**

EUROPEAN PRIZE IN REGIONAL SCIENCE WINNER—2002

Peter Nijkamp holds a Ph.D. (cum laude) from Erasmus University in Rotterdam. Since 1975, he has been Professor of Regional and Urban Economics and Economic Geography at the Free University, Amsterdam. His research interest is wide-ranging, and has published dozens of books and monographs, written hundreds of articles for both high-ranking, international, scientific journals and more popular magazines. For over a decade, Peter Nijkamp played a leading role as President first of the European Regional Science Association (1979-1989) and then of the Regional Science Association International (1990-1992). He is the founding father of the Network on European Communications and Transport Activity Research (NECTAR), a scientific organization of which he has been Chairman for several years. Professor Nijkamp has also been a visiting professor at several universities in Europe, Asia and America.

Among the honours he has received, Peter Nijkamp was conferred with the Doctor Honoris Causa from the Free University of Brussels and the Technical University in Athens. In 1996, he was awarded the most prestigious Spinoza Award in the Netherlands. He is a Fellow of the Royal Dutch Academy of Science, the World Academy of Arts and Sciences, and the Royal Belgian Academy of Science and Arts.

Peter Nijkamp has been an advisor to several Dutch Ministries, the Commission of the European Union (EU), the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), the Asian Development Bank (ADB), the World Bank, and several other private and public organizations.

He is a member of the editorial board of approximately twenty scientific journals in the field. He has supervised more than 70 doctoral students, several of whom now hold a professorship in various countries. He is also past Chairman of the Dutch Social Science Council and past Vice-President of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Sciences. Since June 2002, he has served as president of the governing board of the Netherlands Research Council (NOW).