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DURHAM, N.H. -- Jan Brueckner, IBE Distinguished Professor of Economics at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, is the featured speaker at the Friday, Oct. 10, 2003, Economics Seminar sponsored by the University of New Hampshire's Whittemore School of Business and Economics. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Brueckner presents his research "Transport Subsidies, System Choice, and Urban Sprawl," from 2:10 - 3:30 p.m. in Room 318 McConnell Hall. Visitor parking is located off Route 155A on Mast Road; a free shuttle bus service is available to campus locations from the visitor center.

Brueckner will discuss his research about the effect of transport subsidies on the spatial expansion of cities. Subsidies for road networks and public-transit systems are common in the United States and other countries. However, these subsidies, while reducing the cost of travel within cities, may also encourage cities to expand and contribute to urban sprawl. The paper also explores how subsidies affect transport "system choice," portraying the city as selecting transportation systems along a continuum of money-cost/time-cost options. Brueckner received his Ph.D. in economics from Stanford University and has been teaching at the University of Illinois since 1976.

The Economics Seminar series is a weekly event of the Whittemore School's graduate degree program in economics that highlights the research of the school's faculty, graduate students and visiting academics.

For more information about the seminars, contact Karen Conway, 862-3386 or [ksconway@cisunix.unh.edu](mailto:ksconway@cisunix.unh.edu). Advance copies of Brueckner's paper are available at 862-3457 or sending an email to: [sinthy.kounlasa@unh.edu](mailto:sinthy.kounlasa@unh.edu).