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This dissertation consists of several essays that study how people behave when using (semi-) public facilities, in particular university facilities and parking spaces. It focuses on behaviour that can be influenced by policy makers, most notably by using pricing tools. One important reason why the pricing of (semi-) public facilities is often non-optimal, is that externalities that result from facility use are not reflected in the price mechanism. In addition, a low price of facility use can lead to overconsumption. This dissertation analyses the consequences of (not) pricing the public facilities in an adequate way.

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