



Recent Trends in Regional Socio-Economic Inequalities

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The last years, in Europe and other parts of the developed world, have experienced greater increases in socio-economic spatial disparities. The recession and other global challenges such as automation or globalisation have made that some industrial areas suffered important declines in employment and income distribution. While, more diversified service-oriented urban areas have been able to maintain their growth pace. Migration has intensively contributed to change labour market landscape in many different European regions, contributing to economic development but also increasing within regional disparities. Although some studies have addressed income inequality and poverty in the EU linked with globalisation and migration, still a knowledge gap remains concerning the analysis of these topics at a more disaggregated level and their main consequences.

The aim of this special session is to promote discussion around the main topics behind regional socio-economic inequality, such as the recent trends linking inequality with digitalisation, automation, but also considering the effects of migration, globalization and offshoring, differences in skill composition and the level of job polarization, political devolution, and demographic patterns and migration, among the most significant ones.

Submissions based on evidence from different parts of the world are welcome either of a theoretical or empirical nature and either at the regional and urban level.