

Special Session Proposal

The Effects of COVID-19 Pandemic on University Students: Educational Outcomes & Spatial Mobility to Attend Higher Education

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Abstract

The COVID-19 pandemic has determined nationwide containment measures including the closure of higher education institutions and a sudden transition from face-to-face classes to online learning. This is expected to produce an impact on educational outcomes of university students and their spatial mobility to attend higher education.

The aim of this special session is to offer a platform for presenting papers on educational outcomes and spatial mobility of university students in the COVID-19 era by placing special emphasis to regional differences, and socio-economic issues.

The special session also aims to provide the opportunity to discuss the policy actions that need to be correctly targeted at specific regions and social groups.

More generally, the topics of the present session are the following:

- Internal migration of higher university students.
- Digital divide
- Educational outcomes of university students and their relationship with regional and socio-economic context.