

Special Session Proposal

Special Session Title "The geographical dimension of income inequality"

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Abstract

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Income inequality has been placed at the core of scientific analysis and political debates in recent years. However, while global income inequality and its dynamics informs on the prosperity and welfare conditions that prevail in an economy over a certain period, the geography of income and income inequality provides additional evidence on the variations in wealth and wellbeing between people within countries or within regions and across countries and regions. Income inequality has a clear spatial dimension and it is evident in many geographical scales at regional, city or neighborhood levels. This issue has been approached by different disciplines such as economics, geography, political science and GIS and has generated a large literature with theoretical considerations and empirical applications form many countries across the globe.

The aim of this special session is to offer a platform for presenting papers on the geographical aspects of income inequality by placing emphasis on different geographical scales such as regional, municipal, city and neighborhood levels. It will also provide the opportunity to discuss the policy applications and policy outcomes to mitigate income inequality.

The potential contributions to this session include:

- Geographical aspects of income inequality
- Income inequalities and segregation in cities and metropolitan areas
- Income inequalities along the urban-rural gradient
- Mapping inequalities in income and wealth/wellbeing
- Patterns and determinants of income inequality across space

This call is anticipated to attract the attention of the growing number of scientists, policy makers, young researches and graduate students who are conducting research on the geographical dimension of income and income inequality. In addition, it will facilitate dialogue and interaction among scientists from different scientific disciplines regarding contemporary issues in regional analysis and policy. The conveners have approached potential contributors and have an initial positive response of a sufficient number of contributors aiming at participating and presenting a paper in this special session.