



Special Session Proposal

Special Session Title

“The geographical dimension of social and income inequality”

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Abstract

Social and income inequality constitute core issues in contemporary socioeconomic analysis and policy. The trend of growing inequality that was observed at the turn of the last century has become even more intense the first two decades of the new century, especially after the Great Recession and the Covid-19 pandemic.

This session is aiming at offering a platform for presenting papers on geographical aspects of social and income inequality by placing emphasis on different geographical scales such as regional, municipal, city and neighborhood levels. Furthermore, it will discuss the relationship between income and health inequalities, placing specific attention to the incidence, socio-spatial impacts and policy reactions to Covid-19 pandemic. The dialogue will be facilitated by multidimensional and interdisciplinary approaches, illustrated with experiences from different countries across the globe.

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 social and income inequality. In addition, it will facilitate dialogue and interaction among scientists from different scientific disciplines such as economics, geography and political science and from different standpoints and theoretical angles. It is anticipated that 7-10 papers will be presented in this session.

A tentative list of thematic topics of the papers include:

- Geographical aspects of income inequality
- Poverty, segregation and social exclusion within cities and across space
- The geography of health inequality
- Socio-spatial impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic
- Economic crisis and spatio-temporal social and income inequality
- Wellbeing and welfare across space: the urban rural divide