



Urban and Regional Analysis, and Innovative Policy Design

Rapidly changing public health, trade and governance landscapes highlight the need for research into the drivers of regional productivity, spatial disparities in economic and social outcomes, and the long-run demographic trends shaping our cities and regions.

They also highlight the increasingly important role of policy, not only for supporting economic recoveries (post-COVID) and 'levelling-up' (post-Brexit) but also for 'directing' economic transformation (EU Green Deal) and adaptation to the post-pandemic 'new normal'. This session brings together researchers and practitioners working on regional and urban topics, with the aim of stimulating a debate about the direction of research in the post-pandemic era, as well as the design of new policies to catalyse change.

The following are suggested themes, although contributions from all areas of urban and regional research and policy are welcome:

- Analysis of regional productivity and labour markets
- Migration, refugees, and integration
- Higher education, graduate outcomes, and impact on local economies
- Cultural and Creative Industries
- Retail, trade, and location of services
- Transportation networks and their regional impact
- Regional disparities in health and well-being
- Marine economies and renewable energy
- Devolution, local government, and Brexit
- Public investment for economic recovery