Innovative Economic Policy Approaches in the era of transformations. Topics, Data, and Methods

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Abstract - This session explores the evolving landscape of economic policy and policy impact evaluation in the context of significant transformations. As regional economies face unprecedented challenges - and opportunities - innovative approaches to policy-making and policy-impact evaluation are essential. The session aims to bring together interdisciplinary perspectives from regional science, public and labour economics, and data science to address these emerging issues.

We invite both empirical and theoretical contributions that advance our understanding of the impact of economic policy in transformative times. Empirical papers may utilize new data sources, advanced analytical methods, and innovative techniques to evaluate policy impacts. We are particularly interested in studies that leverage machine learning, advanced econometrics, and novel data collection methods to provide insights into policy effectiveness.

Theoretical contributions are also welcome, especially those that explore the implications of new data and methodologies for policy assessment and innovative processes for policy-making. Theoretical contributions are also welcome, especially those that explore the implications of new data and methodologies for policy assessment and novel processes for policy-making. Topics may include advanced data techniques, policy learning scenarios, innovative methods, and novel policy approaches to enhance policy analysis. By fostering a dialogue on these critical issues, this session aims to contribute to the development of more effective and responsive economic policies in an era of rapid transformations.