



# Spatial disparities in OECD countries

**June 6<sup>th</sup> 2023  
11 a.m.**

Aula Donatori, Edificio 1,  
Rettorato (primo piano)  
Politecnico di Milano -  
Piazza Leonardo da Vinci,  
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## ABSTRACT

The presentation - based on recent OECD data and analysis - will provide an overall picture of trends in spatial socio-economic disparities within and across OECD countries. Relying on concepts and statistical definitions that maximize international comparability, the presentation will focus on past trends and future challenges that regions and cities will face in the light of current megatrends, such as digitalization, demographic change, and continuing urbanisation. The topics treated in the presentation include the evolving spatial economic disparities within countries, the spatial implications of current changes in housing demand, adoption of remote working, and energy crisis.

## SHORT BIO

Paolo Veneri is Professor of Economic Policy at the Gran Sasso Science Institute. Prior to that position he was Deputy Head of the Economic Analysis, Data and Statistics Division at the OECD Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities. He has been responsible for the OECD programme on subnational analysis and statistics, co-ordinating the Working Party on Territorial Indicators and the OECD Geospatial Lab. He has led research on a wide range of topics connected to urban and regional development, including on measuring urbanisation, understanding spatial economic and well-being inequalities, and the role of migration for regional development. He has worked extensively in developing definitions and metrics of urbanisation, spatial structure and functional economic areas.

## PROGRAM

**Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>**

**11.00 / Ilenia Mariotti - Opening**

**11.10 / Paolo Veneri – Presenter**

**12.00 / Federica Rossi & Valeria Fedeli –  
Discussants**

**12.30 / Open discussion**

**12.50 / Ilenia Mariotti - Conclusions**

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