

Special Issue – Oxford Economic Papers

We are pleased to announce that **Oxford Economic Papers** will publish a **Special Issue** featuring selected papers presented at the 1st Piraeus International Economic Conference (PIEC).

Theme of the Special Issue

Regional Resilience, Inequality, and Transformation in a Changing Global Economy

In recent years, regional economies have been confronted with a series of transformative challenges: the COVID-19 pandemic, global supply chain disruptions, energy crises, digitalization, and the accelerating shift toward green transitions. These forces have revealed persistent disparities in economic resilience across regions, highlighting the uneven capacity of local economies to adapt, recover, and thrive.

At the same time, longstanding issues of regional inequality, productivity gaps, and divergent growth paths remain at the forefront of academic and policy debates. The urgency of understanding how regions can adapt to new global realities, while ensuring balanced and inclusive development, makes this a critical moment for advancing regional economics research and supporting the design of more efficient place-based policies.

This special issue seeks to bring together theoretical, empirical, and policy-oriented contributions that deepen our understanding of regional resilience, inequality, structural change and industrial transformation at the territorial level in the 21st century.

Suggested Topics

We welcome submissions addressing (but not limited to) the following areas:

1. Regional Resilience and Shocks

- Recovery patterns from global shocks (pandemics, financial crises, energy crises, geopolitical disruptions).
- The role of industrial structure, diversification, and specialization in resilience.
- Regional policy responses and fiscal-monetary interactions at the subnational level.

2. Innovation, R&D, and Technological Transformation

- Synchronization of innovation and R&D cycles across regions.
- Knowledge spillovers, agglomeration, and innovation clusters.
- The digital divide and uneven adoption of new technologies.

3. Regional Inequality and Convergence

- Persistent income, productivity, and employment disparities across regions.

- Migration, human capital mobility, and demographic change.
- Effectiveness of regional redistribution policies (e.g., EU cohesion policy, structural funds).

4. Green Transition and Regional Competitiveness

- Uneven effects of decarbonization and renewable energy adoption.
- Energy transition, industrial restructuring, and labor market implications.
- Regional policies for climate adaptation and sustainable growth.

5. Trade, Value Chains, and Regional Interdependence

- Global supply chain fragmentation and its regional impacts.
- Nearshoring, reshoring, and changes in regional specialization.
- Cross-border integration and regional trade spillovers.

6. Urban–Rural Dynamics

- Diverging growth paths between urban and rural regions.
- Infrastructure, housing markets, and spatial connectivity.
- Smart cities, shrinking regions, and balanced territorial development.

Methodological Scope

We encourage diverse methodological approaches, including:

- Empirical analyses using regional data, spatial econometrics, or panel methods.
- Theoretical and structural modeling of regional dynamics.
- Policy evaluation and case studies with comparative insights.
- Network, connectedness, and dynamic factor models applied at the regional level.

This collaboration offers authors the opportunity to publish their work in one of the leading international journals in the field of economics.

Papers accepted and presented at the conference will be eligible for consideration for this Special Issue, following the journal's peer-review process

Submission Guidelines

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Guest Editors

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