Data & Tools for International Comparative Evidence on Cities and Regions

The course will help students familiarise with concepts, tools and evidence currently used in the international forums to improve the design of effective urban and regional development policy. The topics covered in the courses include methods to build international comparable quantitative and qualitative evidence on key economic and social issues related with regions and cities across the world. The course will start with the definition of the relevant objects of research (the “region” and the “city”) and will discuss their identification. Recent analyses on the spatial structure of cities and of urban systems across OECD countries will be presented. The course will then focus on the methods and tools for using data in policy making. New comparative analyses on cities, their well-being and their inequality will be presented. Finally, the course will introduce the students with the most relevant governance issues countries are currently facing to govern cities and implement regional development policy.

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