

# About the conference

## **VI International Scientific Conference "Territorial Inequality: a Problem or Development Driver" (REC-2021)**

The REC-2021 was held from 23 to 25 June 2021 in Ekaterinburg (Russian Federation) and organized by the Institute of Economics of the Ural Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences in partnership with the European Regional Science Association (ERSA), Ural Federal University (UrFU), Ural State University of Economics (USUE).

Scientific Editors of the conference:

- *André Torre*, PhD, Prof., Researcher (Academic), Université Paris Saclay, INRA (National Institute for Agronomic Research); President of the European Regional Science Association (ERSA), France.
- *Stanislav Martinat*, PhD, Senior Researcher, Department of Environmental Geography, Institute of Geonics, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic; Department of Geography, Palacky University, Czech Republic.
- *Vikas Kumar*, PhD, Prof., Director of Research of the Bristol Business School, University of the West of England, UK.
- *Yulia Lavrikova*, Dr.Sci. (Economics), Prof., Director of Institute of Economics of the Ural Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Russian Federation
- *Evgeny Kuzmin*, Researcher (Academic), Institute of Economics of the Ural Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences; Ural State University of Economics, Russian Federation.

REC-2021 provides a platform for academics, researchers, authorities and practitioners to present and discuss challenges facing regional development. The main scope of the Conference is the following: Territorial inequality, Spatial differentiation, Comparative analysis of heterogeneous spatial systems, Inequality in terms of 'core – periphery' relations, Regional convergence and divergence, Regional development models, Ways to reduce socio-economic disparities between territories, COVID-19 as a new factor of territorial inequality, etc.

Conference Editors selected original research the impact of territorial inequality on social and economic transformations, analysing the extent and causes of disparities between countries, regions, and cities, as well as examining various ways to overcome these challenges are welcome.