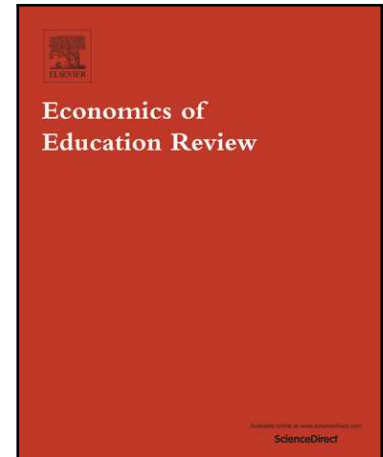


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**Highlights**

- Gender differences in the STEM disciplines are widespread in most OECD countries.
- We investigate the gender gap in maths test scores in Italy.
- Girls systematically underperform boys, and the gap increases with children's age.
- Boys perform better than girls even when conditioning on prior scores.
- The gap is small at low percentiles of the test scores' distribution, but large at the top.

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