

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The Italian Centre for International Development (ICID) - created by CEIS of the University of Rome Tor Vergata, the Department of Social Sciences and Economics of Sapienza University of Rome, and the Department of Economics of Roma Tre University - under the MoU and in partnership with the International Fund for Agriculture Development (IFAD) is organizing the:

3rd Edition of International School for Advanced Training “Impact Evaluation of Development Policies: *Concepts, Methods, Applications*” 21 June - 2 July 2021

Objective

The School is designed to serve the needs of government and non-governmental organization officials, private professionals and practitioners, researchers and doctoral students with an interest in development and public policy evaluation. The objective is to provide participants with the skills and competencies for impact evaluations of development policies and programs. This will be achieved through a focus on both a “hands-on” approach to the discussion of specific examples of policies and programs, and also on the most recent analytical techniques.

Organization

The School focuses on three pillars:

- **CONCEPTS**
Identification of the policy framework (e.g. policy maker’s objectives, program beneficiaries, contextual factors).
- **METHODS**
Identification of the key instruments for assessing the policy’s impact. How to select the most suitable tool in light of the specific context and how to apply it.
- **APPLICATIONS**
The practice of the policy’s impact evaluation. How to carry out the evaluation exercise, useful data sources and data collection, software and main statistical packages. This will be mainly achieved in the hands on sessions in the afternoon.

The School will be held **from 21st June to 2nd July 2021 in the form of an on-line course**. The morning sessions will provide an introduction to the topics, with practical applications to specific case studies in the field. The afternoon sessions will be devoted to technical, hands-on sessions. The course will include students’ assignments under supervision and tutorship.

Scientific Committee

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Agenda

Dates	Topics	Morning	Afternoon (Lab. Sessions)
Monday 21 June	Impact evaluation for development: the state of the art	<p>9:30-10:00 <i>Introduction to the School</i></p> <p>10:00-11:00 <i>Opening Keynote Speech: State of the art and the mandate of the international agencies</i> Maximo Torero (FAO)</p> <p>11:30-13:00 <i>Impact evaluation for development: Overview of the main techniques applied during the week</i>, Pierluigi Montalbano (Sapienza University)</p>	<p>14:30- 16:00 Marco Letta (Sapienza University)</p> <p><i>Introduction to the Lab Sessions and introduction to the main econometric packages used during the course</i></p>
Tuesday 22 June	Integrating qualitative and quantitative assessments & Randomized Control Trial	<p>9:30-11:00 Carlo Pietrobelli (Roma Tre University and UNU-MERIT) <i>The impact evaluation of Enterprise Cluster Development programs</i></p> <p>11:00-11:30 Break</p> <p>11:30-13:00 Furio Camillo Rosati (CEIS, ICID, University of Tor Vergata) <i>Evaluation of cash transfer programs and RCT</i></p>	<p>14:30- 16:00 Rama Dasi Mariani (University of Tor Vergata)</p> <p><i>Hands-on Randomized Control Trial</i></p>
Wednesday 23 June	RCT Assignments & Tutoring		
Thursday 24 June	Propensity score matching	<p>9:30-11:00 Silvio Daidone (FAO)/Marco D'Errico (FAO) <i>Cash transfers and impact evaluation in sub-Saharan Africa</i></p> <p>11:00-11:30 Break</p> <p>11:30- 13:00 Sara Savastano (IFAD) <i>A Data Collection Package to Improve M&E and to Measure the Impact of Food Systems' Projects on SDGs</i></p>	<p>14:30- 16:00 Aslihan Arslan (IFAD)</p> <p><i>How to carry out IFAD's ex-post impact assessments</i></p>
Friday 25 June	PS Assignments & Tutoring		
Monday 28 June	Generalized Propensity Scores and ex-ante assessments	<p>9:30-11:00 Silvia Nenci (Roma Tre University) <i>Generalized Propensity Score: an application to trade preferences</i></p> <p>11:00-11:30 Break</p> <p>11:30-13:00 Luca Salvatici (Rossi-Doria Centre and Roma Tre University) <i>Simulation models for impact assessment</i></p>	<p>14:30- 16:00 Emiliano Magrini (FAO)</p> <p><i>How to use Generalized Propensity Score (GPS)</i></p>
Wednesday 30 June	GPS Assignments & Tutoring		
Thursday 1 July	Machine Learning for impact evaluation, Designing and Data	<p>9:30-11:00 Giovanni Cerulli (CNR) <i>Machine Learning for Impact Evaluation</i></p> <p>11:00-11:30 Break</p> <p>11:30-13:00 Giovanni Cerulli (CNR) <i>Hands-on Session</i></p>	<p>14:30- 16:00 Theresa Osborne and (WB) & Talip Kilic (WB Center for Development Data, C4R2) <i>Designing and evaluating development policies: practitioners' perspectives from the World Bank</i></p>
Friday 2 July	Roundtable and concluding remarks	<p>9:30-12:00 <i>Closing round table</i></p> <p>12:00-13:00 <i>Wrap up and course evaluation</i></p>	Optional: Test for Internships

Internship Opportunities

Internship opportunities are offered by United Nations Development Agencies based in Rome. Specifically, selections for the Research and Impact Assessment Division (RIA) will be made at the end of the training activities.

Registration and Fees

The regular fee amounts to 1500€ for the entire course. The fee includes a temporary license of STATA16 for all participants. Reduced fees apply for Master/PhD students (500€) and University Staff (800€). To this aim, participants must apply and provide proof of their full-time student status or university membership for the current academic year.

Important Dates

Applications should be made using [this application form](#) by **28th May 2021**. Notification of acceptance will be provided to applicants by **1st June 2021**.