

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 - in partnership with Manlio Rossi-Doria Centre and the International Fund for Agriculture Development (IFAD) - and the participation of experts from the International Organizations based in Rome, is organizing the:

2nd Edition of International School for Advanced Training
**“Impact Evaluation of Development Policies:
Concepts, Methods, Applications”**
22 June - 3 July 2020

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 competences 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 22nd June to 3rd July 2020 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

Pierluigi Montalbano, Silvia Nenci, Carlo Pietrobelli, Furio Rosati and Luca Salvatici.

Organisation Offices: Stefania Di Natale and Francesca Zaccarelli

Agenda

Dates	Topics	Morning	Afternoon (Lab. Sessions)
Monday 22 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</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 23 June	Household surveys & Randomized Control Trial	<p>10:00-11:30 Gero Carletto (WB Center for Development Data, C4R2) <i>How to use household surveys for impact evaluations</i></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 24 June	RCT Assignments & Tutoring		
Thursday 25 June	Propensity score matching and integrating qualitative and quantitative assessments	<p>10:00-11:30 Silvio Daidone (FAO)/Marco D'Errico (FAO) <i>Cash transfers and impact evaluation in sub-Saharan Africa</i></p> <p>11:30-13:00 Carlo Pietrobelli (Roma Tre University and UNU-MERIT) <i>The impact evaluation of Enterprise Cluster Development programs</i></p>	<p>14:30- 16:00 Aslihan Arslan (IFAD)</p> <p><i>How to carry out the IFAD's impact assessment report</i></p>
Friday 26 June	PS Assignments & Tutoring		
Wednesday 1 July	Generalized Propensity Scores and Simulations	<p>10:00-11:30 Silvia Nenci (Roma Tre University) <i>Generalized Propensity Score: an application to trade preferences</i></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) <i>How to use Generalized Propensity Score (GPS)</i></p>
Thursday 2 July	GPS Assignments & Tutoring		
Friday 3 July	Machine Learning for impact evaluation and concluding remarks	<p>10:00-11:00: Giovanni Cerulli (CNR) <i>Machine Learning for Impact Evaluation</i></p> <p>11:30-13:00 Giovanni Cerulli (CNR) <i>Hands-on Session</i></p>	<p>14:30- 16:00 <i>Closing Keynote Speech</i> David Laborde (IFPRI) <i>Poverty and food insecurity impacts of COVID-19</i></p> <p>16:00-17:00 Wrap up and course evaluation</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 School fees amount to 750€ for the entire course. Fees include a temporary license of STATA16 for all participants. A reduced fee of 450€ could be granted to Master/PhD students. To this aim, participants must apply and provide proof of their full-time student status for the current academic year.

IMPORTANT DATES

Applications should be made using [this application form](#) by **29th May 2020**. Notification of acceptance will be provided to applicants by **1st June 2020**.