



Evaluating Social Programs

Executive Training at the Poverty Action Lab

March 21–25, 2005

MIT, Room E51-372 and Room E51-376

Course Program

Monday, March 21st ***Room E51-372***

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM	Continental Breakfast and Welcome
9:30 AM – 11:00 AM	Lecture 1: What is Evaluation? <i>Lecturer: Sendhil Mullainathan (Harvard University)</i>
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Group Discussion and Casework: Case 1 (Flipcharts)
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Lunch
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Lecture 2: Why Randomize? <i>Lecturer: Dan Levy (Mathematica; Harvard University)</i>
3:00 PM – 4:30 PM	Group Project Work (groups assigned; topics for presentation chosen) <i>TA available</i>
4:30 PM – 6:00 PM	Group Discussion and Casework: Case 2 (Balsakhi) <i>TA available</i>
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Group Dinner

Tuesday, March 22nd ***Room E51-372***

8:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Continental Breakfast and Group Project Work/Casework: Case 2 (Balsakhi) <i>TA available from 9:00–</i>
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Lecture 3: How to Randomize? Part I <i>Lecturer: Abhijit Banerjee (MIT)</i>

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Lunch
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Lecture 4: How to Randomize? Part II <i>Lecturer: Dean Karlan (Princeton University)</i>
3:00 PM – 4:30 PM	Group Project Work <i>TA available</i>
4:30 PM – 6:00 PM	Group Discussion and Casework: Case 3 (Panchayats) <i>TA available</i>

Wednesday, March 23rd
Room E51-372

8:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Continental Breakfast and Group Project Work/Casework: Case 3 (Panchayats) <i>TA available from 9:00–</i>
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Lecture 5: Measurement and Outcomes <i>Lecturer: Esther Duflo (MIT)</i>
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Lunch
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Lecture 6: Sample Size and Data Management <i>Lecturer: Esther Duflo (MIT)</i>
3:00 PM – 4:30 PM	Group Project Work <i>TA available</i>
4:30 PM – 6:00 PM	Group Discussion and Casework: Case 4 (Deworming) <i>TA available</i>

Thursday, March 24th
Room E51-372

8:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Continental Breakfast and Group Project Work/Casework: Case 4 (Deworming) <i>TA available from 9:00–</i>
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Lecture 7: Managing Threats <i>Lecturer: Abhijit Banerjee (MIT)</i>
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Lunch

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM	Lecture 8: Analyzing Data <i>Lecturer: Michael Kremer (Harvard University)</i>
2:30 PM – 4:30 PM	Finalize Group Project Presentation <i>TA available</i>
4:30 PM – 6:00 PM	Group Discussion: Impacting Policy

Friday, March 25th
Room E51-376

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Continental Breakfast
9:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Lecture 9: Policy Impact and External Validity <i>Lecturer: Rachel Glennerster (Poverty Action Lab, MIT)</i>
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Group Presentations
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Lunch
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Group Presentations
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Closing Remarks