



Evaluating Social Programs

Executive Training at the Poverty Action Lab

August 8-12, 2005

ICICI's Centre for Micro Finance Research, Chennai

Course Program

Monday, August 8

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM	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: Sendhil Mullainathan (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, August 9

8:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Breakfast and Group Project Work/Casework: Case 2 (Balsakhi) <i>TA available from 8:00–</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: Rachel Glennerster (MIT)</i>

- 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM Group Project Work
TA available
- 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM Group Discussion and Casework: Case 3 (Panchayats)
TA available

Wednesday, August 10

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

Thursday, August 11

- 8:00 AM – 10:30 AM Breakfast and Group Project Work/Casework: Case 4 (Deworming)
TA available from 8:00–
- 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM Lecture 7: Managing Threats
Lecturer: Michael Kremer (Harvard University)
- 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM Lunch
- 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM Lecture 8: Analyzing Data
Lecturer: Abhijit Banerjee (MIT)
- 2:30 PM – 4:30 PM Finalize Group Project Presentation
TA available
- 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM Group Discussion: Impacting Policy

Friday, August 12

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Breakfast
9:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Lecture 9: Policy Impact and External Validity <i>Lecturer: Rachel Glennerster (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