



Massachusetts Institute of Technology | Department of Economics

Evaluating Social Programs **Executive Training at J-PAL**

May 30 – June 3, 2006

MIT, Room E51-376

Course Schedule

Tuesday, May 30

8:30 AM – 9:15 AM	Continental Breakfast
9:15 AM – 9:30 AM	Welcome
9:30 AM – 11:00 AM	Lecture 1: What is Evaluation? <i>Lecturer: Abhijit Banerjee (MIT)</i>
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Group Discussion and Casework: Case 1 (Get Out the Vote)
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Lunch
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Lecture 2: Why Randomize? <i>Lecturer: Dan Levy (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>

Wednesday, May 31

8:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Continental Breakfast and Group Project Work/Casework Case 2 (Balsakhi) <i>TA available</i>
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Lecture 3: How to Randomize? Part I <i>Lecturer: Dean Karlan (Yale University)</i>
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Lunch

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1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Lecture 4: How to Randomize? Part II <i>Lecturer: Rachel Glennerster (J-PAL)</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>

Thursday, June 1

8:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Continental Breakfast and Group Project Work/Casework: Case 3 (Panchayats) <i>TA available</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>
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Group Dinner

Friday, June 2

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

Saturday, June 3

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Continental Breakfast
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Lecture 9: Wrap-up and Policy Impact <i>Lecturer: Rachel Glennerster (J-PAL)</i>
10:00 AM – 12:15 PM	Group Presentations
12:15 PM – 1:15 PM	Lunch
1:15 PM – 3:30 PM	Group Presentations
3:30 PM – 4:00 PM	Closing Remarks