AGENDA: J-PAL AFRICA EVALUATING SOCIAL PROGRAMS COURSE

21-25 July 2025 | University of Cape Town, Cape Town, South Africa

	MONDAY, 21 JULY	TUESDAY, 22 JULY	WEDNESDAY, 23 JULY	THURSDAY, 24 JULY	FRIDAY, 25 JULY
8:30 – 9:00 AM	Registration & Arrival				
9:00 – 10:30 AM	Opening Remarks *Lauren Roode & Priya Nair* LECTURE What is Evaluation? *Vinayak Bhardwaj*	LECTURE Why & When to Randomize *Martin Abel*	LECTURE Choosing the Right Sample Size *Rulof Burger*	LECTURE Threats & Analysis *Sarah Kopper*	LECTURE Generalizing & Applying Evidence *Sarah Kopper*
10:30 – 11:00 AM	Break				
11:00 – 12:00 PM	GROUP PROJECT Evaluation Question	CASE STUDY Why & When to Randomize	EXERCISE Power Calculations	CASE STUDY Threats & Analysis	GROUP PROJECT Presentations
12:00 – 1:00 PM	Lunch				
1:00 – 2:30 PM	LECTURE Theory of Change & Measurement *Rochelle Jacobs*	LECTURE How to Randomize *Martin Abel*	LECTURE Ethical Considerations for Randomized Evaluations *Priya Nair*	LECTURE RCT from Start to Finish *Cally Ardington*	GROUP PROJECT Presentations
2:30 – 3:00 PM	Break				
3:00 – 4:00 PM	CASE STUDY Theory of Change & Measurement	CASE STUDY How to Randomize	GROUP PROJECT Sample Size	GROUP PROJECT Design Considerations	Closing remarks, final assessment and certificates *Priya Nair*
4:00 – 5:00 PM	GROUP PROJECT Theory of Change	GROUP PROJECT Randomization	LECTURE SALDRU/Data First *Reza Daniels*	GROUP PROJECT Finalize Presentations	
5.30-7:00 PM			COCKTAIL EVENT		