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NEWSLETTER

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J-PAL's free online course on evaluating social programs begins April 1

J-PAL's fifth edition of [J-PAL 101x: Evaluating Social Programs](#), a massive open online course (MOOC) offered through the edX platform and modeled after J-PAL's five-day executive education course, begins April 1. Lecturers include J-PAL Director Ben Olken (MIT) and J-PAL affiliate professors Nava Ashraf (Harvard), Shawn Cole (Harvard), and Dan Levy (Harvard). The four-week course provides an introduction to randomized evaluations and pragmatic, step-by-step training for designing an evaluation. [Read more »](#)

RECENT NEWS



New lecture series by Aga Khan Foundation Canada and Global Affairs Canada features randomized evaluations

"The discussion around RCTs is very lively, impassioned, and controversial. Why?" asked Khalil Shariff, Chief Executive Officer of the [Aga Khan Foundation Canada \(AKFC\)](#) during a presentation by Iqbal Dhaliwal, Deputy Director of J-PAL, on the role of randomized evaluations in international development. On February 4, Iqbal delivered the first lecture in a new series titled "Impact, Results, and Performance:



Register by March 20 for new nine-month degree on evaluation

J-PAL Latin America and Caribbean (LAC) and the Economics Institute of Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile (PUC Chile) are launching a new degree to train researchers and practitioners in running and using evidence from impact evaluations. Students of this nine-month program at PUC Chile will complete a series of related courses. Directed by J-PAL LAC Scientific Director Francisco Gallego (PUC Chile), the program targets public- and private-sector professionals who design, implement, and/or evaluate social programs. The inaugural class will begin April 5, 2016. [Read more \(Spanish\) »](#)

FEATURED PUBLICATIONS



New bulletin on weather index insurance

Weather index insurance protects farmers against losses from extreme weather and facilitates investment in their farms. But randomized evaluations in South Asia and sub-Saharan Africa have shown low demand for these products at market prices, suggesting the need for alternative approaches. This bulletin features ten randomized evaluations by J-PAL affiliates and other researchers. [Read more »](#)

FEATURED AFFILIATE



J-PAL welcomes new affiliated professor Koichiro Ito

[Koichiro](#) is an Assistant Professor with the Harris School of Public Policy at the University of Chicago and a Faculty Research Fellow at the National Bureau of Economic Research. His research interests lie at the intersection of environmental and energy economics, industrial organization, and public economics. [Read more »](#)

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Brune, Lasse, Xavier Giné, Jessica Goldberg, and Dean Yang

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de Ree, Joppe, Karthik Muralidharan, Menno Pradhan, and Halsey Rogers

[Up in Smoke: The Influence of Household Behavior on the Long-Run Impact of Improved Cook Stoves](#)
Hanna, Rema, Esther Duflo, Michael Greenstone

[Kwacha Gonna Do? Experimental Evidence about Labor Supply in Rural Malawi](#)
Goldberg, Jessica

UPCOMING EVENTS

[Rethinking Financial Inclusion: Smart Design for Policy and Practice](#)
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