



# CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

## International School for Advanced Training in Impact Evaluation of Development Policies

### *Concepts, methods, applications*

Rome, 17-21 June 2019

The School will be held from 17 to 21 June 2019, at the CRES (Rossi-Doria Centre), Roma Tre University, Via Silvio D'Amico, 77, Rome.

#### TARGET AND OBJECTIVES

The School is designed to serve the needs of government and non-governmental organization officials, private professionals and practitioners, researchers and doctoral students with an interest in development and public policy evaluation. The objective is to provide participants with the skills and competences for impact evaluations in development policies. This will be achieved through a focus on both a “hands-on” approach to the discussion of specific examples of policies and programs, and also on the most recent analytical techniques.

#### APPROACH

The School focuses on three pillars:

- CONCEPTS  
Identification of the policy framework (e.g. policy maker's objectives, program beneficiaries, contextual factors).
- METHODS  
Identification of the key instruments for assessing the policy's impact. How to select the most suitable tool in light of the specific context and how to apply it.
- APPLICATIONS  
The practice of the policy's impact evaluation. How to carry out the evaluation exercise, useful data sources and data collection, software and main statistical packages. This will be mainly achieved in the lab sessions in the afternoon.

A series of multimedia materials, specifically designed to provide participants with the basic knowledge required to understand and benefit from the lessons of the course, will be made available two weeks before the start of the School.

Participants may choose to attend the whole school or only the morning sessions. In the afternoons technical, hands on sessions will be carried out in labs. Participation to the school is limited to about 20 participants.

#### Organizing Committee of the School

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[Pierluigi Montalbano](#), [Silvia Nenci](#), [Carlo Pietrobelli](#), [Furio Rosati](#) and [Luca Salvatici](#).

**Technical Secretariat:** Genny Sangiovanni.

*The Call with the details on program, costs, fellowships, and the application form, is available here:*

<https://www.centrorossidoria.it/en/higher-education/scuola-internazionale-di-formazione-specialistica-valutazione-dellimpatto-delle-politiche-pubbliche/2019edition/>

## IMPACT EVALUATION OF DEVELOPMENT POLICIES - 17-21 JUNE 2019 - PROGRAM

Dates	Topics	Morning 09:30 – 13:00	Afternoon (Lab. Sessions) 14:30 – 17:30
<b>Monday 17 June</b>	<b>Impact evaluation for development: the state of the art</b>	<p><i>Opening address:</i> Luca Salvatici (Rossi-Doria Centre)</p> <p><i>Introduction to the School:</i> Silvia Nenci (Roma Tre University)</p> <p><i>Keynote Speech:</i> Paul Winters (IFAD) Impact evaluation and development policies: The state of the art.</p> <p><i>Roundtable:</i> The practice of impact evaluation of development policies. Chair: Carlo Pietrobelli (Roma Tre University and UNU Merit); Participants: Gero Carletto (WB); Emilio Ciarlo (AICS); Pierluigi Montalbano (Sapienza University); Furio Rosati (ICID); Carlo Segni (CDP); Sara Savastano (IFAD); Maximo Torero (FAO).</p>	<p>G. Cerulli (CNR)</p> <p><i>Follow up on pre-learning material and overview of impact evaluation techniques</i></p>
<b>Tuesday 18 June</b>	<b>Impact assessment on rural development: propensity score matching</b>	<p>Silvio Daidone (FAO)</p> <p><i>From Evidence to Action: The story of cash transfers and impact evaluation in sub-Saharan Africa</i></p>	<p>Aslihan Arslan (IFAD)</p> <p><i>How to carry out the IFAD's impact assessment report</i></p>
<b>Wednesday 19 June</b>	<b>Randomized Control Trial, household surveys and repeated cross-sections</b>	<p>Eleonora Porreca (BdI, ICID)</p> <p><i>Evaluation of cash transfer programs and RCT</i></p> <p>Furio Camillo Rosati (CEIS, ICID, University of Tor Vergata)</p> <p><i>The use of repeated Cross-sections for program evaluation: The case of Prospera in Mexico</i></p>	<p>Talip Kilic (WB Center for Development Data, C4R2)</p> <p><i>how to design and implement household surveys for impact evaluations?</i></p>
<b>Thursday 20 June</b>	<b>Assessing trade policy for development: Abadie-Imbens and Generalized Propensity Score</b>	<p>Silvia Nenci (Roma Tre University)</p> <p><i>Abadie-Imbens NNM impact evaluation assessments of trade preferences</i></p> <p>Pierluigi Montalbano (Sapienza University)</p> <p><i>GPS impact evaluation assessments of trade preferences</i></p>	<p>Emiliano Magrini (FAO)</p> <p><i>How to use Nearest-neighbour matching (NNM) and Generalized Propensity Score (GPS)</i></p>
<b>Friday 21 June</b>	<b>From partial to general evaluation: Methods and practices</b>	<p>Carlo Pietrobelli (Roma Tre University and UNU-MERIT)</p> <p><i>The impact evaluation of Enterprise Cluster Development programs</i></p> <p>Luca Salvatici (Rossi-Doria Centre and Roma Tre University)</p> <p><i>Simulation models for impact assessment</i></p>	<p>Luca Salvatici (Rossi-Doria Centre and Roma Tre University)</p> <p><i>How to run simulation models for impact assessment</i></p> <p>Wrap up and course evaluation</p>



## FEES

Participants	Morning sessions	Morning Sessions + Afternoon Labs
Practitioners\Academics	500€	750€
Students (*)	250€	

(\*) Reduced tuition fees of 100€ apply for PhD students of the following institutions: Department of Economics of Roma Tre; PhD School of Economics of Sapienza University of Rome and Department of Economics, University of Tor Vergata. Participants who apply for reduced fee should provide proof of their actual status.

## IMPORTANT DATES

Applications should be made using the following [Application Form](#) by **30th April 2019**.

In case of acceptance, participants will be notified by **13th May 2019**.

Registrations should be completed by **20th May 2019**.

After this date, free places will be allocated to people in the waiting list.

## INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Research and Impact Assessment Division (RIA) of IFAD offers an internship opportunity for one participant. To participate in the selection process, please flag up it in the application form. Additional details on the selection process will be provided during the course.