



IZA/DFID Short Course on Program Evaluation

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Location: Kathmandu, Nepal

Date: December 06 - December 08, 2019

Submission Deadline: September 15, 2019

Notification of Acceptance: October 15, 2019

Event Manager: [Viola Hartmann](#)

Background

The IZA/DFID Program on Gender, Growth and Labor Markets in Low-Income Countries is sponsoring a conference on **"Labor Markets in South Asia"** on December 5-6, 2019.

This will be followed by a two-day "IZA/DFID Short Course on Program Evaluation" on December 7-8. The course is designed for postgraduate students, faculty members, and early career researchers in government and non-governmental organizations who would like to develop their skills in program evaluation using the latest econometric methods.

The course will consist of four half-day sessions and will cover the following topics: Design and analysis of randomized controlled trials; propensity score matching methods; difference-in-difference estimators; regression discontinuity designs. The focus will be on application of these methods to the evaluation of labor market related programs, including skills training programs. Moreover, participants will be given the opportunity to present their own research in a poster session.

Instructors:

[Marco Caliendo](#) (University of Potsdam and IZA)

[Stefano Caria](#) (University of Bristol)

[Simon Franklin](#) (Queen Mary, University of London)

[Kanika Mahajan](#) (Ashoka University)

You can find last year's program here: [2018](#).

Participants who are selected will be required to bring a laptop and be in attendance for the full period, including the conference on December 5-6. The target class size is 40 participants. The course is intended for participants from low-income countries (for a list of countries, see [here](#)). In particular, priority will be given to participants based in institutions in South Asian countries who are involved in the design, implementation, or analysis of labor market programs, or plan to be involved in the future.

The course and the conference will be conducted in English.

Funding

Participants from abroad who are selected for the course will be provided with accommodation including breakfast from December 4-9 (5 nights) and food according to the program of the conference and short course.

All economy class travel expenses will be reimbursed according to the IZA reimbursement guidelines.

Submission

Applications should be uploaded via the online application form by **September 15, 2019**.

The Program Committee will aim to communicate its decisions to the authors by October 15, 2019.