

IRVAPP WINTER SCHOOL 2017 – Fundamentals and Methods for Impact Evaluation of Public Policies

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From February 13 to 18 will take place the school organized by FBK-IRVAPP (Institute for evaluative research of public policies) at the Venetian Institute of Sciences, Letters and Arts in Venice.

The course is designed to be of particular benefit to Ph.D. students and researchers in the Social Sciences, Economics and Statistics, needing to undertake policy evaluation analysis using microdata. The School will present 1) the fundamental principles of impact evaluation with a specific focus on the counterfactual theory of causal inference and 2) a variety of statistical tools for counterfactual analysis (including Difference-in-Differences and Matching methods, Regression Discontinuity Designs and quasi experimental settings). Extensive laboratory sessions will provide the opportunity to apply the various techniques to specific education and anti-poverty policies.

The School will run over six consecutive days of theoretical and practical sessions, from February 13 to February 18, 2017. Training will require previous knowledge of basic principles for quantitative methods that correspond to those taught in introductory courses of statistics and econometrics at the undergraduate level. At least, a working knowledge of regression and multivariate analysis is expected. Although the exercises will be guided, basic familiarity with Stata is strongly recommended.

Programme:

The course is the 9th edition of an initiative designed to provide Ph.D. students and researchers in the Social Sciences, Economics and Statistics with knowledge and applied methods for implementing policy evaluation using microdata.

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