



**Programme Evaluation Course
Offered by the National Income Dynamics Study
SALDRU, University of Cape Town
In collaboration with
ERSA**

9 – 12 March 2009

ERSA computer lab at University of Stellenbosch

Prof Sebastian Galiani (Washington University, St Louis) and Analia Olgiati from Princeton University will be presenting an econometrics course in programme evaluation from 9-12 March 2009 at the ERSA computer lab in Stellenbosch.

NIDS and ERSA are able to offer **funding to up to 25 participants** to attend the course. We will cover the cost of economy class flights and accommodation (including breakfast). The course is free of charge. Academic staff are expected to pay for other expenses (lunch, supper, etc.). In the case of student participants, NIDS can provide a small stipend to cover these expenses if necessary.

The course covers the following topics:

Introduction to causal relationships and causal parameters
Review of basic asymptotic theory and the single equation linear model
Instrumental variables estimation of linear models
Basics of treatment effect analysis
Matching methods

Requirements: honours-level econometrics, experience in working with survey data and a good working knowledge of STATA or SAS. The computer practicals are all done in STATA so SAS users must be willing to make an investment in becoming familiar with STATA.

The course runs all day, Monday to Thursday, with lectures in the mornings and practicals in the afternoons. Participants must attend all sessions. Please do not apply

to come on the course if you will have work commitments which will require you to miss sessions.

To apply for the course, please send a **1 page CV and a short motivation** for to ingrid.woolard@uct.ac.za by **30 January 2009**. Applications from designated groups and academic staff and post-graduate students at historically disadvantaged institutions are strongly encouraged. Because lab space is limited, usually only 1 person from any institution will be accepted onto the course.

If your application is successful, ERSA will book your flights and accommodation directly. We cannot reimburse costs if you choose to make your own travel arrangements.

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