



SCHOOL of
PUBLIC POLICY

Non-Credit Professional Development Course

Systematic Research Reviews, Program Planning, and Policy Making

June 4–15, 2018

Paris, France



The [University of Maryland School of Public Policy](#) will offer a non-credit professional development course on systematic research reviews, evidence-based program planning and policy making in Summer 2018. The course will be held in Paris, France from June 4-15, 2018 in conjunction with the UMD for-credit course “Understanding and Synthesizing Evidence-Based Research.” The course is designed for government and non-profit practitioners in international development, public policy, and social policy. Graduate and undergraduate students are also welcome to apply.

Course Summary

This course is designed to build understanding of policy-oriented, evidence-based research and its application to program planning and policy making. The course will cover the different types of systematic research reviews; how to frame a research strategy; methods for developing a screening strategy; implementation of the search strategy, including how to manage references; the assessment of the relevant literature; methods for synthesizing and interpreting findings; and communicating those conclusions to policy makers, advocates, and the public. (Classes will be in English.)

Faculty

- [Douglas J. Besharov](#), University of Maryland, College Park (Program Director);
- [Douglas M. Call](#), University of Maryland, College Park;
- [Neil Gilbert](#), University of California, Berkeley;
- [David Myers](#), President and CEO, American Institutes for Research;
- [Anu Rangarajan](#), Senior Vice President and Managing Director, International Research Division, Mathematica Policy Research; and
- [Stefano Scarpetta](#), Director of Employment, Labour and Social Affairs, OECD.

Course Schedule and Facilities

The course will meet daily (tentatively 9:00-14:00) Monday-Friday for two weeks from June 4 through June 15, 2018 on the campus of the [Economics Department at Université Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne](#), which is located in the heart of the Latin Quarter.

Target Audience

The course is open to government and non-profit practitioners in international development, public policy, and social policy. Graduate and select undergraduate students are also welcome to apply, although no course credit will be offered.

Course Credit

Students will receive a Certificate of Completion from the University of Maryland.

Course Cost

- The base fee for the course is **1,500 USD**. (“Early bird” students who enroll prior to **April 20, 2018** benefit from a reduced tuition fee of **1,200 USD**.)
- A reduced fee of **1,200 USD** is available for those who are employed by a **small non-profit organization** (annual turnover below 200,000 USD) or by the **government** of a developing country. (“Early bird” students who enroll prior to **April 20, 2018** benefit from a reduced fee of **1,000 USD**.)

Application Deadline

Applications will be accepted through May 15, 2018.

Registration

To register for the course please go [here](#) or email [Michael Goodhart](#).

Accommodations

Students will be responsible for their own housing accommodations. For interested students, UMD will make housing accommodations available.

Additional Information

Further information regarding the course format, travel, and other course logistics will soon be available on the [course web page](#).

Contact

For any specific questions regarding the course, please contact: [Michael Goodhart](#).