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An online training course for staff working in International Development

The Policy Practice and ODI are delighted to announce the opportunity to undertake our Political Economy Analysis in Action training course. The training is based on the flagship course we have provided over 60 times both online and face-to-face since 2008 for multilateral and bilateral organisations, international think-tanks and NGOs.

The core course tutors are Alex Duncan (Policy Practice), Alina Rocha Menocal (Policy Practice), Ed Law (ODI), Gareth Williams (Policy Practice), Laure-Hélène Piron (Policy Practice), Neil McCulloch (Policy Practice) and Tim Kelsall (ODI). It is facilitated by Samantha Wade (Policy Practice).

What is the course and who is it for? Political economy analysis (PEA) is about understanding the contexts – global, national, sectoral and local – in which development and foreign policy happen and the incentives that determine how the relevant actors behave and interact with each other.

The course is designed to equip participants to identify the challenges arising from political economy features of the contexts in which they work, and to draw well-grounded conclusions for policy, strategy, or programme design and implementation.

By the end of the course, participants will understand:
- What political economy analysis (PEA) is, and the different operational contexts in which it has a role
- How it can be used to improve foreign and development policies and engagements
- What tools and frameworks are available for PEA and how they can be applied

Participant requirements:
The online training comprises 10 interactive sessions spread over 17 weeks, with 3 Reading Weeks. We estimate that 40+ hours are needed to complete the course, or about 4 hours per week.

You are given access to an online teaching platform. This provides you with a combination of study guides, video lectures, an online library, webinars and several stimulating case studies. You will be working in a small Study Group, either with colleagues from your own organisation or a mixed Study Group with participants from across the globe.

You will be expected to work through session materials each week (one session per week), do essential reading, meet weekly in your online Study Group and complete a weekly group task. There are also five webinars during the course.

When: 20 February - 23rd June 2023

The course starts on 20 February and Webinar 1 is on Thursday 2 March 2023.

Cost: Early bird offer of £695 (plus VAT if applicable) if you apply before 16 December 2022.

If applying after 16 December, the cost is £750 (+ VAT if applicable).

We can offer groups of 5+ from the same organisation a discounted price of £695 (+ VAT if applicable) per person.

To apply - please fill in the online form

Apply Now

The deadline for applications is 31 January 2023

If you have any questions, please contact us on training@thepolicypractice.com

The course will change the way you think and work on development, humanitarian support or foreign policy. In a recent survey of alumni participants, over 90% of respondents said that the course had changed the way they thought about their work in development, humanitarian support or foreign policy – and a majority of respondents reported that they had changed the design or implementation of policies, programmes or projects as a result of applying ideas learned on the course.

'It was really good to see such a rich exchange of perspectives in such a respectful, kind and professional space. Very fruitful.'

'This course is excellent value for money. The staff and tutor's commitment to the topic and to our learning really shone through.'

'This is one of the best courses I have taken in my current role. It was relevant and well delivered.'

'Fantastic course which prompted many discussions within my current team based on their country office experience and with colleagues. Very high quality tutors, materials and support.'