

## HOW TO APPLY

All applications should be submitted through the online application form on the Economic Policy Research Institute (EPRI) website <http://epri.org.za/courses/chiang-mai-course-2/>.

Early application is strongly advised and discounts are available to participants whose completed application is received before the prescribed early bird and advance discount deadlines.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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## FEES AND OTHER COSTS

**TWO WEEK COURSE (21 Oct - 1 Nov 2019):** The tuition fee for the two-week course is USD \$4050. The tuition fee includes travel for scheduled visits and optional hands-on computer based skill workshops. The comprehensive accommodation and facilities fee is USD \$2200, which includes 13 nights in four-star accommodation, three meals per day and teas, incidental allowances, recreational activities and tours, airport transfers and use of included facilities. The fees do not include international travel to and from Chiang, Mai, Thailand.

**ONE WEEK COURSE (21 Oct – 25 Oct 2019):** If you would only like to apply for first week course only the tuition fee is USD \$2300. The comprehensive accommodation and facilities fee is USD \$1200 which includes 6 nights in four-star accommodation, three meals per day and teas, incidental allowance, airport transfers and use of included facilities. The fees do not include international travel to and from Chiang, Mai, Thailand.

**EVIDENCE-BUILDING FOR SOCIAL PROTECTION PLUS (28 Oct - 1 Nov 2019):** If you would like to apply for the specialized course only the tuition fee is USD \$2300. The comprehensive accommodation and facilities fee is USD \$1200 which includes 6 nights in four-star accommodation, three meals per day and teas, incidental allowance, airport transfers and use of included facilities. The fees do not include international travel to and from Chiang, Mai, Thailand.

For those participants who wish to arrange their own accommodation, the **COURSE FACILITIES FEE** is USD \$730 for the two week course and USD \$405 for the one week course. The facilities fee covers your conference package and associated elements.

## EARLY BIRD AND ADVANCE DISCOUNTS

**EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT:** A USD \$200 early bird discount off the tuition fee is available to participants who pre-enroll for the full two weeks course at least three (3) months prior to the start date of the course. To qualify, applications and payments must be made by the **30 June 2019**. Enrollments received after the early bird deadline are subject to either advance discount or standard fees.

**ADVANCE DISCOUNT:** A USD \$100 advanced discount off tuition fees is given to participants who enroll and pay at least six (6) weeks prior to the start date of the course. To qualify, applications and payments must be made by the **31 July 2019**. Enrollments received after the advance deadline are subject to standard fees.

## GROUP BOOKING DISCOUNTS

For every five full paying participants (tuition and accommodation package), we will waive the tuition fee for the fifth person, with a 20% discount on tuition for every full paying participant thereafter (20% discount on tuition for the 6th full paying participant, 20% discount for the 7th full paying participant and so on).

For a group of four full paying participants (tuition and accommodation package), there is a 15% discount on tuition for the group.

## PARTNERS

This course is offered by the Economic Policy Research Institute (EPRI) in partnership with the UNU-MERIT and the Institute of Development Studies (IDS).

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# Designing and Implementing Social Protection Systems



*A course for policymakers, government officials and practitioners around the world*

Chiang Mai, Thailand  
21 October – 1 November 2019

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## ABOUT THE COURSE

Globally, social protection programmes are gaining traction as instruments to achieve multi-dimensional impacts, going beyond poverty reduction, with success stories in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. The Economic Policy Research Institute (EPRI), together with the United Nations University – Maastricht Economic and Social Research Institute on Innovation and Technology (UNU-MERIT) and the Institute of Development Studies (IDS), is offering a two-week course including an advanced topic module aimed at providing participants with an in-depth understanding of the conceptual and practical issues involved in the development of social protection systems. Participants will acquire the necessary knowledge, skills and tools required for the appropriate identification and successful design and implementation of these programmes.



## WHO IS IT FOR?

The course is designed to enhance the capacity of key stakeholders involved in the social protection sector to build comprehensive and efficient national social protection systems. The course is suited for a wide audience of government policymakers and officials, representatives from bilateral and multilateral agencies, programme practitioners and staff members from non-governmental organisations.



## HOW PARTICIPANTS WILL BENEFIT

A team of international social protection experts, professionals and thought-leaders, including Dr Michael Samson, Dr Stephen Devereux and Prof. Dr. Franziska Gassmann will share new strategies, practical tools and best practices to effectively design efficient social protection systems.

Participants will have ample opportunities to interact and engage with experienced experts, professionals and peers from around the world to deepen their knowledge, share international experiences, gain insights and workable approaches for their social protection programmes.

At the end of the course, the successful participant will better understand the comprehensive approach to social protection and how appropriate cash transfer instruments can reduce poverty and vulnerability and promote developmental outcomes. These courses will reinforce the skills required to identify, design and implement effective social protection systems.

Upon successful completion of the course, participants will receive a **CERTIFICATE** from the **United Nations University – Maastricht Economic and Social Research Institute on Innovation and Technology (UNU-MERIT)** and the **Economic Policy Research Institute (EPRI)**.

## WHAT THE COURSE WILL COVER

The first five days of the course includes a coordinated series of theme-oriented sessions, practical skills-building workshops, field trips to visit social transfer sites and relevant technical skills training. The course will be taught using a powerful mix of formal lectures, practical case studies, simulations, hands-on exercises and small group discussions.

## TOPICS WILL INCLUDE:

- The role of cash transfers in reducing poverty, vulnerability and social exclusion.
- The identification of appropriate social transfer instruments for specific country contexts.
- The design of cash transfer programmes.
- Implementation issues, including registration, targeting, payment and information systems.
- Monitoring and evaluation approaches for social transfer programmes.
- Case studies of successful programmes around the world.
- Field trips to see Thailand's social transfer system in action.

## ADVANCED SPECIALISED TOPIC

During the second week of the course, participants will take an intensive five day elective module - **Evidence-Building for "Social Protection Plus"**

## EVIDENCE-BUILDING FOR "SOCIAL PROTECTION PLUS"

The module provides participants with a comprehensive understanding of what "Social Protection Plus" is, the complex development impacts that "Social Protection Plus" programmes can enable and the key role of strengthened monitoring and evaluation systems in aiding more effective programming. Participants will benefit from an in-depth and practical understanding of how "Social Protection Plus" programmes can be designed and implemented so as to promote sustainable livelihoods and achieve complex developmental outcomes. The module will draw upon successful international case studies which will be applied within an evidence building framework – identifying workable approaches for different country contexts and highlighting the role of a strong evidence base as a key policy tool.

## THIS MODULE WILL AIM TO ANSWER SIX KEY QUESTIONS:

- 1) What is "Social Protection Plus"?
- 2) Why are governments demanding more from their social protection systems?
- 3) How can social protection systems be more effectively integrated with social services, livelihoods, climate change initiatives and shock-resilience?
- 4) How can M&E systems better enable the more appropriate design and more effective implementation of "Social Protection Plus"?
- 5) How can macro evidence-building approaches better support more comprehensive and integrated social protection systems that build synergies with social and economic sectors, better strengthening inclusive social development and equitable economic growth?
- 6) How can "Social Protection Plus" better achieve complex outcomes including improving nutrition, expanding youth development opportunities, and strengthening more sustainable and sustaining livelihoods?

*The specialized module - **Evidence-Building for Social Protection Plus** can be taken as part of the two-week course, or as standalone course in the second week. Graduates of past courses and/or people with extensive social protection experience can elect to attend a elective module only. For more detail of the modules please visit:*

<http://epri.org.za/courses/specialised-modules-2/>