

## 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/>

Alternatively applicants can download the application from the EPRI website and post, fax or email to [courses@epri.org.za](mailto:courses@epri.org.za).

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 or for queries please visit EPRI's website [www.epri.org.za](http://www.epri.org.za) or contact the Course Coordinator at:

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## FEES AND OTHER COSTS

### Full 2 week Course - 21 Oct - 1 Nov 2019

Tuition Fees for the two week course including a choice of a specialized module is USD \$4050 The tuition fee includes travel on schedule visits and optional hands-on computer based skills workshops.

### Evidence-building for "Social Protection Plus" - 28 Oct - 1 Nov 2019

To attend the five-day specialized module: Evidence-building for "Social Protection Plus" tuition fees is USD \$2300. The tuition fee includes travel on schedule visits and optional hands-on computer based skills workshops.

## ACCOMMODATION

The comprehensive accommodation is inclusive of accommodation in a four star facility, three meals per day and teas, per diems, airport transfers, use of included facilities and recreational activities and tours. The fees do not include international travel to and from Chiang Mai, Thailand. The fees breakdown are as follows:

- Two week course - USD \$2200 (13 nights accommodation)
- One week course - USD \$1200 (6 nights accommodation)

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 fees is available to participants who pre-enrol for the full two week 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 2018**. Enrolments received after the early bird deadline are subject to either advance discount or standard fees.

**Advance Discount:** A USD \$100 discount off tuition fees is given to participants who enrol 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 2018**. Enrolments 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

EPRI is offering this course together with HelpAge International in partnership with the UNU-MERIT and the Institute of Development Studies (IDS).

The **Economic Policy Research Institute (EPRI)** is a global research institute based in Cape Town, South Africa. It's a not-for-profit and non-governmental organization with extensive experience in social protection capacity building, research and policy advisory work.

**UNU-MERIT/Maastricht Graduate School of Governance** is a joint research and training institute of United Nations University and Maastricht University, based in the Netherlands, offering graduate studies programmes and serving as a UN think tank. Working with its School of Governance (MGSoG), UNU-MERIT covers all aspects of governance in domestic and global organizations, from risk assessment to policy analysis, design and evaluation.

The **Institute of Development Studies (IDS)** is a leading global institution for development research, teaching and learning, and impact and communications, based at the University of Sussex.

# Evidence-Building for Social Protection Plus



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

Chiang Mai, Thailand

28 Oct – 1 Nov 2019

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## ABOUT THE COURSE

Around the world, developing countries are increasingly recognising the value of social transfer programmes in reducing extreme poverty, with success stories in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. The Economic Policy Research Institute (EPRI), together with the UNU-MERIT/Maastricht Graduate School of Governance and the Institute of Development Studies (IDS) are offering a first of its kind intensive one-week specialised module aimed at providing participants with the skills and tools to effectively design, implement and monitor "Social Protection Plus" programmes so as to promote sustainable livelihoods and achieve complex developmental outcomes.

## WHO IS IT FOR?

The course aims to build the capacity of government policymakers and officials, representatives from bilateral and multilateral agencies, programme practitioners and staff members from non-governmental organisations. The course will serve those who want to more effectively design, implement and manage social protection systems with the goal of reducing poverty and better achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

## HOW PARTICIPANTS WILL BENEFIT

At the end of this course, participants will leave with a holistic 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.

A team of international experts, skilled professionals and leaders in the field will teach the course.

At the end of the program, those who successfully complete the course will earn a Certificate jointly accredited by the Economic Policy Research Institute and UNU-MERIT/Maastricht Graduate School of Governance

## 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 Thailand's Social Protection Plus sites and relevant technical skills training. The course will be taught using formal lectures, practical case studies and hands-on exercises.

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?

This five-day course is being offered as an elective for the wider two week course "Designing and Implementing Social Protection Systems" (21 October -1 November 2019)

Participants have the option of attending the whole course (and selecting this elective) or attending the elective on its own.

**For more detail of the two week course, please visit:**

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## TOPICS COVERS

- The Case for Social Protection Plus
- Role of Evidence in driving policy processes
- Evaluating Complex Processes: The roles of Social Protection Plus
- Qualitative Approaches to Evaluation
- Quantitative Approaches to Evaluation
- Integrated Qualitative –Quantitative Approaches to Evaluation
- Social Protection for Employment and Livelihoods
- Social Protection and Public Works
- Social Protection Linkages to Food Security and Nutrition
- Graduation and Social Protection's Path to Developmental Impact
- Co-financing approaches and complex interventions



**Attend as a Group:** Gain a much richer experience of the course and save. Receive a 20% discount on tuition for 5 or more participants (15% tuition discount for 4 participants)

**What our past participants have said about their EPRI learning experience:**

"The course provided relevant social protection knowledge and each module has a practical component which can be applied to our current social protection programmes" – 2018 Participant

"The course was professionally delivered by the different facilitators and presenters and I must say that every module was very relevant to my job" 2019 Participant