

## **PhD-course at NHH Norwegian School of Economics**

**May 30 – June 02, 2014**

### ***ECS545 : Evaluating Antipoverty Policies***

**Lecturer:** [Martin Ravallion, Georgetown University](#)

#### **Teaching objectives and learning outcomes**

The aim of the course is to introduce the students to the methods available for the ex post counterfactual analysis of anti-poverty programs. The emphasis is on the problems encountered in applying these methods to anti-poverty programs in developing countries, drawing on examples from actual evaluations. The course will consist of ten lectures over four days. The students will also be given the opportunity to present their own research.

Upon successful completion of this course the participants should be able to

- demonstrate a firm grasp of the relevant literature
- assess the pros and cons of different evaluation methods
- design the analysis of a specific anti-poverty program

**Topics:** Social experiments, Propensity-score methods, Discontinuity designs, Instrumental variables

#### **Administration**

The course is organized by [Kjetil Bjorvatn](#) at [The Choice Lab](#), NHH. If you plan to attend, please remember to register for the course by April 30 since your registration must be accepted in advance. Non-NHH PhD students should send in a completed form to [phd@nhh.no](mailto:phd@nhh.no) where they apply for visiting status (“hospitant status”) for “Evaluating Antipoverty Policies” The form can be found at: <http://www.nhh.no/no/studentsider/skiema.aspx>.

Participants not from Bergen can also apply to NHH for reimbursement of travel and boarding expenses (subject to a total budget constraint). To do so, they need to fill out the following form: <http://goo.gl/DeZZ4v> within April 30.

If you have any questions concerning participation or other administrative issues, please contact Dagny Kristiansen, Department of Economics, NHH, Helleveien 30, N-5045 Bergen, Norway – Fax (+47) 55 95 95 43, email: [dagny.kristiansen@nhh.no](mailto:dagny.kristiansen@nhh.no).

To get credit (5 ECTS) for the course, the student should hand in and get approved a paper (maximum 15 pages) on a relevant topic within August 30, 2014. If you have questions concerning credit or other issues related to the content of the course, please contact Ranveig Falch, email: [ranveig.falch@snf.no](mailto:ranveig.falch@snf.no), (+047) 55 95 94 83.

