

## SUMMER SCHOOL IN PUBLIC ECONOMICS: Evaluation of the Effectiveness and Efficiency of Public Policies

Barcelona, June 25- July 3, 2008

The Barcelona Institute of Economics (IEB) is pleased to announce its I Summer School in Public Economics, entitled 'Evaluation of the effectiveness and efficiency of public policies', which will consist of two courses: one on 'Evaluation of Public Policies' and another one on 'Efficiency Analysis in the Public Sector'. The objective of each course is twofold. The first one is to offer an intensive training programme for PhD students on Public Economics, which will include computer sessions. The second objective is to provide young scholars with the opportunity to discuss their own ongoing applied research in public organizations with leading researchers in the field in a relaxed and open atmosphere. To accomplish this purpose, the students will have the opportunity to present their applied research work at sessions attended both by the invited lecturers and by IEB researchers.

### Courses

The two courses will be held during the mornings:

#### Evaluation of Public Policies

(25-28 June)

**Lecturers:** Jeffrey Smith (University of Michigan),  
Michael Lechner (Universität St. Gallen)

Topics:

- Social experiments
- Matching
- Instrumental variables
- Panel data
- Regression discontinuity

#### Efficiency analysis in the Public Sector

(30 June-3 July)

**Lecturers:** Tim Coelli (University of Queensland),  
Andrew Street (The University of York)

Topics:

- Production technology
- Stochastic frontier analysis
- Mathematical programming approaches (DEA)
- Productivity measures

### Activities

Workshop sessions will take place in the afternoon, including students' presentations.

### Participants

PhD students from all over the world and young researchers who finished the dissertation no longer than 3 years ago.

### Application procedure

Send your CV and a one-page description of the topic of your PhD dissertation to [ieb@ub.edu](mailto:ieb@ub.edu). In case you intend to present a paper, send also an extended abstract or preferably the paper. Only PDF files will be considered. A letter of support from your PhD supervisor must be sent by post mail (see address below). Application for one course does not entail application for the other. Hence, if you were interested in taking both courses, two independent applications should be submitted.

### Fees and expenses

There is a registration fee of 400€ per course, which includes documentation and working lunches. Further information (application form, schedule, reading list and programme) will be available soon at "[www.ieb.ub.edu](http://www.ieb.ub.edu)".

### Scholarship

People presenting a paper can apply for a scholarship that covers the course fee and the accommodation.

### Deadlines

- Deadline for the application: April 14, 2008
- Deadline for acceptance of the application: May 3, 2008

### Organizing Committee

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