

The Manlio Rossi-Doria Center for Economic and Social Research of Roma Tre University is instituting an

International School for advanced training:
Public Policy Impact Assessment. *Concepts, Methods, Applications*

Objective of the School

The School's purpose is to provide the tools needed to assess the impact of government policies, in particular programs for territorial, industrial and trade development.

The School is designed for an audience with an interest and engagement in this kind of policy evaluation such as government functionaries, administrators, private professionals, researchers or doctoral students. The objective is to provide participants with the skills and capability for overall policy assessment, studying techniques in close association and interdependence with the specific context of the policies analysed.

Organization of the School

The School's didactic curriculum on the effects of the principal territorial, industrial and trade policies and programs is founded on three pillars:

- **CONCEPTS**

The elements that define the policy (for instance, the policy maker's objectives, the program beneficiaries, context factors) and how they can be identified.

- **METHODS**

The tools that should be used to assess policy impact. How to select those best suited to the specific context and how to apply them.

- **APPLICATIONS**

How the assessment is made in practice. The proper data sources, software and main statistics packages.

The impact assessment course consists of two one-week modules:

- 1) industrial and territorial policies (June 11th-15th: in Italian);
- 2) trade policies with a development perspective (June 18th-22nd: in English).

Each module comprises both classroom lectures (*Concepts, Methods*) and laboratory exercises (*Applications*). Participants will also be provided with multimedia material designed specifically to teach basic background knowledge and skills preliminary to the course (notions of econometrics, tutorials on the use of such software as Stata and GAMS, tutorials on navigating the main databases).

The School course will be held at the Economics Department of Roma Tre University.

There is a limit of 20 participants for each module.

Organizing Committee

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Within the next few weeks the Manlio Rossi-Doria Research Center will be issuing the full announcement, complete with details, costs, the availability of fellowships, and the application form.