



## Political Economy Analysis in Action

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### **Our on-line training course for advisers and programme staff working on international development**

We are delighted to announce the opportunity to undertake our Political Economy Analysis in Action on-line training course. This is based on our flagship face-to-face training course which we have provided some 35 times since 2008 for the following organisations: DFID, the Netherlands Foreign Ministry, Belgian Technical Cooperation, GIZ, Irish Aid, the Department for Foreign Affairs and Trade of Australia, the IMF, the European Commission and UNDP. The on-line version of the course has been successfully delivered four times to UK Government staff. For the first time it is now being offered more widely to other organisations and individuals.

The course will be delivered by [David Booth](#) of ODI and [Alex Duncan](#) of The Policy Practice.

#### **What is the course and who is it for?**

Political economy analysis is about understanding the contexts – national, sectoral and local – in which development happens and the incentives that determine how the relevant actors behave and interact with each other.

The course is designed to equip advisers and programme managers to identify key political and institutional challenges and opportunities in a variety of different contexts, and to draw well-grounded conclusions for strategy, and programme design and implementation.

#### **By the end of the course, participants will understand:**

- What political economy analysis is, and where it comes from
- Why it has the potential to improve development policy and programme design and management
- What is involved in applying a framework for political economy analysis.

#### **Participant requirements**

This online course comprises ten interactive sessions. We estimate that some 25 hours will be needed to complete the course over ten weeks, about 2.5 – 3 hours per week.

**We strongly encourage participants to sign up with colleagues at the same location or organisation (3+ participants) to enable us to set up Study Groups to discuss course material and work together through session tasks.**

**You will be given access to an on-line teaching platform.** This will provide you with a combination of study guides, video lectures, an on-line library, webinars and several stimulating case studies. Participants will take part in interactive exercises with both tutors and other participants, and participate in both discussion forums and four webinar discussions.

**When:** Thursday 11 January 2018 until Thursday 29 March 2018

**Where:** on-line - a new approach to learning, on-line as a group

**Cost:** £600 (plus VAT at 20% where applicable) for a 10-week course

**To register your interest in this course, please email [training@thepolicypractice.com](mailto:training@thepolicypractice.com) by Friday 1 December 2017.**

**Payment for the course is due by Friday 15th December 2017.**

#### **Testimonials from participants on the January 2017 online training course**

*'I thoroughly enjoyed the course and will be using PEA more frequently in my everyday job.'*

*'I really enjoyed this opportunity. A great bunch of participants and really good facilitation by the trainers.'*

*'Great training! I would recommend to my colleagues'.*

*'Thanks, I enjoyed the course and learned a lot. Thanks for making the materials available to keep too.'*

*'This was a superb course. Thanks.'*

*'Overall, I thought the quality of the content was really good.'*

*'I think the structure and the content of the course were good and I particularly liked the case studies.'*

*'Discussion groups worked really well and kept participants engaged.'*

*'The course was user friendly and the instructions were clear.'*

*'I found tutors and administrative support helpful when I had questions'*

*'The webinars were rightly placed across the course sessions. In my opinion, the webinars provided a forum for hearing from the tutors and also get an opportunity to seek clarifications for any issues that were not clear from the lectures.'*

*'I found the range of materials really helpful and were all very useful.'*

*'Overall, the course was really very good'.*