



# Political Economy Analysis in Action

## **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 and this is the second 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 30+ hours will be needed to complete the course over eleven weeks, about 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, pre-recorded lecture inputs by the tutors, an on-line library and several stimulating case studies. Participants will take part in interactive exercises with both tutors and other participants, and participate in both online discussion forums and four webinar discussions to discuss session tasks (which take the place of audio calls with up to 15 participants). There is a high grade of interactive discussion, mainly in the form of written contributions to the online forum.

**When:** Monday 16 April until Tuesday 10 July 2018

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

**Cost:** £600 (plus VAT at 20% where applicable) for an 11-week course

**To register for this course, please email your completed application form to [training@thepolicypractice.com](mailto:training@thepolicypractice.com) by Wednesday 7th March 2018.**

**We can only confirm your place on the course on receipt of a completed application form, which must also be discussed and agreed with your line manager, if appropriate.**

**Payment for the course is due by Friday 16 March 2018.**

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

*'Thanks for a well-organised course!'*

*'This is one of the best courses I have taken in my current role. It was relevant and well delivered.'*

*'Fantastic course which prompted many discussions within my current team based on their country office experience and with colleagues. Very high quality tutors, materials and support.'*

*'The discussion groups are a key feature – without them I think the volume of material would have been quite overwhelming. I also really appreciated the annotated bibliography, one of the key benefits of the course.'*

*'Well-curated rich academic texts and concepts lent this real substance. Varied, concise case studies well mingled with theory throughout. Great flexible delivery model that allowed us to pursue in our own time, while nudging us to keep on track via webinars and study groups.'*

*'Availability of tutors, the quality of materials, the high level of organisation all worked well. The amount of good substance, including additional materials for when you had more time.'*

*'The course was well structured and manageable.'*