



Political Economy Analysis in Action

Training course for staff in the international development sector (on-line version)

The Policy Practice and ODI are delighted to announce the opportunity to undertake our Political Economy Analysis in Action training.

The training is based on the flagship face-to-face course we have provided over 35 times since 2008 for organisations including 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 at least four times to UK Government staff. Since being opened to wider participation, it is now being offered for the fourth time more widely to staff of implementing organisations and think tanks as well as individuals.

The course is delivered by [David Booth](#) of ODI and [Alex Duncan](#) of The Policy Practice (TPP) with contributions from other ODI and TPP staff. It is professionally facilitated by [Samantha Wade](#) of TPP.

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

The on-line training comprises ten interactive sessions spread over fourteen weeks, with reading breaks. We estimate that 30+ hours are needed to complete the course, or about 3 hours per week.

On-line participants are strongly encouraged to sign up with colleagues in the same location or organisation (3+

participants). This enables us to set up Study Groups to discuss course material and work together through session tasks.

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

To register your interest, please email training@thepolicypractice.com for an application form.

When: 18 March – 3 July 2019 (14 weeks)

Cost: £600 (plus VAT at 20% where applicable)

Please send in your completed application form by 18 February 2019.

Testimonials from former participants on the online training 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.’
- ‘The combination of excellent reading materials, case studies, reading weeks to digest all the materials and the webinars were all very conducive to truly engage with the material, concepts and insights provided during the course. It’s great to engage with long-standing practitioners such as David and Alex, but also hear and read insights from other participants.’