

## Application form

Designing and Implementing Social Transfer Programmes: a course for policymakers, government officials and practitioners around the world.

**6-17 October 2014**

**Please complete the application form and post, fax or scan and email to:**

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Applications can also be completed online.

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Brief description of your main role and responsibilities:

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For which intensive module would you like to apply?

- Social protection policy
- Financial inclusion and economic opportunity
- Micro-simulation models for policy analysis
- Monitoring and evaluating social protection programmes
- Ageing and social pensions

## Partners

EPRI is offering this course together with HelpAge International in partnership with the Maastricht Graduate School of Governance and the Institute of Development Studies (IDS).

## About EPRI

The Economic Policy Research Institute is a South African-based non-governmental organization with extensive experience in social protection research, policy advisory work and capacity-building.

## About HelpAge International

HelpAge International is a non-governmental organisation whose aim is to help older people claim their rights, challenge discrimination and overcome poverty, so that they can lead dignified, secure, active and healthy lives. HelpAge has been involved in social protection with a focus on social pensions since 2004.

## About Maastricht Graduate School of Governance

The Maastricht Graduate School of Governance (MGSOG) prepares students to pave the road for innovative policy developments in Europe and the world today. The School offers PhD and Masters programmes as well as short training modules.

## Fees and other costs

**Two week course:** The tuition fee for the two-week course is £2,910. The tuition fee includes travel for scheduled visits and optional hands-on computer based skill workshops. The comprehensive accommodation and facilities fee is £1,570, which includes 13 nights in four-star accommodation, three meals per day and teas, per diems, recreational activities and tours, airport transfers and use of included facilities. The fees do not include international travel to and from Chiang Mai.

**One week course:** If you would only like to apply for one of the five-day specialised topics, the tuition fee is £1,620. The comprehensive accommodation and facilities fee is £870, which includes 6 nights in four-star accommodation, three meals per day and teas, per diems, airport transfers and use of included facilities. The fees do not include international travel to and from Chiang Mai.

For those participants who wish to arrange their own accommodation, the course facilities fee is £540 for the two week course and £300 for the one week course. The facilities fee covers your conference package and associated elements.

**Budget accommodation packages:** We also offer an alternative comprehensive accommodation and facilities fee using three-star accommodation next to the course venue if required at a rate of £1,290 for the two week course and £730 for the one week course.

**Please complete the attached application form and post, fax or scan and email to the address on the form. The application form is also available on our website at: [www.epri.org.za/what-we-do/courses/chiangmai](http://www.epri.org.za/what-we-do/courses/chiangmai).**

Admission is on a rolling basis. Space is limited.

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## About the course

Around the world, developing countries are increasingly recognising the value of social transfer programmes in reducing extreme poverty, with success stories in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. The Economic Policy Research Institute (EPRI) and HelpAge International, together with the Maastricht Graduate School of Governance and the Institute of Development Studies (IDS) are offering a two-week course including a number of specialised modules aimed at providing participants with an in-depth understanding of the conceptual and practical issues involved in the development of social transfer programmes. Participants will acquire tools required for the appropriate identification and successful design and implementation of these programmes.



## Who is it for?

The course aims to build the capacity of government policymakers and officials, representatives from bilateral and multilateral agencies, programme practitioners and staff members from non-governmental organisations. The course will serve those who want to more effectively design, implement and manage social transfer programmes with the goal of reducing poverty and better achieving the Millennium Development Goals.

## How participants will benefit

At the end of these courses, the successful participant will better understand the comprehensive approach to social protection and how appropriate cash transfer instruments can reduce poverty and vulnerability and promote developmental outcomes. These courses will reinforce the skills required to identify, design and implement effective social transfer programmes. A team of international experts, skilled professionals and leaders in the field will teach the course. The certificated course will be jointly accredited by the Maastricht Graduate School of Governance, the Economic Policy Research Institute and HelpAge International.



## What the course will cover

The first five days of the course includes a coordinated series of theme-oriented sessions, practical skills-building workshops, field trips to visit social transfer sites and relevant technical skills training. The course will be taught using formal lectures, practical case studies and hands-on exercises.

Topics will include:

- The role of cash transfers in reducing poverty, vulnerability and social exclusion
- The identification of appropriate social transfer instruments for specific country contexts
- The design of cash transfer programmes
- Implementation issues, including registration, targeting, payment and information systems
- Monitoring and evaluation approaches for social transfer programmes
- Case studies of successful programmes around the world
- Field trips to see Thailand's social transfer system in action

## Choose a specialisation

During the second week of the course, participants choose one intensive five-day module on a specialised topic. Offerings may vary based on demand and enrolment numbers, but typical options include:

### Social protection policy

This module exposes the participants to the policymaking process for social protection. Drawing on case studies and policymaking theory, participants will discuss the different components of policy documents, taking into consideration the political economy, policy-relevant evidence, and other contextual issues. The module equips participants with a framework for developing and analyzing social protection policies and lets them view such policies in an international perspective.

### Financial inclusion and economic opportunity: linkages to social protection

This module provides participants with an in-depth and practical understanding of how new and existing social transfer programmes can be designed and implemented so as to promote livelihoods, increase financial inclusion, and achieve developmental outcomes. The module will detail successful international case studies and this will be applied within an evidence building framework to identify workable approaches for different country contexts.

### Micro-simulation models for policy analysis

Micro-simulation modelling is a valuable tool for planning and designing a range of social and economic policies. Successful participants gain an in-depth conceptual and practical understanding of how to use STATA and Excel-based models to analyse existing social protection policies and estimate the impacts of proposed initiatives. This course equips participants with tools to build a national model that simulates interventions at the individual and household level. A strong quantitative background and prior experience with Microsoft Excel is required.

### Monitoring and evaluating social protection programmes

This course offers its participants and in-depth practical understanding of how monitoring and impact assessment can be used to evaluate programme success. Participants will consider alternative monitoring and evaluation designs including quantitative, qualitative and integrated approaches. They will study evidence-building pilots as tools for policy innovation, how evidence from monitoring and evaluation exercises can be communicated to key decision makers to build support for programmes, and the use of technology to improve M&E outcomes.

### Ageing and social pensions

With the number of people aged 60 and over expected to triple by 2050 to almost 2 billion, this module focuses on how social protection systems will adapt to an ageing population in the world. The module will include an introduction to the demographic context, key factors affecting old age vulnerability and conceptual models around the roles of different elements of the pension system including contributory and non contributory schemes. The module equips participants with knowledge on the design, implementation and financial costs of social (non-contributory) pensions. This module is offered by HelpAge International.