EVIDENCE AND DECISION MAKING

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SHORT COURSE

This five-day course offers professionals knowledge of the role of evidence and different types of research in policy making. It considers how these issues shape the definition of policy problems by examining differential impacts derived from practical examples in the field. It discusses the debate surrounding the issue of transparency in public policy and examines how policymakers have met demands for increased access and participation in an increasingly complex world. It considers the interface between science and policymaking, and the extent to which policymakers allow scientific method and use of evidence bases to broker knowledge and inform policy development and analysis.

It examines how, and the extent to which, the lessons of policy evaluation, formulation and development are transferrable across national and sector boundaries. The course also describes the role and importance of professionals and street level bureaucrats in shaping policy goals and reform initiatives, offering a range of teaching and learning strategies including debates, group discussions, case studies, presentations and guest speakers. By the end of the course, participants will have a deeper understanding of the theoretical and practical aspects relating to evidence and its use in policy and decision-making.

ABOUT THE PRESENTERS

Dr. John Wright is an international regulatory governance scholar with expertise in public policy and political theory. He has held senior research positions at world leading academic institutions such as the London School of Economics and Political Science, the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and the Australian National University, working in the areas of healthcare and pharmaceutical regulation, European methods and processes for technology assessment, European investment and research in non-Communicable Diseases, and European Public Spending reform. His current research focusses on regulation and governance theory, political economy and comparative European politics.

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