Course Offering: 1st Semester AY 2014-2015

Econ 287: Special Topics in Health Economics:
Health Policy Impact Evaluation Methods

Course Description:
This course is an introduction to rigorous and policy-relevant impact evaluation techniques for postgraduate students in economics. The main emphasis is on evaluating the effect of a health policy or program on the economic and social wellbeing of the policy or program’s target beneficiaries. Techniques in estimating policy outcomes (especially health status and equity in health and health care) and identifying policy or program effects on these outcomes will be discussed and illustrated in class.

Regular classes will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4-5:30 PM.

To accommodate the travel schedule of visiting professors, there will be four 3-hour classes (4-7 PM) on 19-21 August, 2-5 September (tentative), and September 16, 18, 23, and 25.

There will be no lectures on Weeks 4, 6, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14. Students are encouraged to consult the instructors for their papers and presentations during these weeks.

The tentative class schedule is available at the Chairman’s office.

Instructors:

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