

## Regional Training Course in Environmental Economics

*February 20 to March 11, 2012 (Venue: to be announced later)*

### The Course

The Economy and Environment Program for Southeast Asia (EEPSEA) announces a three-week intensive course in environmental and resource economics. The course is intended primarily for researchers and university lecturers, to prepare them to teach this subject, to conduct research, and to respond to requests for analysis from government agencies. Participants will learn to apply the principles of economic analysis to environmental problems.

EEPSEA expects participants to develop a research proposal after the course for submission to EEPSEA at its Biannual competition.

The course topics are as follows:

Module 1 (Feb 20-25) : Cost-Benefit Analysis and Pollution Control Economics

Module 2 (Feb 27-Mar 3) : Valuation Tools

Module 3 (Mar 5-9) : Natural Resource Economics

March 10-11, 2012 : Presentation of research proposals

### The Instructors

Benoit Laplante provides consultancy services in support of environmental economics activities of bilateral (including CIDA, DANIDA, the European Union, and USAID) and multilateral institutions (including the Asian Development Bank, the United Nations Development Program and the World Bank) in many parts of Asia and outside of the region. He has worked with numerous governments on the design of environmental user fees and charges, and public disclosure programs.

Jeff Bennett is Professor and Director of the Environmental Management and Development Program & of the Environmental Economics Research Hub, Crawford School of Economics and Government, Australian National University. He is also a member of the Academic Advisory Council of the Centre for Independent Studies and co-editor of the Australian Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics.

Wiktor Adamowicz is a Canada Research Chair (Environmental Economics) and Professor in the Department of Resource Economics and Environmental Sociology, University of Alberta, Canada. He previously served as a member of the Advisory Committee in the Economy and Environment Program for Southeast Asia. He has published widely in resource and environmental economics, co-authored a number of books in the economics of the environment and natural resources including forestry, stated choice methods, and has acted as an advisor on numerous environmental valuation and natural resource damage assessment cases.

Eligibility and requirements

This is an advanced graduate-level course. Participants should be proficient in English and have at least a Masters degree in economics. Applicants are invited from nationals of Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, the Philippines, Vietnam, Cambodia, Lao PDR, China, Papua New Guinea and Mongolia. Applicants should submit a curriculum vitae (listing current and previous employment and post-secondary education and date of birth); a transcript showing marks from the most recent degree (photocopy acceptable); and a 2-3 page outline of a research proposal. The proposal should describe an environmental problem the applicant would like to address and the economic research methods to be applied. It is expected that this proposal will be developed to a full-blown proposal over the duration of the course. The quality of the proposal is a major consideration in acceptance to the course.

Guidelines for preparation of proposal can be obtained from [www.eepsea.net](http://www.eepsea.net)

Full support (travel, accommodation and living expenses) is offered to accepted applicants. Only those accepted will be contacted. Applications should be sent to: [eepsea@idrc.org.sg](mailto:eepsea@idrc.org.sg) Deadline for application: December 15, 2011.