

Environmental and Natural Resource Economics Course
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Summary of Workshop Evaluation
Workshop Value and Quality

Part 1: Overall Evaluation

S.N	Questions	Respondents Grades				
		Low		High		
		1	2	3	4	5
1.	Relevance of this activity to your current work			4	5	15
2.	Extent to which you have acquired information that is new to you			3	15	6
3.	Usefulness to you of the information that you have acquired			2	7	15
4.	Focus of this activity on what you specifically needed to learn			6	9	9
5.	Extent to which the content of this activity matched the announced objectives			3	10	11
6.	Overall usefulness of this activity			1	8	15
7.	Possible influence of this course on current and future research				9	15
8.	Possible influence of this course on current and future teaching		1	3	6	15
9.	Please identify sessions that were MOST useful to you Introduction to NRM: Non-renewable - 5 Renewable resources: fisheries/forestry - 3 Pollution control - 2 Optimization-1 Review Econometrics - 1 Climate Change - 2 Travel cost method - 1 Hedoric method - 1 Sustainability Non convexities and Residence - 1 Discounting and other issues - 1 Project Discussion - 2 Productivity changes - 1					

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	<p>Valuing Health Impacts – 1 Welfare Economics - 1 Discrete choice modeling - 1 Macro-economic issues and Green accounting - 1 Discrete choice modeling & Rum - 1 BCA: Discounting and other issues - 1 CVM - 1</p>	
10.	<p>Please identify sessions that were LEAST useful to you</p> <p>Project Preparation – 4 Project Discussion - 2 Political economy of natural resources - 1 Health Impact Case Study - 1 Pollution Control - 1 Orapan-2 Climate Change Case study - 4 Poverty and NRM - 1</p>	
11.	<p>Please identify how this course may affect your</p> <p>Research To formulate research ideas. To identify the problems accurately. To design the whole research plan systematically. Gave idea on thinking about new methods about the estimation. Helpful in economic models. Now for me and made me able to do research in EE It helped to clear understanding of my topic. Methodological problem was solved. Identifying issues in Natural Resources and Env.Economics. Methodology of doing empirical research.. Theoretical understanding How to incorporate the specific models, equation in research Empirical research I was able to identify new areas of research. It gives new direction of thinking and how we can use our intuition with mathematics. Making a proposal became easier. Diff valuation techniques learned is important. Revision and Emphasis on theory and Empiric Link It will help me in developing the research idea and formulation in valuation of Resources. Gives a better understanding of how to approach and talk research problems related to environment.</p>	

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	<p>Teaching Able to apply all theories in research and teaching. Thinking deeply before presentation. Learnt how to present. I do teach two courses-one at undergraduate level and another in master level. So, my teaching ability will also be developed. Now I can take basic environmental course classes. Makes concept clear, so it will help in explaining the same to students. Provided ideas and concepts to develop the curriculum at any one university and teach course. Interconnecting different themes/areas of economics for teaching Clarified doubts, so that I could improve teaching Not as of yet but immense in the future It will help to start a course on environmental economics. Market-Failure and Non-Market valuation will be used in teaching. Information about applied economics can be disseminated.</p>	
13.	<p>How many times have you visited AIT library? Once - 2 Twice – 7 Thrice - 2 None - 4 Many times - 2</p> <p>I had brought relevant articles from overseas friends. There was no need to go to the library, online access to journals were helpful. As we could access the journal from AIT.</p>	
14.	<p>Was the library visit helpful for developing your research proposal? No - 3 Yes - 6</p>	
15.	<p>After this training do you feel you need additional training on</p> <p>Econometrics Mathematics - 10 Microeconomics - 2 Research and Writing - 1 General equilibrium modeling (GAMS) -1 Game theory and its application in Natural resource economics - 1 Environmental Economics and Economics or Valuation - 1 Higher Mathematics - 1 Economic Growth - 1</p>	

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13.	<p>Other Comments</p> <p>I have followed most of the sessions during this workshop; I frankly and genuinely absorbed the whole course. Should be extended to four weeks with same constant. More assignment and problem solving sessions would help much to do more brain storming. Last three days should be fixed for presentations. Not the whole day but rather two or three sessions per day should be fixed. Enam Sir is a genius in software. Please give him some more time. Well organized training, everybody was doing and fulfilling his or her duties without mentioning! Great work. Trained us in different Economic (Not Econometric Packages) to do research in the field of Natural resource and Environmental Economics. Could have been longer, but I know it's not easy. We would love to have more lectures by Priya. Cost-benefit analysis was not done and it is useful if you add it. To invite more resource persons who have undertaken empirical research studies in environmental economics.</p>
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Part 2: Module Evaluation

S.N	Questions	Respondents Grades				
		Low 1	2	3	4	High 5
Module 1: Microeconomics and mathematical tools						
1.	The module provided a good review of the subject matter.		1		15	8
2.	The lectures were appropriate given the topic			4	10	10
3.	The readings were relevant			1	8	15
4.	The level of difficulty of the readings was just right		2	4	11	7
5.	<p>Additional comments, if any</p> <p>Math Review Need more practice for better understanding A little more (slot) on math review would be a good idea Need to spend more time on dynamic optimization This was well organized but the time was too short it requires two days minimum to review. Dr. Mani tried to clear each topic with computer application but time was too short. More exercise with excel sheets. It helped a lot to understand other sessions.</p> <p>Proposal Writing Review Nice and brief. This was really informative and helpful. This was not well organized. This instructor was in hurry and may not review before coming to class. Excellent presentation. It would be better, if any sample proposals were provided.</p>					
Module 2: Resource Economics						
1.	The module provided a good review of the subject matter.				11	13
2.	The lectures were appropriate given the topic				9	15
3.	The readings were relevant				13	11

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4.	The level of difficulty of the readings was just right			3	13	8
5.	The non lecture sessions (assignment, presentations, discussions) were very instructive		1	2	12	9
6.	Additional comments, if any Again, some additional slot would do well. He didn't explain calculation. Assignments given were not very instructive. It is very useful to understand natural resources within a short span of time for layman in this field.					
Module 3: Externalities and Pollution Control						
1.	The module provided a good review of the subject matter.			4	11	9
2.	The lectures were appropriate given the topic		2	3	10	9
3.	The readings were relevant			1	11	12
4.	The level of difficulty of the readings was just right			8	12	4
5.	The non lecture sessions (assignment, presentations, discussions) were very instructive		3	7	10	4
6.	Additional comments, if any The courses were new phenomenon to us. No more assignments. Needs conclusion of topics like: stock pollution, spatial pollution and regional pollution. Inadequate He was just teaching himself.					
Module 4: Special topics in environmental economics: green accounting, sustainability and resilience, cost benefit analysis and climate change						
1.	The module provided a good review of the subject matter.			2	12	10
2.	The lectures were appropriate given the topic		2	6	9	7
3.	The readings were relevant			2	11	11

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4.	The level of difficulty of the readings was just right		1	5	14	4
5.	The non lecture sessions (assignment, presentations, discussions) were very instructive		1	3	11	9
6.	Additional comments, if any Well Prepared					
Module 5: Non-market valuation						
1.	The module provided a good review of the subject matter.			1	14	9
2.	The lectures were appropriate given the topic			3	8	13
3.	The readings were relevant			1	9	14
4.	The level of difficulty of the readings was just right			3	12	9
Module 6: Topics by Priya, Wahid and Paul						
1.	The module provided a good review of the subject matter.		1		17	6
2.	The lectures were appropriate given the topic		1	4	13	6
3.	The readings were relevant		1	2	10	11
4.	The level of difficulty of the readings was just right			7	10	7
5.	The non lecture sessions (assignment, presentations, discussions) were very instructive		2	12	6	4

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Part 3: Assignment Evaluation

S.N	Questions	Respondents Grades				
		Low	High			
		1	2	3	4	5
1.	Please, rate the assignments according to its usefulness to you					
a.	Math/Microeconomics Review and Static		2	3	7	12
b.	Non-Renewable			6	4	14
c.	Renewables			7	4	13
d.	Travel Cost Problems		1	4	7	12
e.	Empirical Paper Presentation			1	3	20
f.	Concept note preparation and presentation			1	2	21
g.	Please, identify the assignments that were most useful. Assignment 1: 9 Assignment 2: 10 Assignment 3: 6 Assignment 4: 10 Assignment 5: 8 Assignment 6: 5					
h.	Please, identify the assignments that could be dropped. Assignment 1: 2					
i.	There should be more assignments in: (tick one) Week 1 Yes (3) No (22) Week 2 Yes (9) No (16) Week 3 Yes (21) No (21)					