



# **European Educational Programme in Epidemiology**

**37<sup>th</sup> RESIDENTIAL SUMMER COURSE  
FLORENCE, ITALY  
Main course 16 JUNE - 4 JULY 2025**



# European Educational Programme in Epidemiology

## Tuesday Evening Lectures

Tuesday evening lectures are given by distinguished epidemiologists, cover current important issues and controversies in epidemiology, are informal, and aim to promote discussion

### **Tuesday 17 June 2025, 18:45-19.45**

**Anne-Marie Nybo Andersen** - Academic freedom: A democratic demand or an academic ivory tower?

### **Tuesday 24 June 2025, 18:45-19:45**

**Neil Pearce** – The dog that didn't bark in the night-time: why finding “no association” can be important

### **Tuesday 1 July 2025, 18:45-19.45**

**Irene Petersen** – Epidemiology through the lens of electronic health records

**WEEK 1: 16-20 June 2025**

EM1: Epidemiological methods 1: basic principles and introduction to study design

SM1: Statistical models in epidemiology 1: basic principles

**WEEK 1: 16 – 20 June 2025**

**EM1:** Epidemiological methods 1: basic principles and introduction to study design

**SM1:** Statistical models in epidemiology 1: basic principles

**Program Monday 16 June 2025**

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08:30 – 09:30 **Introduction: Lorenzo Richiardi**

09:30 – 10:30 **SM1: Bianca De Stavola**  
Sampling and confidence intervals

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10:30 – 11:00 **Coffee Break**

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11:00 – 12:00 **EM1: Franco Merletti**  
Measures of occurrence of disease

12:00 – 13:00 **SM1: Costanza Pizzi and Bianca De Stavola**  
Introduction to STATA

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13:00 – 14.30 **Lunch**

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14:30 – 15:30 **SM1: Bianca De Stavola and Costanza Pizzi**  
Statistics practical 1

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15:30 – 16:00 **Coffee point available**

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16:00 – 17:00 **EM1: Lorenzo Richiardi**  
Exposure and outcome measurements in epidemiology

17:00 – 18.30 **EM1:** Exercise on exposure and outcome measurements

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19:00 **WELCOME DRINKS**

**WEEK 1: 16 – 20 June 2025**

**EM1:** Epidemiological methods 1: basic principles and introduction to study design

**SM1:** Statistical models in epidemiology 1: basic principles

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**Program Tuesday 17 June 2025**

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08:30 – 09:30 **SM1: Costanza Pizzi**  
Statistical tests and P-values

09:30 – 10:30 **SM1: Bianca De Stavola and Costanza Pizzi**  
Statistics practical 2

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10:30 – 11:00 **Coffee Break**

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11:00 – 12:00 **EM1: Anne-Marie Nybo Andersen**  
Overview of study designs

12:00 – 13:00 **EM1: Franco Merletti**  
Measures of association and attributable risk

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13:00 – 14:30 **Lunch**

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14:30 – 15:30 **SM1: Costanza Pizzi**  
Analyses of risks and odds

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15:30 – 16:00 **Coffee point available**

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16:00 – 17:00 **EM1: Anne-Marie Nybo Andersen**  
Cohort studies

17:00 – 18:30 **EM1:** Exercise: rates and risks

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18:45-19.45 **Evening Lecture**

**Anne-Marie Nybo Andersen** - Academic freedom: A democratic demand or an academic ivory tower?

**WEEK 1: 16 – 20 June 2025**

**EM1:** Epidemiological methods 1: basic principles and introduction to study design

**SM1:** Statistical models in epidemiology 1: basic principles

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**Program Wednesday 18 June 2025**

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08:30 – 09:30 **EM1: Franco Merletti**  
Introduction to confounding

09:30 – 10:30 **SM1: Costanza Pizzi**  
Confounding and stratification

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10:30 – 11:00 **Coffee Break**

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11:00 – 12:00 **SM1: Bianca De Stavola and Costanza Pizzi**  
Statistics practical 3

12:00 – 13:00 **EM1: Anne-Marie Nybo Andersen**  
Introduction to bias

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13.00 – 14.30 **Lunch**

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14:30 – 15:30 **SM1: Costanza Pizzi**  
Introduction to the bladder cancer dataset

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15:30 – 16:00 **Coffee point available**

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16:00 – 17:00 **EM1: Lorenzo Richiardi**  
Case-control studies

17:00 – 18:30 **EM1:** Exercise: Cohort studies

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**Sangria Party**

**WEEK 1: 16 – 20 June 2025**

**EM1:** Epidemiological methods 1: basic principles and introduction to study design

**SM1:** Statistical models in epidemiology 1: basic principles

**Program Thursday 19 June 2025**

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08:30 – 09:30 **SM1: Bianca De Stavola**  
The likelihood principle

09:30 – 10:30 **SM1: Bianca De Stavola**  
The likelihood in practice

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10:30 – 11:00 **Coffee Break**

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11:00 – 12:00 **EM1: Anne-Marie Nybo Andersen**  
Cross sectional studies

12:00 – 13:00 **EM1: Lorenzo Richiardi**  
Introduction to DAGs (Directed Acyclic Graphs) 1

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13.00 – 14.30 **Lunch**

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14:30 – 15:30 **SM1: Bianca De Stavola and Costanza Pizzi**  
Statistics practical 4

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15:30 – 16:00 **Coffee point available**

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16:00 – 17:00 **EM1: Lorenzo Richiardi**  
Temporal trends and geographical variations

17:00 – 18:30 **EM1: Exercise: DAGs**

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**WEEK 1: 16 – 20 June 2025**

**EM1:** Epidemiological methods 1: basic principles and introduction to study design

**SM1:** Statistical models in epidemiology 1: basic principles

**Program Friday 20 June 2025**

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08:30 – 09:30 **EM1: Daniela Zugna**  
DAGs (Directed Acyclic Graphs) 2

09:30 – 10:30 **EM1: Lorenzo Richiardi**  
Intervention studies

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10:30 – 11:00 **Coffee Break**

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11:00 – 12:00 **SM1: Bianca De Stavola**  
Analyses of rates

12:00 – 13:00 **SM1: Bianca De Stavola**  
Introduction to survival analysis

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13.00 – 14.00 **Lunch**

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14:00 – 15:00 **SM1: Bianca De Stavola and Costanza Pizzi**  
Statistics practical 5

15:00 – 16:00 **EM1:** Exercise: overview of epidemiological methods 1

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# European Educational Programme in Epidemiology

**WEEK 2: 23 June – 27 June 2025**

EM2: Epidemiological methods 2

SM2: Statistical models in epidemiology 2

DA: Data analysis exercises

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EM2: Epidemiological methods 2  
SM2: Statistical models in epidemiology 2  
DA: Data analysis exercises

**Program Monday 23 June 2025**

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08:30 – 09:30 **EM2: Monica Guxens**  
Cohort studies 2

09:30 – 10:15 **SM2: Cono Ariti/Elizabeth Williamson**  
Logistic regression 1 – Introduction

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10:15 – 10:45 **Coffee Break**

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10:45 – 11:30 **SM2: Cono Ariti/Elizabeth Williamson**  
Analysis of Case Control Studies

11:30 – 13:00 **SM2: Cono Ariti, Elizabeth Williamson, Milena Maule, Stefania Curti and Aurelio Tobias**  
Statistics practical 1

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13:00 – 14.00 **Lunch**

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14:30 – 15:30 **EM2: Neil Pearce**  
Case-control studies 2: selection of controls

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15:30 **Coffee point available**

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15:45 – 17:45 **EM DA: Data analysis team (Neil Pearce, Monica Guxens, Aurelio Tobias, Milena Maule, Stefania Curti)**  
Data analysis exercise 1

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18:30 **WELCOME DRINKS**

**WEEK 2: 23 June – 27 June 2025**  
EM2: Epidemiological methods 2  
SM2: Statistical models in epidemiology 2  
DA: Data analysis exercises

**Program Tuesday 24 June 2025**

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08:30 – 09:30 **EM2: Neil Pearce**  
Information and selection bias

09:30 – 10:15 **SM2: Cono Ariti/Elizabeth Williamson**  
Review: Confounding

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10:15 – 10:45 **Coffee Break**

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10:45 – 11:30 **SM2: Cono Ariti/Elizabeth Williamson**  
Logistic regression 2 – adjusted models

11:30 – 13:00 **SM2: Cono Ariti, Elizabeth Williamson, Milena Maule, Stefania Curti and Aurelio Tobias**  
Statistics practical 2

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13:00 – 14:00 **Lunch**

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14:30 – 15:30 **EM2: Neil Pearce**  
Causality

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15:30 **Coffee point available**

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15:45 – 17:45 **EM DA: Analysis team**  
Data analysis exercise 2

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18:45 – 19:45 **Evening Lecture**

**Neil Pearce** – The dog that didn't bark in the night-time: why finding "no association" can be important

**WEEK 2: 23 June – 27 June 2025**  
EM2: Epidemiological methods 2  
SM2: Statistical models in epidemiology 2  
DA: Data analysis exercises

**Program Wednesday 25 June 2025**

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08:30 – 09:30 **EM2: Monica Guxens**  
Construction of a questionnaire

09:30 – 10:15 **SM2 : Cono Ariti/Elizabeth Williamson**  
Logistic regression 3 – effect modification

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10:15 – 10:45 **Coffee Break**

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10:45 – 11:30 **SM2: Cono Ariti/Elizabeth Williamson**  
Logistic regression 3 effect modification (continued)

11:30 – 13:00 **SM2: Cono Ariti, Elizabeth Williamson, Milena Maule, Stefania Curti and Aurelio Tobias**  
Statistics practical 3

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13.00 – 14.00 **Lunch**

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14:30 – 15:30 **EM2: Neil Pearce**  
Interaction and effect modification

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15:30 **Coffee point available**

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15:45 – 17:45 **EM DA: Analysis team**  
Data analysis exercise 3

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**WEEK 2: 23 June – 27 June 2025**  
EM2: Epidemiological methods 2  
SM2: Statistical models in epidemiology 2  
DA: Data analysis exercises

**Program Thursday 26 June 2025**

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08:30 – 09:30	<b>EM2: Aurelio Tobias</b> Meta-analysis
09:30 – 10:15	<b>SM2: Cono Ariti/Elizabeth Williamson</b> Logistic regression 4 – dose response
10:15 – 10:45	<b>Coffee Break</b>
10:45 – 11:30	<b>SM2: Cono Ariti/Elizabeth Williamson</b> Logistic regression 4 – dose response (continued)
11:30 – 13:00	<b>SM2: Cono Ariti, Elizabeth Williamson, Milena Maule, Stefania Curti and Aurelio Tobias</b> Statistics practical 4
13.00 – 14.00	<b>Lunch</b>
14:30 – 15:30	<b>EM2: Monica Guxens</b> Case-control studies 3: nested, case-cohort, and case-crossover studies
15:30	<b>Coffee point available</b>
15.45 – 17:45	<b>EM DA: Analysis team</b> Data analysis exercise 4

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**WEEK 2: 23 June – 27 June 2025**  
EM2: Epidemiological methods 2  
SM2: Statistical models in epidemiology 2  
DA: Data analysis exercises

**Program Friday 27 June 2025**

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08:30 – 09:30 **EM2: Monica Guxens**

Cohort studies 3

09:30 – 10:15 **SM2: Cono Ariti/Elizabeth Williamson**

Introduction to survival analysis 1

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10:15 – 10:45 **Coffee Break**

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10:45 – 11:30 **SM2: Cono Ariti/Elizabeth Williamson**

Introduction to survival analysis 2

11:30 – 13:00 **SM2: Cono Ariti, Elizabeth Williamson, Milena Maule, Stefania Curti and Aurelio Tobias**

Statistics practical 5

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13.00 – 14.00 **Lunch**

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14:00 – 15.30 **EM2: Neil Pearce**

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# European Educational Programme in Epidemiology

**WEEK 3: 30 June – 4 July 2025**

Parallel morning and afternoon modules

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**Parallel morning modules: 30 June – 3 July, 09:00 – 13:00**

***Advanced topics in statistics***

Per Kragh Andersen, Corrado Lagazio and Michela Baccini

***Advanced topics in epidemiology: Within sibling designs, negative controls, Mendelian randomization and other instrumental variable approaches, target trial emulation, and triangulation***

Deborah Lawlor and Carolina Borges

***Applied epidemiology: environmental epidemiology***

Martine Vrijheid and Cathryn Tonne

***From the epidemiology of risk to public health action: the burden of disease and health impact assessment***

Andrea Farnham and Fiona Vanobberghen

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**Parallel afternoon modules: 30 June – 3 July, 14:30 – 18:30**

***Applied epidemiology: the evaluation of medical tests***

Patrick M Bossuyt

***Advanced topics in epidemiology: methods to deal with unobserved information in epidemiological studies***

Irene Petersen and Henrik Støvring

***Epidemiology and public health: principles of prevention***

Rodolfo Saracci and Maja Popovic

***Applied epidemiology: infectious disease epidemiology***

Tyra Grove Krause and Steen Ethelberg

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**Friday plenary session: 4 July, 09:30 – 13:00**

**Saracci Lecture**

**Gunn-Helen Moen** - Investigating the causal effects of maternal intrauterine exposures on offspring peri-natal health and risk of future cardiometabolic disease using new statistical models in genetic epidemiology

**Distinguished lecture**

**Dave Evans** - What Did The Geneticists Ever Do for Us? A Brief History of How DNA Changed Epidemiology and Where to From Here

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**WEEK 3: 30 June – 4 July 2025**

Parallel morning and afternoon modules

**Monday 30 June 2025, 7pm**

*WELCOME DRINKS*

**Tuesday Evening Lecture, 1 July 2025, 18:45-19:45**

**Irene Petersen** – Epidemiology through the lens of electronic health records

**Thursday 3 July 2025, 20:00 - ?**

Course Dinner at the patio

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**WEEK 3: 30 June – 4 July 2025**

Parallel morning and afternoon modules

***Advanced topics in statistics***

**Per Kragh Andersen, Corrado Lagazio and Michela Baccini**

**MONDAY 30 June 2025**

09:00 – 13:00 Cohort sampling

**TUESDAY 1 July 2025**

09:00 – 13:00 Competing risks

**WEDNESDAY 2 July 2025**

09:00 – 13:00 Recurrent events

**THURSDAY 3 July 2025**

09:00 – 13:00 Causal inference and use of propensity score

**WEEK 3: 30 June – 4 July 2025**

Parallel morning and afternoon modules

***Advanced topics in epidemiology:***  
**Within sibling designs, negative controls, Mendelian randomization and other instrumental variable approaches, target trial emulation, and triangulation**

**Deborah A Lawlor and M Carolina Borges**

9.00 – 13.00 each day

**Summary of course**

In this course, we will discuss how to make better causal inference using different approaches and triangulating evidence from different approaches. To facilitate learning, we will focus on real applied examples from different medical areas, such as pregnancy/perinatal, cardiovascular and mental health.

**Level:** Intermediate to Advanced

To get the most out of this course students should have:

- epidemiological understanding: i.e. how to define confounders, mediators and effect modifiers and some knowledge of different uses of epidemiological studies;
- have experience of completing multivariable regression analyses and correctly interpreting the results from those analyses.

**What will be covered:**

We will introduce each of the following methods:

- Within family (focusing primarily on within sibling) analyses
- Negative control analyses
- Non-genetic instrumental variable analyses
- Genetic instrumental variable analyses (Mendelian randomization)
- Target trial emulation

For each method, we will describe their aims, assumptions and how they can be implemented, with examples of their use. In practicals, you will use these methods with code provided for use in both Stata and R.

We will also demonstrate triangulation of evidence, i.e. where we integrate results from different methods, such as conventional multivariable regression and the above studies in order to improve causal understanding.

Directed Acyclic Graphs (DAGs) are introduced in the first two weeks of the course and will be used in this module; we will revise how they are constructed and used.

**WEEK 3: 30 June – 4 July 2025**

Parallel morning and afternoon modules

***Applied epidemiology:***  
**Environmental epidemiology**

**Martine Vrijheid, Cathryn Tonne**

Learning objectives:

- To apply principles of study designs commonly used in environmental epidemiology
- To understand the role of environmental exposure assessment
- To understand core current topics in environmental epidemiology (climate change, exposome)

**MONDAY, 30 June**

09:00-09:45	<i>Session 1: What is environment – why is it an important driver of health globally?</i>
09:45-10:30	<i>Session 2: Exposure assessment 1 – external exposures (air pollution, built environment)</i>
11:00-13:00	<i>Practical</i>

**TUESDAY, 1 July**

09:00-9:45	<i>Session 3: Study designs and methodological considerations in environmental epidemiology</i>
9:45-10:30	<i>Session 4: Exposure assessment 2 – chemical exposures and biomarkers</i>
11:00-13:00	<i>Practical</i>

**WEDNESDAY, 2 July**

09:00-09:45	<i>Session 5: Health Impact Assessment</i>
09:45-10:30	<i>Session 6: Exposome (concepts and methods)</i>
11:00-13:00	<i>Practical</i>

**THURSDAY, 3 July**

09:00-09:45	<i>Session 7: Climate change and health.</i>
10:00-13:00	<i>Practical: Final presentations and discussion</i>

**WEEK 3: 30 June – 4 July 2025**

Parallel morning and afternoon modules

**From the epidemiology of risk to public health action: the burden of disease and health impact assessment**

**Andrea Farnham and Fiona Vanobberghen**

This course combines lectures, break-out group work, self-study periods and other forms of learning and exchange. The course culminates with a final group project. Students who participate online are expected to be online during all scheduled course times. The course is available in hybrid format for online participants who attend the course in real-time. The course is not recorded nor available asynchronously. Students who register to participate in person must be present in the classroom during all course sessions.

**MONDAY, 30 June**

- 09:00-11:00 Measures of risk to measures of potential attribution and impact  
(*F. Vanobberghen*)
- 11:00-13:00 Risk assessment frameworks and comparative risk assessments  
(*A. Farnham*)

**TUESDAY, 1 July**

- 09:00-11:00 Introduction to burden of disease and Global Burden of Disease study: Measures of disease burden and valuing health states (*F. Vanobberghen*)
- 11:00-13:00 Health Impact Assessment: rationale and frameworks (*A. Farnham*)

**WEDNESDAY, 2 July**

- 09:00-10:30 Health Impact Assessment: Case study (*A. Farnham*)
- 10:30-12:00 Global burden of disease illness, injuries, and risk factors: Methods, results and tools (*F. Vanobberghen*)
- 12:00-13:00 Group activity

**THURSDAY, 3 July**

- 09:00-11:00 Group activity
- 11:30-12:30 Group presentations
- 12:30-13:00 Questions, reflections and conclusions

**WEEK 3: 30 June – 4 July 2025**

Parallel morning and afternoon modules

***Applied epidemiology:***  
**The evaluation of medical tests**

**Patrick M. Bossuyt**

**MONDAY 30 June 2025**

14:00-15.15	Session 1:	A framework for the evaluation of biomarkers and medical tests
15.45-17:00	Session 2:	Evaluating the analytical and technical performance of medical tests

**TUESDAY 1 July 2025**

14:00-15.15	Session 3:	Clinical performance – diagnostic tests: questions, metrics and study design
15.45-17:00	Session 4:	Clinical performance – diagnostic tests: sources of bias and variability

**WEDNESDAY 2 July 2025**

14:00-15.15	Session 5:	Clinical performance – prognostic tests: questions and study design
15.45-17:00	Session 6:	Clinical performance – screening tests: questions and study design

**THURSDAY 3 July 2025**

14:00-15.15	Session 7:	Clinical performance – predictive tests: questions and study design
15.45-17:00	Session 8:	Clinical effectiveness – randomized trials of medical tests

**WEEK 3: 30 June – 4 July 2025**

Parallel morning and afternoon modules

***Advanced topics in epidemiology:***

**How to deal with missing data and unmeasured confounding**

**[Multiple imputation, self-controlled study designs, instrumental variables]**

**Irene Petersen and Henrik Støvring**

**MONDAY 30 June 2025**

14.30 – 15.30 How to deal with information we don't have?  
15.30 – 16.00 Coffee  
16.00m- 18.30 Quantifying bias in observational studies (HS)

**TUESDAY 1 July 2025**

14.30 – 15.30 Instrumental variables (HS)  
15.30 – 16.00 Coffee  
16.00 – 17.00 Instrumental variables – group exercise  
17.00 – 18.30 Self-controlled study designs (IP)

**WEDNESDAY 2 July 2025**

14.30 – 18.30 Missing data and multiple imputation Part 1 (IP & HS)

**THURSDAY 3 July 2025**

14.30 – 18.30 Missing data and multiple imputation Part 2 (IP & HS)

**WEEK 3: 30 June – 4 July 2025**

Parallel morning and afternoon modules

***Epidemiology and public health:***

**Principles of prevention**

**Rodolfo Saracci and Maja Popovic**

**MONDAY 30 June 2025**

14:30 – 18:30      **Concepts.** Health and disease prevention in history and in the precision medicine and Big Data era

**TUESDAY 1 July 2025**

14:30 – 18:30      **Prediction.** Prevention at the individual level, and the challenge of prediction

**WEDNESDAY 2 July 2025**

14:30 – 18:30      **Choices.** Prevention at the population level, and the challenge of tackling diseases' causes of causes

**THURSDAY 3 July 2025**

14:30 – 18:30      **Questions.** Prevention today: post-truth, ethics and politics

**WEEK 3: 30 June – 4 July 2025**

Parallel morning and afternoon modules

***Applied epidemiology:*  
Infectious disease epidemiology**

**Tyra Grove Krause and Steen Ethelberg**

**MONDAY 30 June 2025**

14:30-18:30 Terminology and definitions used in infectious disease epidemiology including principles for disease transmission (Lecture 1 and Practical 1)

**TUESDAY 1 July 2025**

14:30-18:30 Collection, analysis, interpretation and practical use of surveillance data (Lecture 2 and Practical 2)

**WEDNESDAY 2 July 2025**

14:30-18:30 Vaccinology and study designs used for vaccine effectiveness and safety studies (Lecture 3 and Practical 3)

**THURSDAY 3 July 2025**

14:30-18:30 Investigation of (primarily foodborne) outbreaks (Lecture 4 and Practical 4)

**WEEK 3: 30 June – 4 July 2025**

Parallel morning and afternoon modules

## **Friday plenary session: 4 July, 09:30 – 13:00**

09:30 – 12:30 **Rodolfo Saracci Lecture and Closing Symposium**

**9.30 - 9.45 Introductions**

**9.45 - 10.45 The Saracci Lecture:**

**Gunn-Helen Moen** - Investigating the causal effects of maternal intrauterine exposures on offspring peri-natal health and risk of future cardiometabolic disease using new statistical models in genetic epidemiology

10.45 - 11.00 Coffee break

**11.00 – 12.00 Keynote address:**

**Dave Evans** - What Did The Geneticists Ever Do for Us? A Brief History of How DNA Changed Epidemiology and Where to From Here

**12.00 - 12.15 Rodolfo Saracci – Closing remarks**

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12:15 – 13:00 **Lorenzo Richiardi, Neil Pearce and Rodolfo Saracci**  
Certificates of attendance and goodbyes☺

**End of EEPE 2025 Course**

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