



European Educational Programme in Epidemiology

38th RESIDENTIAL SUMMER COURSE

FLORENCE, ITALY

Specialized Courses 6 – 10 JULY 2026



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Specialized Courses:

“Computational Epidemiology”

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WELCOME DRINKS:
6 July, 18:30 – 19:30

Computational Epidemiology

6 – 10 July 2026

Claus Thorn Ekstrøm, Anders Tolver & Mikkel Meyer Andersen

Program	Monday 6 July 2026
	Topic: Computational tools for large scale epidemiological analysis
09:00 – 10:30	Session 1 Introduction to the course: schedule, content, material, and R Lecture: Predictions and the computational toolbox: overfitting, loss functions, data splitting, cross-validation, non-parametric and parametric bootstrap
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 12:30	Session 2 Practical
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:30	Session 3 Lecture: Penalized regression, lasso, variable selection Practical
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee Break
16:00 – 17:30	Session 4 Lecture: Ridge regression and elastic net, de-lassoing Practical

Program	Tuesday 7 July 2026 Topic: Non-parametric prediction using random forests and other ensemble learners
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09:00 – 10:30	Session 1 Lecture: Decision trees and random forests Practical
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 12:30	Session 2 Lecture: Random forest learners Practical
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:30	Session 3 Lecture: Prediction errors, random forest tuning, and other ensemble learners Practical
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee Break
16:00 – 17:30	Session 4 Lecture: Journal club Practical

Program	Wednesday 8 July 2026 Topic: Neural networks and deep learning, and the SuperLearner
09:00 – 10:30	Session 1 Lecture: Introduction to supervised machine learning and the prediction competition. Practical: Prediction competition
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 12:30	Session 2 Lecture: Neural networks, network architecture and flexibility Practical: Prediction competition
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:30	Session 3 Lecture: Deep learning, deep learning vs traditional statistical models Practical: Prediction competition
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee Break
16:00 – 17:30	Session 4 Lecture: Pitfalls, AI, ensemble predictions and the SuperLearner Practical: Prediction competition

Program	Thursday 9 July 2026 Topic: Causal inference: introduction and data-driven causal structure learning
09:00 – 10:30	Session 1 Lecture: DAGs and causality
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 12:30	Session 2 Lecture: Causal inference, average treatment effects, and machine learning Practical
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:30	Session 3 Lecture: Causal discovery / structure learning. The PC algorithm for causal discovery Practical
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee Break
16:00 – 17:30	Session 4 Lecture: The temporal PC algorithm for including exogeneous temporal information in causal discovery Practical

Program	Friday 10 July 2026
	Topic: Interpretable machine learning
09:00 – 10:30	Session 1 Lecture: Predictive uncertainty with coverage guaranties Practical
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 12:30	Session 2 Lecture: Variable importance Practical
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch followed by the afternoon off
14:00 – 15:30	Free
15:30 – 16:00	Free
16:00 – 17:30	Free

Genetic and Epigenetic Epidemiology

6 – 10 July 2026

David Evans, Gibran Hemani, Matthew Suderman & Paul Yousefi

Program Monday 6 July 2026

08:00 – 09:00	Optional refresher session on R - R Practical session: Basics of R; Using packages; Simple plotting (Practical) – Gibran Hemani
09:00 – 10:30	Session 1 - Course Outline / Introduction (Lecture) – David Evans - Genetics Theory: Molecular and biological basis of inheritance; Hardy-Weinberg; Biometrical Genetics; Complex traits and Diseases; Linkage disequilibrium; Haplotypes and tagging (Lecture) – David Evans

10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break
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11:00 – 12:30	Session 2 - Introduction to genetic data: Genetic data formats; PLINK software; Quality control in GWAS (Practical) - Gibran Hemani
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13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
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14:00 – 15:30	Session 3 - Genetic Association Studies and GWAS: GWAS studies of quantitative and dichotomous traits (Lecture + Practical) – David Evans
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15:30 – 16:00	Coffee point available
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16:00 – 17:30	Session 4 - Population stratification: Using genetic data to uncover and control for underlying population structure; Mixed models in GWAS (Lecture + Practical) – David Evans
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Program Tuesday 7 July 2026

09:00 – 10:30	Session 1 - Imputation: Imputation of genetic data in GWAS (Lecture + Practical) – Gibran Hemani
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 12:30	Session 2 - Meta-analysis: EasyQC; GWAS Meta-analysis; MTAG (Lecture + Practical) – Gibran Hemani
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:30	Session 3 - Follow up of findings: Interpretation of genome-wide significant associations and follow up of findings (Lecture + Practical) – Gibran Hemani
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee point available
16:00 – 17:30	Session 4 - Polygenic approaches: Polygenic scores; SNP heritability; Genetic correlation; G-REML and GCTA; LD Score regression (Lecture + Practical) – Gibran hemani

Program Wednesday 8 July 2026

09:00 – 10:30	Session 1 - Introduction to Mendelian randomization: Mendelian randomization studies (Lecture) – David Evans
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10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break
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11:00 – 12:30	Session 2 - Introduction to Epigenetic epidemiology: Gene regulation, cell differentiation, different epigenetic mechanisms, why epidemiologists might be interested in epigenetics (Lecture) – Matthew Suderman
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13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
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14:00 – 15:30	Session 3 - Epigenome wide association studies: Theory, examples from the literature, data prep, practical in R (Lecture + Practical) – Paul Yousefi
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15:30 – 16:00	Coffee point available
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16:00 – 17:30	Session 4 - Beyond EWAS: EWAS functional interpretation, DMRs, meta-analysis, data integration, mQTLs, practical in R (Lecture + Practical) – Matthew Suderman
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Program Thursday 9 July 2026

09:00 – 10:30	Session 1 - Clinical epigenetics: Examples from the literature, study design, translational applications, practical in R (Lecture + Practical) – Matthew Suderman and Paul Yousefi
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10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break
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11:00 – 12:30	Session 2 - Epigenetic predictors: Predictive vs. explanatory modelling, resampling methods, performance metrics, practical in R (Lecture + Practical) – Paul Yousefi
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13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
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14:00 – 15:30	Session 3 - Causal inference in Epigenetics: Theory and examples from the literature, e.g. negative control designs, 2 step MR, MR or negative control (Lecture) – Matthew Suderman
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15:30 – 16:00	Coffee point available
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16:00 – 17:30	Session 4 - Mendelian randomization and Epigenetic Studies: 2 step MR practical in R (Practical) – Matthew Suderman
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Program Friday 10 July 2026

09:00 – 10:30 **Session 1**
-Power and Type 1 error in Genetic Epidemiology: Statistical Power; Significance; Type I error; Mini-practical involving Purcell's Genetic Power Calculator and Mendelian Randomization power calculator

(Lecture + Practical) – David Evans

10:30 – 11:00 **Coffee Break**

11:00 – 12:30 **Session 2**
-Current topics in Genetic and Epigenetic Epidemiology (L) (DE, GH, MS, PY): Tutors present 30mins on a current research topic of theirs

(Lecture) – David Evans, Gibran Hemani, Matthew Suderman, Paul Yousefi

Modern time series methods for public health and epidemiology

6 – 10 July 2026

Antonio Gasparrini, Francesco Sera, Ana Maria Vicedo-Cabrera

Program	Monday 6 July 2026
	Topic: Time series in epidemiology and public health
09:00 – 10:30	Sessions 1 Introduction to the course: schedule, content, material, and R Lecture: Introduction to time series data and analysis
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 12:30	Sessions 2 Lecture: Time series analysis in environmental epidemiology Demo: An analysis of short-term effects of air pollution in London
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:30	Sessions 3 Lecture: Interrupted time series (ITS) design Demo: Effect of the indoor smoking ban on cardiovascular events
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee point available
16:00 – 17:30	Sessions 4 Real-data practical

Program	
Tuesday 7 July 2026	
Topic: Modelling complex temporal relationships	
09:00 – 10:30	Sessions 1 Lecture: Distributed lag models (DLMs) Demo: Investigating lagged effects of air pollution
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 12:30	Sessions 2 Lecture: Distributed lag non-linear models (DLNMs) Demo: Investigating risk associations of temperature
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:30	Sessions 3 Lecture: Extensions of DLMs and DLNMs Demo: DLMs/DLNMs in cancer epidemiology using cohort data Demo: DLMs/DLNMs in clinical research and pharmaco-epidemiology
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee point available
16:00 – 17:30	Sessions 4 Real-data practical

Program	Wednesday 8 July 2026
	Topic: Health impact assessments with time series data
09:00 – 10:30	Sessions 1 Lecture: Health impact assessment Lecture: An analysis of excess mortality during the COVID-19 pandemic
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 12:30	Sessions 2 Demo: Computing attributable risks of environmental exposures Demo: Health impact projections under climate change scenarios
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:30	Sessions 3 Demo: Projections of temperature-related mortality in London Demo: Attribution of health impacts to climate change
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee point available
16:00 – 17:30	Sessions 4 Real-data practical

Program **Thursday 9 July 2026**
Topic: Novel time series designs and data methods

09:00 – 10:30

Sessions 1

Lecture: Data resources for time series analysis

Demo: The case time series (CTS) design

10:30 – 11:00

Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:30

Sessions 2

Demo: CTS analysis of electronic health records of clinical data

Lecture: Application of the CTS design in smartphone studies

13:00 – 14:00

Lunch

14:00 – 15:30

Sessions 3

Lecture: Small-area analysis with the CTS design

Demo: Complex linkage and GIS methods for time series data

15:30 – 16:00

Coffee point available

16:00 – 17:30

Sessions 4

Real-data practical

Program	Friday 10 July 2026
	Topic: Multi-location time series studies
09:00 – 10:30	Sessions 1 Lecture: Two-stage designs in environmental research Demo: Mortality risks of heat across regions of England and Wales
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 12:30	Sessions 2 Lecture: Multi-location ITS studies Demo: Nationwide analysis of a smoking ban and cardiovascular risk Final Q&A

Quantitative bias analysis for epidemiologic research

6 – 9 July 2025

Matthew Fox, Rich MacLehose

Program	Monday 6 July 2026
09:00 – 10:30	Session 1 - Rational for Quantitative Bias Analysis (Lecture) – Matthew Fox
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 12:30	Session 2 - Selection Bias – Simple Bias Analysis Methods for Selection Bias (Lecture + Exercises) – Rich MacLehose
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:30	Session 3 - Selection Bias – Probabilistic bias analysis for selection bias (Lecture + Exercises) – Rich MacLehose
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee point available
16:00 – 17:30	Session 4 - Information Bias – Simple Bias Analysis Methods for Information Bias (Lecture) – Matthew Fox

Program Tuesday 7 July 2026

09:00 – 10:30	Session 1 - Information Bias – Simple Bias Analysis Methods for Information Bias with Practical Exercise
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(Lecture + Exercises) – Matthew Fox

10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break
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11:00 – 12:30	Session 2 - Probabilistic Bias Analysis for Information Bias Summary Level QBA (Lecture + Exercises) – Matthew Fox
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13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
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14:00 – 15:30	Session 3 - Probabilistic Bias Analysis for Information Bias Record Level QBA (Lecture + Exercises) – Matthew Fox
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15:30 – 16:00	Coffee point available
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16:00 – 17:30	Session 4 - Probabilistic Bias Analysis for Information Bias Record Level QBA (Lecture + Exercises) – Rich MacLehose
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Program Wednesday 8 July 2026

09:00 – 10:30	Session 1 - Confounding – Simple Bias Analysis Methods for Uncontrolled Confounding (Lecture and Exercises) – Matthew Fox
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10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break
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11:00 – 12:30	Session 2 - Confounding – Simple Bias Analysis Methods for Uncontrolled Confounding (Lecture and Exercises) – Matthew Fox
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13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
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14:00 – 15:30	Session 3 - Confounding – Probabilistic Bias Analysis Methods for Uncontrolled Confounding Summary Level Approaches (Lecture and Exercises) – Matthew Fox
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15:30 – 16:00	Coffee point available
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16:00 – 17:30	Session 4 - Confounding – Probabilistic Bias Analysis Methods for Uncontrolled Confounding Record Level Approaches (Lecture and Exercises) – Rich MacLehose
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Program Thursday 9 July 2026

09:00 – 10:30	Session 1 - Bayesian Methods for QBA (Lecture + Exercises) – Rich MacLehose
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10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break
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11:00 – 12:30	Session 2 - Bayesian Methods for QBA (Lecture + Exercises) – Rich MacLehose
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13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
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14:00 – 15:30	Session 3 - Multiple Bias Analyses (Lecture + Exercises) – Rich MacLehose
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15:30 – 16:00	Coffee point available
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16:00 – 17:30	Session 4 - Multiple Bias Analyses (Lecture + Exercises) – Rich MacLehose
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Field epidemiology in Humanitarian crises

6– 10 July 2026

Chiara Altare, Francesco Checchi & Ruwan Ratnayake.

Program	Monday 6 July 2026
09:00 – 10:00	Course Introduction: review of course's objectives, presentation of participants, trivia quiz, housekeeping, Q&A
10:00 – 10:30	Introduction to the humanitarian context
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 12:00	Causes of excess morbidity and mortality; mapping of humanitarian health information
12:00 – 13:00	Introduction to the health information system and data sources
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 14:45	Public Health Indicators
14:45 – 15:30	Public Health Situation Analysis
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee point available
16:00 – 17.30	Needs assessment
17.30 – 17.45	Wrap up day 1

Program	Tuesday 7 July 2026
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09:00 – 10:30	Methods to estimate affected population size
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10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break
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11:00 – 11:30	Catchment population estimation
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11:30 – 13:00	Survey design and analysis
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13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
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14:00 – 14:30	Survey design and analysis
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14:30 – 15:30	Assessment of nutritional status
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15:30 – 16:00	Coffee point available
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16:00 – 16:30	Food security assessment and classification
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16:30 – 17:30	Analysis of disrupted health systems
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17:30 – 17:45	Wrap up day 2
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Program	Wednesday 8 July 2026
09:00 – 10:30	Estimating mortality
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 11:45	Infectious diseases: key concepts and interventions
11:45 – 13:00	Epidemic surveillance and disease control
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 14:45	Outbreak investigation in a crisis
14:45 – 15:30	Operational Monitoring
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee point available
16:00 – 17:30	Monitoring non communicable health conditions: NCDs, MRNH, MHPSS
17:30 – 17:45	Wrap up day 3

Program	Thursday 9 July 2026
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09:00 – 10:30	Simulation exercise
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 13:00	Simulation exercise
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:30	Simulation exercise
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee point available
16:00 – 17:30	Simulation exercise: presentations and discussion
17:30 – 17:45	Wrap up day 4

Program	Friday 10 July 2026
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09:00 – 10:30	Bringing it all together: which tools and when
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 12:30	Prepare a crisis briefing
12:30 - 13:00	Closure: Q&A, final remarks, course evaluation
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch

Perinatal and early life epidemiology

6 – 10 July 2026

Anne-Marie Nybo Andersen, Katrine Strandberg-Larsen & Stine Kjaer Urhoj

Program Monday 6 July 2026

08:30 – 09:15	Introduction to the course – Anne-Marie Nybo Andersen
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Presentation of faculty and participants

09:30 – 10:15	Fertility and fecundability – Katrine Strandberg-Larsen
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10:15 – 10:45	Coffee Break
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10:45 – 11:30	Early pregnancy loss – Anne-Marie Nybo Andersen
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11:45 – 12:15	Reading
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12:15 – 13:00	Congenital anomalies – Stine Kjaer Urhoj
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13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
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14:00 – 15:30	7 students present
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15:30 – 15:45	Coffee point available
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15:45 – 17:15	7 students present
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Program Tuesday 7 July 2026

08:30 – 09:15	Gestational age, Preterm birth as an outcome – Anne-Marie Nybo Andersen
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09:30 – 10:15	Gestational age as an exposure – Katrine Strandberg-Larsen
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10:15 – 10:45	Coffee Break
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10:45 – 11:30	Stillbirth and infant mortality – Stine Kjaer Urhoj
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11:45 – 12:15	Reading
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12:15 – 13:00	Infertility and subfertility – Anne-Marie Nybo Andersen
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13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
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14:00 – 15:30	7 students present
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15:30 – 15:45	Coffee point available
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15:45 – 17:15	Exercise: Social and ethnic disparities – causality and confounding – Anne-Marie Nybo Andersen
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Program Wednesday 8 July 2026

08:30 – 09:15	Fetal growth, birthweight – Stine Kjaer Urhoj
09:30 – 10:15	Birthweight as an exposure – Katrine Strandberg-Larsen
10:15– 10:45	Coffee Break
10:45 – 12:15	Exercise: Fetal growth and SGA/LGA – Stine Kjaer Urhoj
12:15 – 13:00	Adverse pregnancy outcomes and maternal health – Anne-Marie Nybo Andersen
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:30 – 15:30	FREE TIME
15:30 – 15:45	Coffee point available
15:45 – 17:15	FREE TIME

Program Thursday 9 July 2026

08:30 – 09:15	Life-course health studies – Anne-Marie Nybo Andersen
09:30 – 10:15	Biases in perinatal epidemiology – Katrine Strandberg-Larsen

10:15 – 10:45	Coffee Break
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10:45 – 11:30	Siblings and twin studies – Katrine Strandberg-Larsen
11:45 – 12:15	Reading
12:15 – 13:00	Target trial emulations in perinatal epidemiology – Stine Kjaer Urhoj

13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
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14:00 – 15:30	Infections and immunization strategies during pregnancy and infancy – Stine Kjaer Urhoj
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15:30 – 15:45	Coffee point available
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15:45 – 17:15	Exercise: Paracetamol in pregnancy and autism – Katrine Strandberg-Larsen
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	Social dinner in town (voluntary, own expense)
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Program Friday 10 July 2026

08:30 – 09:15	Competing risks in perinatal epi – Stine Kjaer Urhoj
09:15 – 10:15	Other methodological challenges in early life epi – Katrine Strandberg-Larsen

10:15 – 10:45	Coffee Break
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10:45 – 12:30	Ethical issues in early life epidemiology – Anne-Marie Nybo Andersen
12:30 – 13:00	End of course, evaluations – Stine Kjaer Urhoj

13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
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