

# Introduction to Social Protection for the Poor

## Online Courses

## Course Description

The main objective of the course is to provide an introduction to non-contributory social protection and its relevance for fighting poverty and vulnerability. The course will highlight the role social protection measures can play in the development process and it will show the advantages and disadvantages of different policy interventions and design options. The course will offer online lectures, online discussion boards, assignments, weekly tutorial meetings to discuss readings and assignments, and an oral exam at the end of the course.

At the end of the course you will have a better understanding of the rationale for social protection interventions from a development policy perspective and will be informed about advantages and disadvantages of different issues related to the design and implementation of social assistance schemes in developing countries.

## Learning Goals

- Having knowledge of:
  - The rationale for governments to invest in non-contributory social protection programmes.
  - The link between social protection and inclusive growth and development.
  - Types of social protection instruments.
  - Beneficiary identification.
  - The relevance of fiscal space and how it can be created.
  - Performance indicators for social protection interventions.

“ The current global crisis exemplifies the need for well-designed and implemented social protection systems. [...] It is expected that countries with comprehensive social insurance and social assistance provisions will more likely be able to cushion the impact on the people and (in the long run) on the economy. ”

**-Prof. Dr. Franziska Gassmann**  
**Course designer**

## Prerequisites

- A Master's degree (or equivalent) in Social Sciences.

## Estimated Workload

The estimated workload is 60 hours including:

- 10-15 hours per week.
- 10-15 hours per assignments/ oral exams.

## ECTS equivalent

- Participants will earn 2 ECTS credits and receive certification via an online educational badge.

## Duration : 10 weeks

- 1 week to access the platform and become familiar with the material, 4 weeks of coursework, 1 week to submit the final assignment and 2 weeks for potential resits.

## For More Information

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