Call for participation
Deadline: 1 May 2010

Second AMID Summer School
"Empirical methods for development research"

23-26 June 2010, LSE, London

Main Speakers
Esther Duflo (MIT and CEPR), Greg Fischer (LSE), Radha Iyengar (LSE) and Eliana La Ferrara (Università Bocconi and CEPR)

General Description
The school is intended for PhD students, post-docs and junior faculty members. The aim is to provide young researchers with a detailed overview of the main methods used in empirical development research. Participants will also have the opportunity to discuss their own research projects with leading researchers in a relaxed and open atmosphere.

Structure
The main components will be lectures by leading researchers and participants’ presentations.

Lecture topics include difference in difference estimators, event studies, instrumental variables, randomised control trials and regression discontinuity approaches.

Selected projects by participants will be presented and discussed during the day. We encourage all participants to submit either complete papers that present empirical evidence on a development question or detailed proposals, raising the conceptual and methodological problems that they face and that they would like to discuss.

Logistics
It is expected that AMID Researchers who have an ITN contract at the time of the Summer School should pay for their travel directly and send the reimbursement claim to their host institution; accommodation will be covered by LSE. Other students will be considered for partial or full funding, although neither can be guaranteed in advance.

All participants are asked to stay for the entire duration of the Summer School.

Applications and deadlines
A completed application form (attached) should be submitted together with:
a) A short CV
b) An academic reference letter
c) A empirical research project or a completed paper addressing an empirical question in development (only in pdf)

All applications should be sent no later than 1 May 2010 to Caroline Daniels: cdaniels@cepr.org

Admissions decision will be announced by May 15, 2010. All applicants will be informed by email about the results.