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**How and where did you hear about this course?**

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**Intended source**

Self Financing  Sponsor

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**Contact Addresses**

If you need further details on the course please contact:

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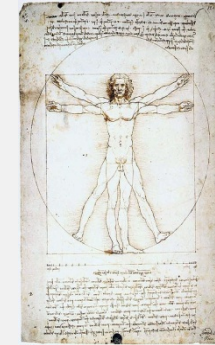
Course homepage: <http://www.causal.altervista.org>

**Location: Department of Statistics and  
Quantitative Methods, University of Milano-  
Bicocca, Milano.**

**Promotion**

The course is promoted by the Italian Society of  
Medical Statistics and Clinical Epidemiology  
(SISMEC) together with the Department of  
Statistics and Quantitative Methods, University of  
Milano-Bicocca and the Department of Medical  
Sciences, University of Turin

SISMEC Working Group on  
**Causal Inference**



**A short course on concepts and  
methods in Causal Inference**

**VI Edition**

Milan (Italy), 12-14 December 2016

**Faculty:**

Rino Bellocco	University of Milano-Bicocca
Francesca Ghilotti	Karolinska Institutet
Costanta Pizzi	University of Turin
Lorenzo Richiardi	
Daniela Zugna	
Arvid Sjolander	Karolinska Institutet
Linda Valeri	McLean Hospital

## GOALS AND RATIONALE

Causal inferences play a predominant role in science. In epidemiology, the goal and the ambition of the most part of the researchers is to determine an unbiased estimate of the effect of being exposed to a given risk factor on a well defined outcome (disease, death). In recent years, there have been important statistical developments that go beyond the traditional multivariable regression techniques in order to obtain unbiased estimates.

Aims of this course are to discuss the current state of the art with respect to these issues, while retaining a practical focus and to assess our current and future abilities to address effectively cause-and-effect questions.

## COURSE DESCRIPTION

### 12 December 2016 – 9:00/18:00

Basic concepts in epidemiology seen through causal inference and causal diagrams: measures of association, bias, confounding, missing values.

### 13 December 2016 – 9:00/18:00

Mediation analysis. Interaction and effect Modification.

### 14 December 2016 – 9:00/17:30

Causal estimation methods: Introduction to marginal structural models for fixed and time-varying confounders.

Teaching will be based on both formal lectures and computer/group sessions.

**Two seminars will be given during the course (13 and 14 of December @ 14:00).**

## Teachers:

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## WHO SHOULD APPLY?

Epidemiologists and statisticians with interest in epidemiology, or researchers with similar background. The course is thought at an introduction/intermediate level.

## COURSE FEE AND APPLICATION

The total course fee is 300 € for general applicants and 200 € for accredited students or postdocs. Upon acceptance, payment details will be provided. The number of participants is limited to 25. SISMEC members will have a flat discount of 50 €.

Applicants should complete the attached form and return it as soon as possible to:

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