# **Bi-weekly Newsletter**

# **MEASURE-BiH**

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#### **Program Evaluation Learning Resources**

International Association for Impact Assessment, Special Publications: <u>http://www.iaia.org/publications-resources/downloadable-publications</u>

European Commission, Better Regulation Toolbox: <u>http://ec.europa.eu/smart-regulation/guidelines/toc\_tool\_en.htm</u>

African Evaluation Association, Books: <u>http://www.afrea.org/?page=Books</u>

Georgia Evaluation Resource Center, Publications / Tools: <u>http://www.georgiaerc.org/publications.asp</u>

Center for Global Development, Publications: http://www.cgdev.org/section/publications

UNDP Independent Evaluation Office: <u>https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6kygL-</u> IT709Pe6nKj1qnYg

#### **Recommended News Articles and Blog Posts**

Carla Hillerns and Pei-Pei Lei on a Quest to Eliminate Double-Barreled Survey Questions

How Do You Conduct an Evaluation in a Fluid, Ever Changing Ecology Like Higher Education?

**Barcelona Declaration of Measurement Principles** 

How to Operationalize the Barcelona Principles 2.0

The Barcelona Principles - David Rockland explains why

change was necessary

Student Evaluations of Teaching – A Fundamental Problem for Higher Education



#### **Upcoming Events**

#### April 20

The Next Generation of Theory and Practice: Rethinking Equity through Culturally Responsive Evaluation and Assessment, CREA Third International Conference, Illinois, USA

#### April 27

2016 Annual (UKES) Evaluation Conference Building a Culture of Evaluation: Challenging assumptions, unpacking complexity, championing change, London, UK

#### **Useful Sites**

https://halshs.archives-ouvertes.fr/

http://eric.ed.gov/

#### **Examples of Evaluation Projects**

Evaluation of the United Nations Development Programme country programme in Montenegro (2012 – 2016)

Final Evaluation of Reinforcement of Local Democracy (LOD 3) project in Bosnia and Herzegovina (2010 – 2014)

#### **Relevant Publications**

## Does immigration affect welfare state generosity? - Quasiexperimental evidence

This note studies the impact of immigration on welfare state generosity in 12 Western European countries. In estimations not coping with the possible endogeneity problem, there are indicators of a negative relationship between immigration and welfare state generosity. However, when the distance to the Balkan wars are used as a source of exogenous variation in the immigrant share, as to overcome potential endogeneity in mobility across countries, our findings suggest that an increase in the immigrant share does not decrease welfare state generosity.

#### <u>Cross-border media and nationalism: Evidence from Serbian</u> <u>radio in Croatia</u>

Which factors stand in the way of cooperation between countries formerly at war? This paper examines the role of nationalistic content of a media outlet reaching citizens of a neighboring country. It considers radio signals travelling across borders in the region that witnessed on of Europe's deadliest conflicts since WWII: the Serbo-Croatian conflict in the Yugoslavian wars. Using survey and election data, it shows that, after a decade since the end of the war, cross-border nationalistic Serbian radio triggers animosity towards Serbs in Croatia, potentially endangering peace. In particular, the paper finds that a large fraction of Croats listens to Serbian radio (intended for Serbian listeners across the border) whenever signal is available. The residents of Croatian villages with good-quality signal of Serbian public radio are more likely to vote for extreme nationalist parties. In addition, ethnically offensive graffiti are more common in villages with Serbian radio reception. A laboratory experiment confirms that Serbian radio exposure causes an increase in anti-Serbian sentiment among Croats.



#### **Recommended Reading**

#### <u>Country-led monitoring and</u> <u>evaluation systems</u>

This publication offers a number of strong contributions from senior officers in institutions dealing with national monitoring and evaluation systems, such as UNICEF, the World Bank, UN Economic Commission for Europe, the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), the International Development Evaluation Association (IDEAS) and the International Organisation for Cooperation in Evaluation (IOCE). It tries to bring together the vision, lessons learned and good practices from different stakeholders on how country-led monitoring and evaluation systems (CLES) can enhance evidence-based policy making.

#### Evaluation Manual, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition

This second edition of the evaluation manual contains the core methodology that the Independent Office of Evaluation of IFAD (IOE) uses to conduct its evaluations. The manual has been developed based on the principles set out in the IFAD Evaluation Policy, building on international good evaluation standards and practice.

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