Training Course on Behavioral Economics for Central Bankers

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Banking Institute	**Duration**	10 Days
Base Fee	$3,000 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

1. Understand core principles of behavioral economics in monetary policy.
2. Analyze the influence of cognitive biases on macroeconomic decisions.
3. Apply nudge theory to regulatory and fiscal policy interventions.
4. Explore heuristics in consumer finance and market reactions.
5. Integrate predictive behavioral modeling in policy forecasts.
6. Assess the role of bounded rationality in economic behavior.
7. Develop behavioral strategies for financial stability initiatives.
8. Design experiments for behavioral field trials in central banking.
9. Use behavioral data to enhance inflation targeting models.
10. Evaluate the implications of loss aversion and framing effects.
11. Examine how social norms impact savings and spending behavior.
12. Implement behavioral compliance strategies in bank regulation.
13. Leverage behavioral insights to communicate policy more effectively.

Target Audience

1. Central bank policy analysts
2. Monetary economists
3. Financial regulators
4. Bank supervisors
5. Risk managers
6. Economic research directors
7. Government financial advisors
8. Financial market analysts

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Course Modules

Module 1: Foundations of Behavioral Economics

- Origins of behavioral economics
- Rational vs. irrational behavior
- Prospect theory overview
- Dual-system thinking (System 1 & 2)
- Key thinkers: Kahneman, Thaler
- **Case Study:** Revisiting traditional vs. behavioral inflation models

Module 2: Cognitive Biases and Policy Errors

- Overconfidence bias in forecasts
- Anchoring and adjustment in rate setting
- Confirmation bias in market analysis
- Availability heuristics in crisis management
- Behavioral policy missteps
- **Case Study:** ECB response during the Eurozone crisis

Module 3: Nudge Theory and Central Banking

- Introduction to nudge units
- Designing choice architecture
- Application in financial education
- Reducing defaults in policy participation
- Behavioral nudges in digital finance
- **Case Study:** UK Behavioural Insights Team & savings behavior

Module 4: Heuristics in Consumer Finance

- Rule-of-thumb decision-making
- Shortcuts in credit card usage
- Retirement savings heuristics
- Mortgage and lending decisions
- Heuristic traps in debt repayment
- **Case Study:** Heuristics in sub-prime lending crisis

Module 5: Predictive Behavioral Modeling

- Behavioral datasets and sources
- Machine learning + behavioral insights
- Real-time behavior tracking
- Model calibration with biases
- Behavioral forecasting tools
- **Case Study:** Predictive modeling in U.S. Fed policy

Module 6: Bounded Rationality in Economics

- Concept and theoretical roots
- Implications for inflation targeting
- Limits of rational actor models
- Real-world deviations from equilibrium
- Policy designs within bounded rationality
- **Case Study:** Japan’s deflation and behavioral inertia

Module 7: Behavioral Insights in Communication

- Framing monetary announcements
- Tone and message consistency
- Behavioral reactions to uncertainty
- Managing expectations through language
- Psychological signaling in press releases
- **Case Study:** Federal Reserve forward guidance impact

Module 8: Behavioral Compliance in Regulation

- Designing behaviorally sound regulation
- Reducing regulatory avoidance
- Compliance nudges for financial firms
- Use of defaults and reminders
- Incentives vs. penalties psychology
- **Case Study:** Dodd-Frank Act compliance insights

Module 9: Behavioral Finance and Market Reactions

- Investor psychology
- Market bubbles and panic behavior

- Herding behavior in financial markets
- Role of sentiment analysis
- Speculation vs. rational trading
- **Case Study:** 2008 Financial Crisis through a behavioral lens

Module 10: Financial Stability Through Behavioral Lenses

- Macroprudential policy behavior
- Behavioral early warning systems
- Household leverage and overconfidence
- Moral hazard in bailouts
- Crisis communication
- **Case Study:** IMF behavioral policy interventions

Module 11: Loss Aversion and Framing Effects

- Understanding loss aversion
- Framing policy trade-offs
- Emotional weighting of losses vs. gains
- Retirement policy framing examples
- Behavioral impact of negative rates
- **Case Study:** Swiss National Bank and interest rate shocks

Module 12: Digital Finance and Behavioral Triggers

- CBDCs and behavioral adoption
- Online nudges in mobile banking
- Trust-building in digital platforms
- Gamification in financial literacy
- UX design and behavioral finance
- **Case Study:** Behavioral wallet design for central banks

Module 13: Behavioral Data for Monetary Policy

- Integrating behavioral datasets
- Consumer sentiment indices
- Big data + micro-behavior analysis
- Limits of traditional indicators
- Policy adjustments via real-time behavior
- **Case Study:** Using Google Trends in inflation prediction

Module 14: Experimental Economics for Policy Innovation

- Designing behavioral experiments
- Randomized control trials in policy
- Field vs. lab experiments
- Measuring long-term behavioral shifts
- Ethical considerations
- **Case Study:** Central Bank of Kenya mobile savings trial

Module 15: Global Applications of Behavioral Economics

- Cross-cultural behavior variations
- International policy coordination
- Behavioral diversity in market systems
- Global case benchmarking

- Adaptive behavior in crises
- **Case Study:** Behavioral policymaking during COVID-19 by global central banks

Training Methodology

- Interactive lectures using real-world applications
- Group case study analysis and simulation exercises
- Gamified behavioral experiments and field design
- Expert panels and central bank guest speakers
- Digital learning toolkit with behavior tracking tools

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Certification

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Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

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Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Online	$2,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000

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23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$9,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000

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