



A World Class Training Provider

Practical Geostatistics & Mineral Resource Estimation

The Oaklands Inn & Conference Centre, Randburg,
Johannesburg
18th -22nd May 2026

Delegates can claim 40 CPD with GSSA and SACNASP credits (it will attract 5 Category 1 credits)

Comprehensive and up to date training course that will prepare and equip you with the necessary knowledge and techniques to accurately estimate and evaluate mineral resource based on practical methods that has been proven worldwide



Led by World Class Expert

Dr. Isobel Clark

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Professional mining engineer with over 50 years of experience
Author of Practical Geostatistics (1979) and (2000)
Director, Geostokos Limited, Scotland
Former Professor of Practice at University of Johannesburg
Former Professor, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg
Former Visiting Professor Camborne School of Mines
11 years of lecturing at Royal School of Mines, London

This 5-day course will consist of two parts.

Part 1 – Practical Geostatistics Workshop

The first 3 days of the course will cover the practical aspect of Geostatistics. It will bring the delegates to in-depth understanding of the mysteries of ordinary kriging and its variants. This is a classroom course and includes manual exercises to reinforce understanding of the techniques. This workshop composed of lectures augmented by practical PC/laptop-based exercises covering many different applications. Case studies ranging from coal through base metals and iron ore to precious metals such as gold and platinum will be covered. All case studies are drawn from Dr Clark's extensive worldwide experience. Practical Geostatistics is aimed at any professionals dealing with the estimation from or interpolation between samples collected on a spatial basis. A minimum of mathematics is necessary to explain the techniques - mainly simple algebra, up to understanding the concepts behind solving simple sets of simultaneous equations and differentiating x^2 . Questions and discussions are actively encouraged. Participants are advised to bring a laptop.

Part 2 – Mineral Resource Estimation

Participants in this Master Class are expected to be conversant with Geostatistical procedures or at least completed Practical Geostatistics Workshop. Participants are invited to contribute discussion and ideas from their own practical experiences and to bring their own data for preliminary analysis during and after the workshop. The workshop is aimed at professionals who are interested in discussing the real world application of resource estimation techniques. Using little or no mathematics, Isobel Clark discusses casestudies involving interpretation of everyday questions, such as:

- Is my data homogeneous enough for geostatistical mapping?
- Do I have trends in my data and (if so) what kind?
- How do I interpret semi-variograms which deviate from the ideal shapes?
- What Kriging method should I use (if any)?
- Should I be using Kriging results at all?

This course will be an interactive and participative workshop where participants will be encouraged to discuss their own practice and compare it to others and recognised best practice. Real projects and case studies will form an important part of the workshop and participants will be encouraged to discuss and reflect on their own organisations practices and ways to improve them.

BYO – BRING YOUR OWN SESSIONS!!

Get the trainer to address the concern you have in YOUR OWN projects!
YOU can BRING and ANALYSE YOUR own data using Practical Geostatistics 2000 teaching software under the supervision of Dr. Isobel Clark. Take away copies of all software and data sets! You will be provided with a CD containing all relevant teaching materials.

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Who Should Attend

But not limited to:

- Mining Geologists (Exploration, Production, Resource)
- Mining Engineers
- Mine Surveyors
- Geologist
- Geologist(Trainee)
- Mineral Resource Managers
- MRM Practitioners
- Sampling Personnel
- Sampling Supervisors/Managers
- biologists
- Metallurgist(Trainee)
- Mineral Resource Managers
- Resource Analysts
- Mine Managers
- Mine Supervisors
- Geophysicists
- Geochemist
- Geometallurgist
- Statisticians

Certificate of Attendance

Upon the successful completion of this course, you will receive a Certificate of Attendance bearing the signatures from Dr. Isobel Clark and the Course Organizer. The Certificate will also indicate your CPD Credits and serve towards your professional advancement.

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Course Content

Part 1 (18th -20th May 2026) **Practical Geostatistics**

Session 1

- The basic assumptions of spatial estimation methods
- Inverse Distance interpolation methods

Session 2

Statistical Methods

- Classical statistics: the Normal distribution
- Confidence levels
- Standard errors

Session 3

Statistical Methods

- Construction and interpretation of semi-variograms
- Identification of trends
- Multi-component models
- Confirmation of basic assumptions
- Outliers

Session 4

Geostatistical Methods

- The experimental semi-variogram
- Modelling semi-variograms
- Trends
- Anisotropy
- Geological features

Session 5

Geostatistical Methods

- Ordinary Kriging
- Lognormal methods
- Indicator methods
- Regression problems (conditional bias)
- Simulation

Session 6

Case Studies and discussions on your own data (BYO)

Delegates are required to bring their laptops to the course

Part 2 (20th -22nd May 2026) **Mineral Resource Estimation**

In Part 2 of this course YOU will be bringing YOUR own data. This will be a BYO session preliminary study of real data sets and open discussion guided by participants' interests and previous Q&A sessions.

on participants' interests we can go indepth to the following topics:

- 1. Basic assumptions and requirements for mineral resource estimation
- 2. Data validation, top-cuts and capping
- 3. Construction, interpretation and modelling of semi-variograms
- 4. Model validation and reconciliation with geological knowledge
- 5. Geostatistical resource estimation, 3D and block modelling and Kriging
- 6. Other Kriging techniques, such as MLK and Lognormal Kriging
- 7. Geostatistical Simulations and Risk Assessment
- 8. Grade control
- 9. Drill hole spacing analysis

Session 7

Case Studies and BYO

- construction and interpretation of semi-variograms
- identification of trends
- confirmation of basic assumptions
- outliers

Session 8

Case Studies and BYO

- choice of appropriate kriging techniques
- **practical applications of kriging**

Session 9

Case Studies and BYO

- discussion of case studies from course participants
- general discussion of case studies

Session 10

Case Studies and BYO

- general discussion of case studies
- simulation techniques



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