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### Innovations in the Informal Settings: Perspectives from India

Gautam Sharma will present findings from his working paper, "Innovations in the Informal Settings: Perspectives from India".

**Abstract:** The mainstream literature on innovation primarily focuses on the development of new products and processes in firms, research institutes, and universities situated within the formal sector of the economy. However, innovations also emerge in other settings, involving actors with different motivations and goals. The informal settings in this paper denote the context where people live and work, often called the informal economy or the informal sector. In India, the literature on informal innovation is dominated by the discourse on grassroots innovations. This paper employed a qualitative research design to examine the theoretical foundations of informal innovations in India, its historical perspectives, and the current policy and practices to institutionalize or mainstream these innovations. The study provides implications for both policy and practice while also suggesting prospective areas for further research in this field.



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April 27th

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6.00-7.00 p.m.