Objective

A workshop on "Institutions, Networks and Start-ups" will be held at IIT Kanpur from 18-19 March 2017. This workshop is part of an on-going project titled “Courts, Networks, and Start-Ups: Institutions Matter for South Asian Small Enterprises” and funded by International Development Research Centre. This project examines the economic consequences of courts on businesses in South Asia. Specifically, it aims to analyse how courts and other institutional barriers prevent new small and medium entrepreneurs from entering the market and creating jobs. This is especially true for women and people from low castes. The purpose of this workshop is to bring together academicians; practitioners and policymakers to discuss issues related to the role of state and contract enforcement institutions in facilitating the growth of Start-ups in India.
08:00-09:00  Breakfast

09:15-09:30  Inauguration by Professor Manindra Agrawal, Deputy Director, Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur

**Session I - Presentation**

09:30-10.20  Ritwik Banerjee, Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore  
*Monetary and non-monetary interventions to combat corruption*

10:20-10:45  Tea Break

10:45-11.35  Abhiroop Mukhopadhyay, Indian Statistical Institute, New Delhi  
*Efficiency consequences of affirmative action in elections: Theory and evidence from India*

11:45-12:35  Sukanta Bhattacharya, Calcutta University  
*Group formation and endogenous information collection in microcredit*

12:45-14:15  Lunch Break

**Session II - Presentation**

14:30-15:20  Anirban Mukherjee, Calcutta University  
*Formal institution, caste network and occupational mobility*

15:30-15:50  Ramapriya Gopalkrishnan, Advocate, Madras High Court  
*Start-ups: The new labour law regime*

15:50-16:20  Tea Break

**Session III - Panel Discussion**

16:30-17:30  *Court, network and ease of doing business*  
Parikshit Ghosh (DSE); Tridip Ray (ISID); Mausumi Das (DSE); Rahul Patel (EezyNaukri); Ramapriya Gopalkrishnan (Madras High Court); R. Giridharan (ICSI)