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## **COMMUNITIES, NETWORKS AND DEVELOPMENT**

### **Abstract:**

This lecture will provide an overview of ongoing research on the role of communities and networks in economic development of India and China. By overcoming both market and state failures, they represent important independent drivers of the development process. The first half of the lecture will focus on the role of communities defined by social or geographic proximity in explaining variations in the pace and direction of industrial entrepreneurship in mid-19th century India and contemporary China. The second half will examine the role of economic and political networks in agricultural development and rural inequality in West Bengal villages, and the scope for harnessing local networks to improve targeting of rural development programs.

### **About Speaker:**

Dilip Mookherjee is a Professor of Economics at Boston University. He received his PhD from the London School of Economics in 1982, and has previously taught at Stanford University and the Indian Statistical Institute. His research interests include development economics, contract and organization theory. Recent projects on the Indian economy include rural development, microfinance and financial development, entrepreneurship and governance reforms. He is Lead Academic of the IGC India Central Program, and serves on the editorial board of Ideas for India.

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