

Can e-payments fix India's social safety net?

A PDEL Innovation Research Workshop



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(across from UC San Diego)**

Professors Muralidharan and Niehaus will discuss their current research on the impact of using biometric smartcard payments in India to improve the implementation and efficiency of anti-poverty programs. This research was conducted in partnership with the government using one of the largest randomized controlled trials ever done, and is directly relevant to understanding the likely impacts of India's ambitious initiative to provide all residents with a biometric Unique ID linked to a bank account.

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