

# Democratic Participation in the Informal Labour Sector: Politics, Institutions, Policies, and Practices

Monday

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15:00-18:00

Venue: Shivaji Hall, Main Building, Savitribai Phule Pune University (SPPU), Ganeshkhind

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Organised by the Department of Sociology, Savitribai Phule Pune University with Ambedkar University Delhi, TraffLab (ERC) - Tel Aviv University and RMIT University (Melbourne)

It is a challenge to analyze the dynamics of the expansion of the informal sector with all its myriad forms and the intensity and extent of the issues that it raises about urban life, human rights in neo-liberal times, labor market institutions, practices, and working conditions, social security and welfare, democratic participation and representation, and the shaping of a new Urban in India. This international and interdisciplinary workshop serves as opportunity to bring together interdisciplinary scholars, policymakers, and activists to explore these themes.

## 15:00 DEMOCRACY, INCLUSIVITY, AND SOCIAL DYNAMICS IN THE REPRESENTATION OF INFORMAL WORKERS

### Chair:

Kiran Moghe, Centre for Trade Unions

### Speakers:

Shruti Tambe, Savitribai Phule Pune University

Shelley Marshall, RMIT University, Melbourne

Hila Shamir, Tel Aviv University and PI TraffLab (ERC)

Babu P. Remesh, Ambedkar University Delhi

Babu Mathew, National Law School of India University, Bengaluru

Prabhu Mohapatra, University of Delhi

Rahul Sapkal, Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay

## 16:30 BEYOND UNIONS: ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF ORGANIZING: COOPERATIVES, MICRO-FINANCE, AND MORE

### Chair:

Vibhuti Patel, SNDT Women's University, Mumbai

### Speakers:

Medha Samant, Former Professor, School of Development Studies, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai

Poornima Chikarmane, SNDT Women's University, Mumbai

Varsha Ayyar, Centre for Labour Studies, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai

Chandan Kumar, Hamal Panchayat

