LINEAGES OF THE PEOPLE:
Embedded and transregional histories of contemporary populism

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University of Göttingen, Germany

Venue: Alte Mensa, Wilhelmsplatz 1, 37073 Göttingen
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New York University (Urban Democracy Lab)

WORKSHOP PROGRAM

THURSDAY AUGUST 17

9:00-9:30 Introductions

9:30-1:30 Global Populisms and Traveling Theories
• Gianpaolo Baiocchi, NYU: "From Populism to Popular Sovereignty and Back"
• Cihan Tugal, University of California-Berkeley: "The Right’s Embrace and the Left’s Evasion of Populism: Global and American dynamics"
• Denise Ferreira da Silva, University of British Columbia: "Jus Gentium and the Workings of the Colonial, the Racial, and the National in the Global Present"
• Ghassan Hage, University of Melbourne: "The Politics of White Restoration"

1:30-2:30 Lunch

2:30 – 6:30 Media and Cultural Lineages
• Paula Chakravartty, NYU and Srirupa Roy, University of Göttingen: "Getting Populism off the Couch”
• Riccardo Chesta, European University Institute: “Populism in Southern Europe: Cultural and ideological lineages of the Movimento5Stelle in Italy and Podemos in Spain"
• Yoav Halperin, NYU: "Mediating the People: The construction of populist publics on Israeli social media"
• Walter Armbrust, University of Oxford: "Pioneers of the New Authoritarianism: Egypt and the post-truth era"

7:00 Dinner for workshop participants
FRIDAY AUGUST 18

9:00-11:15  Nationalism and Populism
  • Sinem Adar and Gulay Turkmen, University of Göttingen: "Nations Dissolving? Populism, nationalism, and emotional disintegration"
  • Gholam Khiabany, Goldsmiths College: "Populism and Nationalism as ‘Bogus Class Struggle:’ The case of Brexit"

11:30- 1:30  Law and Populism
  • Ran Hirschl, University of Göttingen: "Opting Out of Global Constitutionalism"
  • Anuj Bhuwania, South Asian University, Delhi: "Judicial Populism: The career of a concept"

1:30- 2:30  Lunch

2:30-6:30  Electoral and Governance Contexts
  • Gabriel Vommaro, National University of General Sarmiento, Argentina: "The double life of populism in Argentina: Conceptual debates and moral-political contention in times of centre-leftist governments"
  • Aradhana Sharma, Wesleyan College: "Swaraj, Su-raj and Beyond: Good governance populism in India today"
  • Manali Desai, University of Cambridge and Cedric De Leon, Tufts University: "Lineages of Populism: Party articulation in the US and India, 1980-present"
  • Olle Tornquist, University of Oslo: "Indonesia and the Dilemmas of Populist Transactionalism"

7:00  Dinner for workshop participants

Session Chairs/Discussants
  • Matthias Koenig, University of Göttingen
  • Dominic Sachsenmeier, University of Göttingen
  • Rupa Viswanath, University of Göttingen
  • Andreas Busch, University of Göttingen
  • Srirupa Roy, University of Göttingen
  • Gianpaolo Baiocchi, NYU
  • Paula Chakravartty, NYU