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# Populism: what's next for democracy?

## Symposium at the Institute for Governance and Policy Analysis



*In collaboration with Sydney Democracy Network (SDN) at the University of Sydney*

Representative democracy almost everywhere is besieged by populist movements, parties and governments. The new populism attacks 'the establishment' for having let 'the people' down by allowing globalism to run wild. It relies on exceptional leaders to serve as the embodiment of 'We the People', and it stirs up anxieties about anarchic competitive growth, state-enforced austerity policies, increasing immigration, growing inequalities and recurrent economic crises tendencies.

Populism speaks directly to all of those who feel ignored and pushed aside by global forces, and it demands answers to many pressing questions.

To what extent is populism a democratic phenomenon? So what comes after democracy? As growing numbers of voters line up behind populism, do all established parties and interest organisations have to adapt to populism? Are there democratic ways of confronting the populist challenge?

Given that populists seem bent on 'crushing' the system by keeping its political institutions and processes in perpetual disequilibrium, can populism in practice be tamed? Is it true that populists offer little advice as to how best to conduct good politics and policy 'for', 'with' and 'by' real people? Can their anti-pluralist and anti-globalist vision be realised in practice? And where is all this leading us? Does democracy have a future? What are democrats to do in these times?

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- 12:30**      **Welcome and Introduction**
- 12:40**      **Simon Tormey, the University of Sydney, SDN**  
*Populism: Democracy's Pharmakon?*
- 12:50**      **Carolyn Hendriks**
- 12:54**      Open floor
- 13:00**      **Patrick Dunleavy, London School of Economics, IGPA**  
*"Tax a shed". "Build a wall". The constructive and destructive potential of anti-statism and 'naïve' statism in populist public policies*
- 13:10**      **Paul Fawcett**
- 13:14**      Open floor
- 13:20**      **Henrik Bang IGPA**  
*The Lifeworld Strikes Back: Populism vs. Self-Governance*
- 13:30**      **David Marsh**
- 13:34**      Open floor

### POPULISM AND THE MEDIA

- 13:40**      **Alessandro Nai, the University of Sydney, SDN**  
*Personality and campaign style of populist candidates: new comparative evidence from 30 elections worldwide*
- 13:50**      **Michael J. Jensen**
- 13:54**      Open floor
- 14:00**      **Coffee Break**
- 14:20**      **Michael J. Jensen, IGPA**  
*Mediatization and Populism*
- 14:30**      **John Keane**
- 14:34**      Open floor

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### THE POPULIST CHALLENGE WORLDWIDE

- 14:40** **David Marsh IGPA and Emma Vines, Australian National University**  
*BREXIT: Populism and Elite Political Opportunism*
- 14:50** **Mary Walsh**
- 14:54** Open floor
- 15:00** **Hendrik Wagenaar, The University of Sheffield, Geert Wilders: the Dutch experience**
- 15:10** **Diane Stone**
- 15:14** Open floor
- 15:20** **Diane Stone, University of Warwick and Canberra**  
*State Capture and Illiberal Democracy in Hungary*
- 15:30** **Wawan Mas'udi**
- 15:34** Open floor
- 15:40** **Wawan Mas'udi, Gadjah Mada University, Indonesia**  
*Populist politics in contemporary Indonesia: Jokowi's rise to power*
- 15:50** **Heba Batainah**
- 15:54** Open floor
- 16:00** Leg stretching
- 16:10** **Dugald Monro, IGPA**  
*Is There a Populist Threat to Pluralist Representative Democracy in Australia?*
- 16:20** **David Marsh**
- 16:24** Open floor
- 16:30** **Heba Batainah, IGPA** *A return to patriotism: Multiculturalism as political education*
- 16:40** **Jean-Paul Gagnon**
- 16:44** Open floor
- 16:50** **Adele Klara Lausberg, University of Adelaide**  
*Populism and new forms of collaborative activities within the Australian Parliament*
- 17:00** **Dugald Monro**
- 17:04** Open floor
- 17:10** **Esha Madhavan, University of Madras** *Populism in India*
- 17:20** **Adele Klara Lausberg**
- 17:24** Open floor
- 20:00** **Dinner ZEUS STREET GREEK, City**

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09:30	Morning Coffee
	<b>POPULISM, NEOLIBERALISM AND THE RADICAL LEFT</b>
10:00	<b>John Keane, the University of Sydney, SDN</b> <i>Comments on Chantal Mouffe's 'The Populist Challenge'</i>
10:10	<b>Lucy J. Parry</b>
10:14	Open floor
10:20	<b>Paul Fawcett, IGPA</b> <i>Do We Get the Politicians that We Deserve?</i>
10:30	<b>Hendrik Wagenaar</b>
10:34	Open floor
10:40	<b>Mary Walsh, IGPA</b> <i>"All for ourselves &amp; nothing for other people": Populism, Post-Democracy &amp; the Neo-liberal policy ascendancy</i>
10:50	<b>Henrik Bang</b>
10:54	Open floor
11:00	<b>Mick Chisnall, IGPA</b> <i>Deep Stories &amp; the Transgressive Voter: Donald's Discourse &amp; Alternative Facts</i>
11:10	<b>John Keane</b>
11:14	Open floor
11:20	Leg stretching

### POPULISM AND DELIBERATIVE DEMOCRACY

11:35	<b>Jean-Paul Gagnon, Selen Ercan, and Lucy J Parry, IGPA</b> <i>Class is Back: Neoliberal Representation and its Forgotten People.</i>
11:45	<b>Patrick Dunleavy</b>
11:49	Open floor
11:55	<b>Albert W. Dzur, Bowling Green State University, Ohio and Carolyn Hendriks, ANU</b> <i>Think 'Thick': democracy-enhancing populism?</i>
12:05	<b>Max Halupka</b>
12:09	Open floor
12:15	<b>Nicole Curato and Lucy J. Parry, IGPA</b> <i>From populist rhetoric to deliberative reason: rising to the challenge</i>
12:25	<b>Adele Webb</b>
12:29	Open floor
12:35	Lunch

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### POPULISM, PARTICIPATION AND FREEDOM

- 13:50**     **Max Halupka, IGPA**  
*Trump, Anonymous and the Rise of the Anti-System*
- 14:00**     **Henrik Bang**
- 14:04**     Open floor
- 14:10**     **Bruno Rodriguez Armesto, the University of Sydney**  
*Ahora Madrid: democratic alternatives from Spanish populism*
- 14:20**     **Simon Tormey**
- 14:24**     Open floor
- 14:30**     **Adele Webb, the University of Sydney, SDN**  
*Ambivalence about Democracy: Considering Populism's Demand Side*
- 14:40**     **Nicole Curato**
- 14:44**     Open floor
- 14:50**     Open concluding discussion
- 15:30**     **Goodbye for now**



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