

ICAS:MP Inaugural Meeting  
**Populism and the shifting coordinates of the political**  
14 - 15 March 2018

India International Centre (IIC), IIC Annex, Lecture Room II, 40, Max Mueller Marg, New Delhi

**Day 1: Wednesday, 14 March 2018**

09:30 Registration

10:00 *Welcome Address*

Martin Fuchs (ICAS:MP Co-Director, Max Weber Kolleg Erfurt)

10:15 *Introduction*

Ravi Vasudevan (Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, Delhi)

10:45 Tea & Coffee Break

11:15 *Populist Politics and the Complicity of Social Science: Lessons from Brexit and Trump*

Gurminder K Bhambra (University of Sussex)

Chair: Elisabeth Schömbucher-Kusterer (University of Würzburg)

Discussant: Mary E. John (Centre for Women's Development Studies, Delhi)

12:30 *Authoritarian Populism and the Opaque Economy*

Satish Deshpande (Delhi School of Economics)

Chair & Discussant: Prabhu Mohapatra (Delhi University)

13:30 Lunch

14:30 *Aesthetics and Politics*

Chair: Tanika Sarkar

*A Goddess, a Chief Minister and a City: Reflections on a Festival-Mode of Populist Politics*

Tapati Guha-Thakurta (Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta)

Discussant: Janaki Nair (Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi)

*Monstrous Unions: Aesthetic Dimensions of Protests and Populism*

Stefan Jonsson (Linköping University, Sweden)

Discussant: Kaushik Bhaumik (Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi)

16:30 Tea & Coffee Break

17:00 Keynote 1: *The Eyes of Chávez. Post-truth and Populism in Venezuela*

Rafael Sánchez, (The Graduate Institute, Geneva)

Chair: Andreas Gestrich (German Historical Institute, London)

Discussant: Thomas Blom Hansen (Stanford University)

18:30 Reception & Dinner

**Day 2: Thursday, 15 March 2018**

09:00 Tea & Coffee

09:30 *Countering Authoritarian Populism*

Chair: Shail Mayaram (Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, Delhi)

*The Nirgun "People" and the Aam Admi Party's Democratic Address*

Aditya Nigam (Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, Delhi)

Discussant: Srirupa Roy (CeMIS, Göttingen University)

*Friendship and the Concept of the Political in Turkey*

Kabir Tambar, (Stanford University)

Discussant: Rajeev Bhargava (Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, Delhi)

11:30 Tea & Coffee Break

12:00 *Democracy against the law. Reflections on India's illiberal democracy*

Thomas Blom Hansen (Stanford University)

Chair and Discussant: Niraja Gopal Jayal (Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi)

13:30 Lunch

14:30 *Media and Populist Mobilization* (SSRC/Sarai-CSDS panel)

Chair: Paula Chakravartty (New York University)

*Takeaways from Populism 1.0: NT Rama Rao's Election Campaign in 1982-83*

S.V. Srinivas (Azim Premji University, Bangalore)

*Measuring the Populist Pulse: Digital Intimacy and Its Metadata in Turkey*

Murat Es and Rolien Hoyng (Chinese University of Hongkong)

Discussion: Media Infrastructures and political mobilization

Ravi Sundaram (Centre for the Study of Developing Societies/Sarai, Delhi)

17:00 High Tea

17:30 Keynote 2: *Populist Reason in India*

Partha Chatterjee (Columbia, NY; CSSSC Kolkata)

Chair and Discussant: Nivedita Menon (Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi)