

CONCEPT NOTE

Media is considered to be the fourth pillar of any democratic society. Media is responsible for extracting truth and placing it before the members of the society because truth helps in crystallizing the decisions. Hence, every democracy needs an independent and impartial press in order to be able to make informed decisions in society. While digital platforms provide scope for a wide variety of ideas, under the influence of populist leaders they can also lead to manipulation and the spread of misinformation in the age of networks.

Social networks have become an integral part of our lives and politics in the present time. In the midst of the pandemic and post pandemic society, the importance of digital platforms for communicating, socialising and getting information became clear. It is therefore all the more important to understand their role as a communication channel in democracies. Democracies of the present time claimed to be compromising on many fronts especially on the values of democracy as populism is used as dark curtains to hide the truth.

Populist politics is on the rise globally. In a large number of countries, from global north to global south, populist politics is fast gaining ground replacing to a great extent the liberal-constitutional discourses and practices of politics. South Asia is no exception and obviously India has been the crucible of several types of populism over time. Populist political forces have played significant roles in Indian Politics, and have varied in their vision of political community, in the social groups they targeted, policies they pursued, and in their impact on democracy.

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In our interconnected world, we are confronted with increasingly polarised societies. With this in mind, it is important to question who and what decides the content, how we consume content and how we shape our digital future in order to ensure that liberal and democratic values are promoted in all areas.

CALL FOR PAPERS

This seminar is to deliberate upon these critical issues which become the harsh reality globally and especially of India. It is said that the media is supposed to scratch the truth but in reality the media is questioned to create the truth or craft the truth which is actually not truth but only narrative and perception. It is argued that populism that was considered to be the anti-elite idea becomes a tool of elites to confine the dreams of the populous. Consequently, many believe that there are signposts of backsliding of democracy in India and at global level. This seminar is an honest attempt to unravel the truth and find out what can be the best possible way to strengthen democracy and understand the interconnection between media, populism and democracy.

ACCOMMODATION

Disclaimer:

No TA/DA will be given. Scholars are requested to manage on their own.

BROADER THEMES

- Media populism worldwide
- Populism and democracy in India
- Media and authoritative Populism in India
- Backsliding of democracy
- Political parties and their populism
- Changing nature of populism in India
- Populism, Religion and the Media in India
- Populism and foreign policy in India
- Rise of Populism in Northeast India
- Populism as threat to civil society
- Impact of populism on democracy
- Competitive electoral populism in India and world

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- Contact details: active whatsapp number and working email.
- To write abstract and paper follow the APA guidelines.

KEY DATES

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10th March 2025

Confirmation of Abstract Selection:

12th March 2025

Last date of full paper submission:

22nd March 2025

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