

**WHO ARE THE PEOPLE?
POPULISM AND THE POPULIST MOVEMENTS**

An International Conference

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Date: August 31-September 1, 2018 || Venue: Swabhumi, Kolkata

Day 1 (August 31, 2018)

- 09.30 am -10.00 am** **Registration**
- 10.00 am -10.30 am** **Inaugural Address**
Ranabir Samaddar, *Distinguished Chair, Mahanirban
Calcutta Research Group (MCRG), Kolkata*
- 10.30 am - 11.00 am** **Tea**
- 11.00 am - 12.30 pm** **Panel Discussion I**
**Populism as a Global Phenomenon: Ideology,
Dialogue, Political Approach**
- Moderator & Discussant: Bishnu Mohapatra,**
Independent Researcher
- Panelists:**
- Samir Kumar Das**, *University of Calcutta, Kolkata*
'Representing "My People": Ethnicity and Populist Leadership'
- Sumona DasGupta**, *Independent Researcher*
'Populist Policies in Contemporary India: Some Reflections on the Aam Aadmi Party
and Implications for Democratic Governance'
- Ambar Kumar Ghosh**, *Siliguri College, Siliguri*
'Political Populism in India: An Impediment in the Growth of Democratic
Institutions?'
- Rajesh Kharat**, *Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi*
'An Ambedkarian Movement in South Asia: A Critical Appraisal'
- 12.30 pm - 01.30 pm** **Lunch**

01. 30 pm - 03.00 pm Panel Discussion II
Institutions, Immigrants and Populist Politics

Moderator & Discussant: Ranabir Samaddar,
Distinguished Chair, MCRG, Kolkata

Panelists:

Sudeep Basu, *Central University of Gujarat, Gandhinagar*

‘Institutions, Immigrants and Populism: A Reflection’

Nasreen Chowdhory, *University of Delhi, New Delhi*

‘The Idea of Protection and India’s Refugee Conundrum: A Conversation...’

Saiful Huq Omi, *Photographer and Filmmaker, Dhaka, Bangladesh*

‘Documenting a Genocide for a Decade: My life with the Rohingyas’

Amrita Patel, *State Project Co-ordinator, Government of Odisha*

‘Climate Change, Women and Planned Relocation: Some Explorations in the Context of Satbhaya, Odisha’

03.00 pm - 04.30 pm Panel Discussion III
Populism and Gender

Moderator & Discussant: Ritu Menon, *Women Unlimited, New Delhi*

Panelists:

Anushaya Collure, *South Asians for Human Rights (SAHR), Colombo, Sri Lanka*

‘Women: Victims Turned Agents of Change’

Asha Hans, *Sansristi, Bhubaneswar*

‘Migration and Climate Change: Women Forced to Move’

Paula Banerjee, *Sanskrit College and University, Kolkata*

‘Forced Victimhood: Women in the Refugee Movement’

Ruchira Goswami, *National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata*

‘Populism: Gender-based Violence and Judicial Response’

Samata Biswas, *Bethune College, Kolkata*

‘Being Women, Becoming Students: Students’ Movements and the Question of Gender’

Day 2 (September 1, 2018)

10.30 am - 11.00 am Tea and Registration

11.00 am - 11.20 am Photo-Exhibit on Documentation of Popular Movements

11.30 am - 1.00 pm

Panel Discussion IV
Populism and its Attitude to Law

Moderator & Discussant: Sibaji Pratim Basu,
Vidyasagar University, Medinipur

Panelists:

Sabir Ahmed, *Pratichi Trust, Kolkata*

‘People’s Struggle for Freedom of Information in India’

Parivelan K.M., *Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai*

‘Popular Movements in Tamil Nadu with Focus on Sterilite Protest and Shoot-out Incident’

Sahana Basavapatna, *Factum Law, Bangalore*

‘Populist Politics Speaking to the Law: the Case of Assam Sanmilita Mahasangha v Union of India and Ors’

01.00 pm - 02.00pm

Lunch

02.00 pm - 03.30 pm

Concluding Session

Movie

Vote of Thanks