Backlash: The Rise of Populism in Global Perspective

The discussion will place recent popular upheavals (the US elections, Brexit, etc.) in transnational perspective. The panel will introduce rising populism briefly and address questions including: how rising economic inequality and frustration with reigning economic orthodoxy have fueled populist surges; why populism sometimes manifests as a right-wing and sometimes a left-wing phenomenon; why trust in political institutions and mainstream media has eroded and what role social media and alternative sources of news and information have played in facilitating populism; likely trajectories of this populist wave and its broader implications; and, the appropriate role of a university in responding to a populism driven in part by distrust of elites and suspicion of expertise.

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