



**Garia Society for Studies
of Marginal People**
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10:30 a.m. Onwards

Theme- **Populism in Humanities and
Social Sciences: The South Asian Chapter.**



Sub Theme

Political & Institutional

- Populist leadership and charisma in South Asian democracies (India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal)
- Populism and the erosion/reconfiguration of parliamentary institutions
- Electoral franchise & populism, mass mobilization, and populist party organization
- Populism versus/within federalism and regional politics
- Environmental populism and climate politics in South Asia

Religion, Ethnicity & Identity

- Religious nationalism and populist discourse (Hindutva, Islamism, Buddhist nationalism, etc.)
- Ethnic majoritarianism and minority exclusion
- Caste, populism, and subaltern political assertion
- Populism and diaspora identity politics

Media, Culture & Language

- Social media, WhatsApp politics, and digital populist mobilization
- Populism in cinema, television, and popular culture
- Vernacular/regional-language media and populist rhetoric
- Memes, satire, and populist communication styles

Economy & Class

- Economic populism: welfare politics, subsidies, and patronage
- Agrarian distress and peasant movement as populist mobilization
- Populism and neoliberal economic reform
- Informal labor, Urban Poverty, and populist appeals

Gender & Everyday Life

- Gender, masculinity, and populist political style
- Women as symbols and subjects in populist rhetoric
- Populism and family/kinship-based political dynamics

Comparative & Theoretical

- South Asian populism in comparative/global perspective (Latin America, Europe)
- Postcolonial theory and the specificity of South Asian populism
- Populism versus/alongside authoritarianism and democratic backsliding
- Historical genealogies: populism from anti-colonial movements to the present

Law, Rights & Civil Society

- Populism, judiciary, and constitutionalism
- Civil society, NGOs, and shrinking dissent space
- Human rights discourse under populist governance.



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