

# GLOBAL POPULISM

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## HOW NOT TO THINK ABOUT POPULISM

*Jan-Werner Müller, Princeton University*

**February 12, 2018**

**4:30 – 6:00 pm | Gore Hall 103**

This lecture addresses the question of how best to understand populism and what structural changes in our modern democracies might have facilitated its emergence. It then turns to the matter of how professional politicians and citizens at large should deal with the challenge of populism. Finally, it makes some suggestions as to how the structural problems associated with contemporary democracies might be addressed.

**Jan-Werner Müller** works on democratic theory and the history of political thought. His books include *Contesting Democracy: Political Ideas in Twentieth-Century Europe* (Yale University Press, 2011) and *Constitutional Patriotism* (Princeton University Press, 2007). His most recent book, *What is Populism?* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2016), has been translated to more than 20 languages.

*"No one has written more insightfully and knowledgeably about Europe's recent democratic decay than Jan-Werner Müller. Müller's depiction of populism as democracy's antipluralist, moralistic shadow is masterful."*

**- Dani Rodrik, Harvard University**

*"Müller's sweeping critique of populism will both instruct and challenge anyone who seeks to understand the roots and nature of the political conflicts that are roiling Europe and the United States."*

**- Michael Kazin, Author of  
The Populist Persuasion: An American History**

*"The most useful work to comprehend Trump's appeal is What Is Populism? Müller defines populism's most salient characteristics—antielitism, antipluralism, exclusivity—and explains Trump and other populists through that framework."*

**- The Washington Post**

*"Populism is not just antiliberal, it is antidemocratic—the permanent shadow of representative politics. That's Jan-Werner Müller's argument in this brilliant book. There is no better guide to the populist passions of the present."*

**- Ivan Krastev, International New York Times**

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