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NADIA URBINATI is the Kyriakos Tsakopoulos Professor of Political Theory at Columbia University. She specializes in modern and contemporary political thought and the democratic and antidemocratic traditions. Her books include Me The People: How Populism Transforms Democracy (Harvard University Press, 2019); The Tyranny of the Moderns (Yale University Press 2015); Democracy Disfigured: Opinion, Truth and the People (Harvard University Press, 2014); Representative Democracy: Principles and Genealogy (University of Chicago Press, 2006), and of Mill on Democracy: From the Athenian Polis to Representative Government (University of Chicago Press, 2002)

3:30PM | Welcome and Opening Remarks
Cristina Lafont & Dilip Gaonkar

3:40PM | Chair: Cristina Lafont
Me the People: How Populism Transforms Democracy
Nadia Urbinati COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

FIRST SESSION Chair: Mary Dietz

4:00PM | Populism as Liberal Desire
William Mazzarella UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

4:20PM | Populism: Disfiguring and Refiguring Democracy
Dilip Gaonkar NORTHWESTERN

4:40PM | Break (10 minutes)

SECOND SESSION Chair: Shmulik Nili

4:50PM | And what about the migrants? On the limits of constitutional democracy, and the inclusiveness of representative claims in Urbinati’s Me the People
Paulina Ochoa Espejo HAVERFORD COLLEGE

5:10PM | Authoritarianism in Democratic Garb. On Urbinati’s Conception of Populism
Axel Mueller NORTHWESTERN

5:30PM | Response
Nadia Urbinati

6:00PM | General Discussion

6:30PM | Reception

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