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**ME THE PEOPLE:
How Populism
Transforms Democracy**

A Discussion With
NADIA URBINATI

Featuring

DILIP GAONKAR | WILLIAM T. S. MAZZARELLA
AXEL MUELLER | PAULINA OCHOA ESPEJO

Friday, April 1, 2022

3:30-6:30PM

Harris Hall 108

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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 anti-democratic 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 *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