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## **Populist Democracies and Mass Communication**

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### **Abstract**

Current democracies across the world are witnessing the rise of populist-authoritarian regimes. The more the electorate and citizenry are angry with growing inequalities and insecurities, the more they prefer political regimes that are only further augmenting economic inequalities and social insecurities. What explains this vicious cycle and what role does communication and mediatisation, rhetoric, popular symbolism and culture play in this will be the focus of the talk.

### **Bio**

Currently Associate Professor, Centre for Political Studies, JNU. His published works include, (ED) Re-Framing Democracy and Agency in India: Interrogating Political Society (Anthem, London, 2012); Politics of Post-Civil Society: Contemporary Political Movements in India (Sage, Delhi, 2013); Maoism, Democracy and Globalisation: Cross-Currents in Indian Politics (Sage, Delhi, 2014); Cultural Politics of Modern India (Aakar Delhi, 2015). He was a visiting scholar with the Centre for Modern South Asian Studies, Tubingen University, Germany, 2015; Visiting Professor, Centre for Modern Indian Studies, Gottingen University, Germany, 2014; Visiting Faculty, Department of Political Science, Calcutta University, 2013; Visiting Fellow, Centre for Citizenship, Civil society and Rule of Law, University of Aberdeen, 2012; Visiting Fellow, Centre for Human Rights, University of Hyderabad, 2011; Visiting Fellow, Goldsmith College, University of London, 2010; Charles Wallace Visiting Fellow, SOAS, London, 2008.

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