



## Clashing Civilizations and Civilizational Identities in Populist Discourses

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Dear Colleagues,

Populism is currently a part of mainstream politics several nations the world over. The relationship between nationalism and civilizational identity in populist discourse and ideology also appears complex, and is likely to differ widely between populist groups and leaders, and across different societies.

This Special Issue therefore invites contributors to consider questions/topics which are not limited to, but inclusive of, the following:

- The relationship between religion, civilization, and populism;
- Populist identity construction and civilization, particularly in non-Western cases;
- The relationship between national and civilizational identity in populist rhetoric;
- Performative populism (gestures, emotional tone, imagery, visual politics and symbolism) and civilization;
- Perspectives of the targets of civilizational populism: particularly religious minorities;
- Responses to the growth of civilizational identity in populist movements and parties;
- Ethnic nationalism and its relationship with civilizational narratives among populists;
- The ‘clash of civilizations’ thesis and its use in populist discourse;





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