

# BOOK LAUNCH

Time: 27 June, 3pm

Venue: Alte Mensa, Wilhelmsplatz 3, Göttingen

## The Political Outsider Indian Democracy and the Lineages of Populism

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By **Srirupa Roy** (CeMIS)

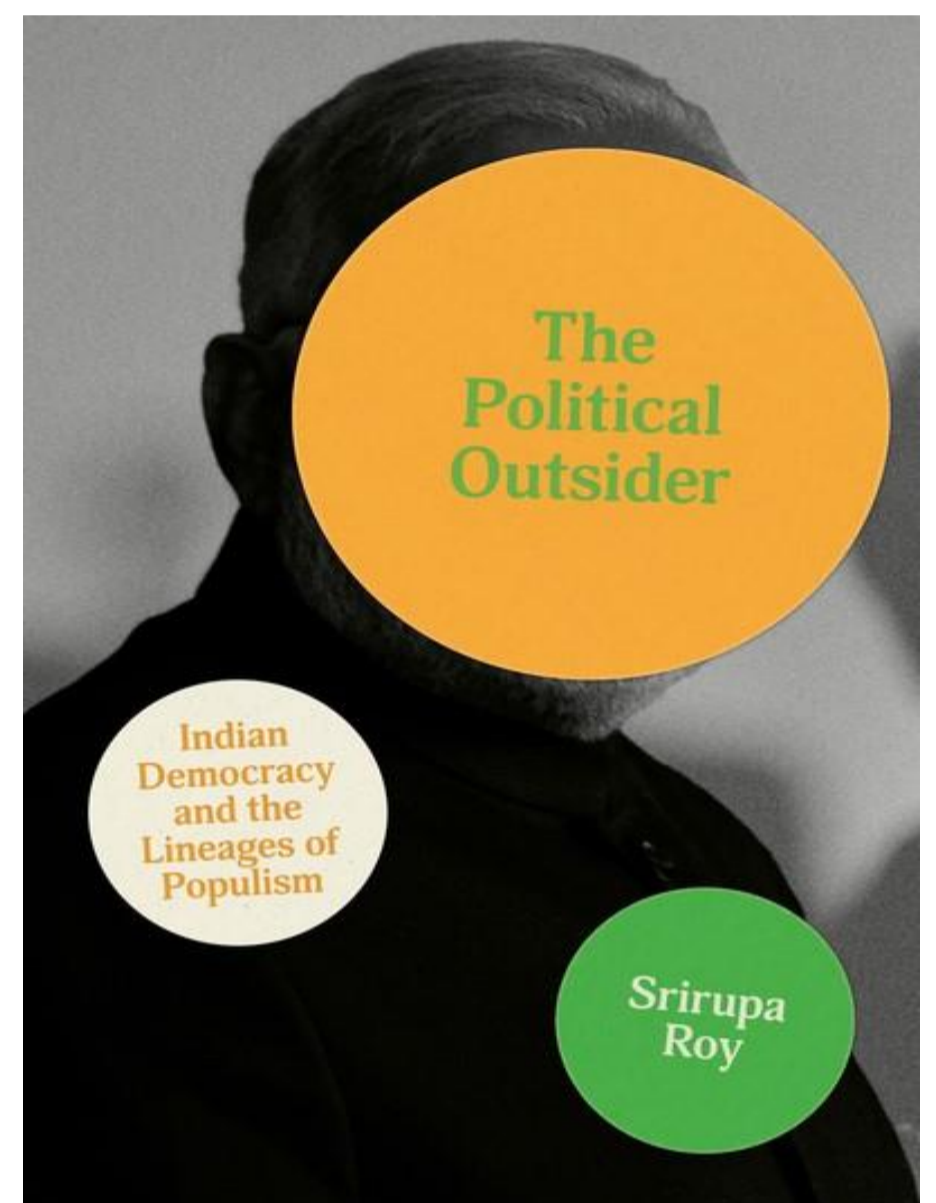
### Discussants:

Christophe Jaffrelot (Sciences Po/King's College London)

Sankaran Krishna (University of Hawai'i, Manoa)

Nate Roberts (CeMIS)

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Tracking the shift from postcolonial nation-building to democracy-rebuilding, Srirupa Roy shows how the political outsider came to be a valorized figure of late-twentieth century Indian democracy, tasked with the urgent mission of curing a broken democratic system—what Roy terms "curative democracy." Drawing attention to an ambivalent political field that folds together authoritarian and democratic forms and ideas, Roy argues that the long 1970s were a crucial turning point in Indian politics, when democracy was suspended by the declaration of a national emergency and then subsequently restored. By tracing the crooked line that connects the ideals of curative democracy and the political outsider to the populist antipolitics and strongman authoritarian rule in present times, this book revisits democracy from India, and asks what the Indian experience tells us about the trajectory of global democratic politics.

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