



KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Playing with fire can get you burnt: conventional politics and populism

We are used by now to mainstream politicians resorting to populism as a response to the threats to their hegemony posed by their more extreme rivals. But it's all too easy to forget that, on many occasions, they were talking in such terms long before those rivals had begun to make waves. Rather than focusing, then, on how populism is supposedly polluting more conventional politics, it is worth exploring whether and how the latter has helped, and continues to help, enable the former. But if it has, and if it continues to do so, does that mean that mainstream politicians could, if they controlled themselves once again, put a stop to populism or at least limit the damage that it is supposedly wreaking on representative democracy the world over? Can the cat, once out of the bag, really be bundled back inside? Can the genie be forced back into the bottle? Or is it too late for that? Must we all be populists now?

DATE: Wednesday, 18 July 2018

TIME: 5 for 5.30pm (estimated finished 7.30pm)

VENUE: Ship Inn Function Space, Sidon Street, S06, Level 2, Entrance Via Griffith Graduate Centre (Building S07), South Bank, Brisbane

Event is free but **Registration is essential**. Please RSVP to a.macdonald@griffith.edu.au by 11 July.

Drinks and refreshments will be served.

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