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## The German Research Foundation (DFG) funds project on populism in the diaspora

Dr. Srirupa Roy, Professor of Political Science/State and Democracy at the Centre for Modern Indian Studies, together with colleagues from France (Sciences-Po), Great Britain (Kings College London), and Japan as an associated partner (Kyoto University) has successfully raised 1.7 million euros from the "Open Research Area" (ORA 8<sup>th</sup> call) funding line for the research project "Diaspora Politics and the International Mainstreaming of National Populism " (InDiPop). CeMIS is the lead institution and will receive 708,700 euros in direct project funding over three years.

In recent years, national populist parties and leaders have gained power in formal democracies around the world, in places as varied as Brazil, the United States, India, and Turkey. There are many compelling accounts of this, but they are largely confined to explanations focused on national political arenas. Departing from the "methodological nationalism" of populism studies, *In-DiPop* will examine the outward-facing dimensions of these political movements. The main focus is on the diaspora mobilizations of Indian national populism, a significant and indeed a globally representative case of diasporic as well as national populist politics.

The Open Research Area funding line is a joint project of the national research funding agencies of France (ANR), Great Britain (ESRC), Canada (SSHRC) and Germany (DFG), and aims to strengthen international cooperation in the field of social sciences. Japan's national research funding agency JSPS is an associated partner. In the belief that the best research results can be achieved through the collaboration of excellent researchers at an international level, the alliance of national research funding agencies finances promising social science research projects across national borders.