

always subject to the challenge of chance, which makes them provisional and open to subsequent unimaginable developments.

Finally, here are some notes to close this chapter. The first concerns the role of the editors of the series in which this volume is published, who invited me, together with the executive editor Ambra Finotello, to conclude the book with final considerations, initially not foreseen. This request of theirs “forced” me to think about the possible stimuli of the different contributions, leading me to draw up these pages. I must thank them for encouraging me to make this effort, which I hope will also be fruitful for the readers. I must then express my gratitude to my colleagues who generously accepted the invitation to participate in the project of this text. A further consideration involves the students who have accompanied me in recent years in the Psychology and Political Communication course I held at the Degree Course in Psychology of Communication and Marketing at the Sapienza University of Rome. With their questions and considerations, even passionate ones, they pushed me to reflect on populism from a psychological point of view, making urgent the need to have a text with a systematic analysis of such a socially and politically relevant topic.

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