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## **New Book on Global Populism Examines Psychology of Blame-Shifting and the Corruption of Democracy**

Chevy Chase, MD – June 14, 2022 – Karyne Messina’s new book, *Resurgence of Global Populism: A Psychoanalytic Study of Projective Identification, Blame-Shifting and the Corruption of Democracy*, (Routledge Publishing, August 2022), offers evidence of how populists can wrest power and sow discord while eroding democratic processes in a slow decline towards authoritarianism.

As a follow up to her 2020 book *Aftermath: Healing from the Trump Presidency*, here Messina examines populism in the U.S., Hungary, Poland, Austria, Australia, New Zealand, Western Europe, Latin America, the Philippines, Turkey, and India.

“*Resurgence of Globalism Populism* provides a psychoanalytic perspective to the global implications of the populist movement in the U.S. and its relationship to other parts of the world, particularly focusing on the presidency and legacy of Donald Trump,” Messina writes.

The book is endorsed by leading psychoanalysts, including David Scharff and Richard Waugaman.

Scharff says: “What sets this book apart is her sure-handed use of a psychoanalytic lens to examine the developmental causes of threats to democracy, the invasive effects of social media, and erosion of good governance.” Adds Waugaman: Messina “cogently applies psychoanalytic thinking to a host of serious dangers that threaten democracy. . . . a role model for psychoanalysts who want to apply their understanding of dynamics beyond the consulting room.”

### **About the Author**

Karyne Messina is a licensed psychologist, psychoanalyst, and author. Her previous books include *Misogyny, Projective Identification, and Mentalization: Psychoanalytic, Social and Institutional Manifestations* (Routledge, 2019) and *Aftermath: Healing from the Trump Presidency*, Washington, DC (IPI Press, 2020).

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