The focus in this paper is on the paramount anxiety shared by right-wing populism in the West and its Islamist counterpart over changing way of life and the rising demands for justice of the marginalized populations including women. They both try to convince the newly mobilized populations that redemption rests in turning the clock back in favour of status quo-ante. The intention however is to draw attention to the contradictory impacts of populists’ agendas on movements for justice and rights.

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