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Populism, the Political and the Enemy

What does it mean to try to matter politically? How can we intervene in the political in an age of populism? Who is the enemy, and is he in the audience? Aaron Bastani and James Butler, co-founders of Novara Media, present reflections on five years of trying to bring radical politics to a popular audience.

Aaron Bastani is a political commentator and co-founder of Novara Media. He has written for numerous publications from the *Guardian* to *Vice*, as well as appearing regularly on television representing the radical left. An expert on politics and media, Aaron holds a doctorate in political science from

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James Butler is a writer and broadcaster from London. After involvement in direct action protests and the British student movement, he co-founded Novara Media, which brings together comment, analysis and theory on radical politics. He has written for publications such as *Vice*, the *Guardian*, the *Independent* and the *LRB*. He maintains an interest in critical theory and the intersection of literature and politics, and has written extensively on the politics of Greek tragedy.

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