

Bio-Note of Prof. Jodi Dean

Prof. Jodi Dean is Professor of Political Science at Hobart and William Smith Colleges in Geneva, NY. She held the Donald R. Harter '39 Professorship of the Humanities and Social Sciences from 2013 to 2018. Prof. Dean has also held the position of Erasmus Professor of the Humanities in the Faculty of Philosophy at Erasmus University Rotterdam. Her research interests include contemporary political theory, modern political theory, communism, theories of digital media, poststructuralism, psychoanalysis, feminist theory, political theory and climate change.

Prof. Dean received her B.A. in History from Princeton University, and MA, MPhil, and PhD from Columbia University in 1992. Before joining the Department of Political Science at Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Prof. Dean taught at the University of Texas at San Antonio. She has held visiting research appointments at the Institute for the Human Sciences in Vienna, McGill University in Montreal, and Cardiff University in Wales. Prof. Dean is also an active member of the Party for Socialism and Liberation and a former co-editor of the political theory journal *Theory & Event*.

She is the author or editor of thirteen books, including *Solidarity of Strangers: Feminism after Identity Politics* (1996), *Aliens in America: Conspiracy Cultures from Outerspace to Cyberspace* (1998), *Publicity's Secret: How Technoculture Capitalizes on Democracy* (2002), *Žižek's Politics* (2006), *Democracy and Other Neoliberal Fantasies* (2009), *Blog Theory* (2010), *The Communist Horizon* (2012), *Crowds and Party* (2016), and *Comrade: An Essay on Political Belonging* (2019).

Emphasizing the use of Leninism, psychoanalysis, and certain postmodernist theories, Prof. Dean has made contributions to political theory, media studies and third-wave feminism, most notably with her theory of communicative capitalism – the online merging of democracy and capitalism into a single neoliberal formation that subverts the democratic impulses of the masses by valuing emotional expression over logical discourse.

Prof. Dean has spoken and lectured across countries like, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, England, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Peru, Turkey, the United States, and Wales.