

Dallas Smythe Memorial Lecture

Thursday March 16, 7:00PM in Harbour Centre 1400-1410

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Life and Liberatory Communications in the Age of Trump

Abstract:

If Trumpism dealt a major blow to political, economic and social justice everywhere, it also set off a new wave of political contestation of movements which are working together for nothing less than their lives, livelihoods and lively ways. Responding to Dallas Smythe's call to analyse the connection between contentious communication and political struggle, this review examines lessons from the communications practices of intersectional struggles in the U.S. over social reproduction, including campaigns regarding immigration, living wages, criminal justice, housing, and natural and information resources.

Bio:

Dr. Dorothy Kidd teaches media studies at the University of San Francisco. Her two current research projects examine the use of contentious communications by political and social justice movements, including a longitudinal study of the San Francisco Bay area, and a trans-national study of trans-local movements against extractivism.