

Chapter 7

Springboard Resources

Abstract Žižek's words, and others' words about him and his work, are readily available in many forms, from short, online video clips to extensive theoretical works. The resources listed in this chapter are some springboards to learning more about the man and his work.

Starting with Žižek: Žižek's book *Event: Philosophy in Transit* (published by Penguin in 2014) offers one of the easier reads, but it does not explicitly detail the underpinning theory. For this, it might be useful to revisit the classic *The Sublime Object of Ideology* (published by Verso in 1989, with a new edition appearing in 2009), or *The Parallax View* (published by MIT Press in 2006). *Žižek's Trouble in Paradise: From the End of History to the End of Capitalism* (also published by Penguin in 2014) provides applications of his thinking to more recent events, with occasional but cursory mention of students and education.

Keeping informed with Žižek: The Guardian newspaper's profile of Žižek provides an evolving commentary of social affairs (<http://www.theguardian.com/profile/slavojzizek>). A posting directly relevant to education may appear here soon! In addition, the European Graduate School's profile of Žižek also provides a useful overview of Žižek's history and publications (<http://www.egs.edu/faculty/slavoj-zizek/biography/>).

'How to read' kind of books related to Žižek: There are many of these books to flick through, each providing a slightly different angle of the man and his work. Examples include: *Žižek: A Guide for the Perplexed*, by Sean Sheehan, published by Continuum in 2012; *Slavoj Žižek: A Critical Introduction*, by Ian Parker, published by Pluto Press in 2004. One of the most engaging is *Žižek's Jokes: Did you hear the one about Hegel and negation?*, written by Žižek but compiled and edited by Audun Mortensen, published by MIT Press in 2014.

Applications of Žižek: The International Journal of Žižek Studies, also called IJŽS, is a peer-reviewed, open access academic journal with over 14,000 subscribers. See <http://www.zizekstudies.org/>, but it is also available through Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Zizekstudies/>. Articles with a Žižekian flavour also appear in the *Journal of Unschooling and Alternative Learning* (<http://jual.nipissingu.ca/>) also called JUAL. And finally, the Ke\$ha and Žižek Tumblr page

(<http://keshek.tumblr.com/>) provides a juxtaposition of contemporary pop singer and quotes from Žižek, through the medium of ‘animated gifs’ (which are animations lasting a few seconds). Strange, but provides illustrative of how his quotes or ideas might be applied to unexpected situations.