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## Klugman, Jeni

(1964 - )

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**Nationality** Australian

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**Born** 16 November, 1964

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**Occupation** Advisor, Lawyer, Lecturer

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### Summary

Jeni Klugman, who came from a political family, is a distinguished international economist. She was an ALP candidate in the New South Wales Legislative Assembly elections for Carlingford in 1988.

In 2019, Klugman is a fellow at the Kennedy School of Government's Women in Public Policy Program at Harvard University and Managing Director, Georgetown Institute for Women Peace and Security. She recently became VicHealth's second leading thinker, together with Professor Iris Bohnet, under an initiative that aims to make behavioral insights practical and accessible for Victorian government, industry and not-for-profit organizations.

Previous positions she has held include Director of Gender and Development at the World Bank, and director and lead author of three global Human Development Reports published by the UNDP.

Klugman sits on several boards and panels, including for the World Economic Forum and the Journal of Human Development and Capabilities. She holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the Australian National University, and postgraduate degrees in both Law and Development Economics from the University of Oxford where she was a Rhodes Scholar.

### Details

Daughter of Dr Richard Klugman (MHR 1969-1990) and Kris Klugman (also a candidate for the NSW Legislative Assembly), Jeni was educated at Burnside Public School and Cumberland High School. She graduated from the University of Sydney with first class honours in Law and Economics, winning a Rhodes Scholarship from New South Wales to Oxford University.

She joined the ALP in 1979 and has held various offices in the party at branch and electorate level. She has been a delegate to Annual Conference and was a member of several policy committees. She was on the Executive of Young Labor 1986-87.

In 1996 Jeni commenced a Ph.D. with the Centre for Economic Research, Australian National University and in 1998.

"Jeni Klugman is a senior adviser at the World Bank and a fellow at the Harvard Kennedy School's Women and Public Policy Program. She currently serves on the World Economic Forum's Global Advisory Council on Benchmarking Progress and Advisory Board on Sustainability and Competitiveness.

Previously, Klugman was director of Gender & Development at the World Bank Group, where she served as lead spokesperson on gender equality issues, and was responsible for developing strategic directions to support the institution's gender and development priorities."

## Published resources

### Resource

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### Site Exhibition

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