HUMAN, SOCIAL AND POLITICAL SCIENCES (HSPS)
SUGGESTED READING FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

We are frequently asked if there is anything in particular students should read before coming to interview. The answer is no. We don't expect applicants to have read certain things and we aren't looking to test knowledge acquired from certain books. Reading, however, is central to learning and reading broadens anyone's horizons. Applicants can also get a good sense of what some of the subjects available in Human, Social and Political Sciences are like by reading some of the books that students encounter studying these subjects in Cambridge. Below are short lists of some important books in the individual subjects on offer in the degree. If you want to pursue independent reading from these lists, don't try to cover them all. Pick the subject or several subjects that interest you and read from that list.

POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS


Atwood, Margaret (1985) *The Handmaid's Tale*. Vintage [a novel].


Fraser, Nancy (2013), *Fortunes of Feminism*. Verso.


Marozzi, Justin (2014) *Baghdad*. Allen Lane [a biography].


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**SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGY**


Cambridge Encyclopedia of Anthropology
see [http://www.anthroencyclopedia.com/](http://www.anthroencyclopedia.com/)

BBC series From Savage to Self:
[http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b06zjhfx/episodes/player](http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b06zjhfx/episodes/player)

The Cambridge Anthropology Podcast:
[www.camthropod.org](http://www.camthropod.org)

**SOCILOGY**


Beckett, Chris (2017) *America City*. Corvus. [a novel]


Clark, Daniel J. director (2018) *Behind the Curve*. Netflix. [a documentary]


Simon, David creator (2002-08) *The Wire*. [TV show]


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