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.

**SOCIOLOGY**


Browse through books that have won prizes by the American Sociological Association http://www.asanet.org/about/awards/book.cfm.

**SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGY**


BBC series *From Savage to Self*, see [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)

**POLITICS**


David Runciman (2014) *Politics*, Profile Books

John Dunn (1992) *Western Political Theory In The Face Of The Future* (revised edition); Cambridge University Press

**INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**


Henry Kissinger (1994) *Diplomacy*; Simon & Schuster


Jussi Hanhimaki, Joseph A. Maiolo, Kirsten Schulze, and Anthony Best (2008) *An International History of the Twentieth Century and Beyond* (2nd edition); Routledge

**BIOLOGICAL ANTHROPOLOGY**


**ARCHAEOLOGY**


Christopher Scarre (editor), 2005, *The Human Past*; Thames and Hudson


**PSYCHOLOGY**

H Rudolph Schaffer (2006) *Key concepts in developmental psychology*, SAGE.


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