

## Human, Social and Political Sciences (HSPS) SUGGESTED READING FOR 2021 ENTRY

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***

Achen, Christopher H. and Bartels, Larry M. (2016) *Democracy for Realists*. Princeton University Press.

Adhiambo Owuor, Yvonne (2013) *Dust*. Knopf Publishing Group [a novel].

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

Blyth, Mark (2013), *Austerity: The History of a Dangerous Idea*. Oxford University Press.

Ellsberg, Daniel (2017), *The Doomsday Machine: Confessions of a Nuclear War Planner*. Bloomsbury Press [a memoir].

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

Lebron, Christopher J.(2017), *The Making of Black Lives Matter*. Oxford University Press.

Mabanckou, Alain (2017) *Black Moses*. The New Press [a novel].

Mair, Peter (2013) *Ruling the Void*. Verso.

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

Mishra, Pankaj (2017) *Age of Anger*. Allen Lane.

- Moyn, Sam (2010), *The Last Utopia*. Harvard University Press.
- Sassen, Saskia (2014) *Expulsions: Brutality and Complexity in the Global Economy*. Belknap.
- Scott, James C. (2012) *Two Cheers for Anarchism*. Princeton University Press.
- Runciman, David (2018), *How Democracy Ends*. Profile Books.
- Vitalis, Robert (2015), *White World Order, Black Power Politics*. Cornell University Press.
- Warren, Robert Penn, 2001 (1946), *All The King's Men*. Penguin [a novel].
- Welsh, Jennifer (2017) *The Return of History*. Anansi.
- Williams, James (2018) *Stand out of our Light: Freedom and Resistance in the Attention Economy*. Cambridge University Press.
- Talking Politics (ongoing), [www.talkingpoliticspodcast.com](http://www.talkingpoliticspodcast.com). A weekly podcast.

### **SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGY**

- Abu-Lughod, Lila (1986) *Veiled Sentiments: Honor and Poetry in a Bedouin Society*. University of California Press.
- Astuti, R., Parry, J.P., & Stafford, C. (eds) (2007) *Questions of Anthropology*. Oxford University Press.
- Cohen, Jeffrey H. (2015) *Eating Soup without a Spoon: Anthropological Theory and Method in the Real World*. University of Texas Press.
- Holmes, Seth (2013) *Fresh Fruit, Broken Bodies: Migrant Farmworkers in the United States*. University of California Press.
- Engelke, Matthew (2017) *Think Like an Anthropologist*. Pelican.
- Eriksen, Thomas Hylland (2015) *Small Places, Large Issues*. 4<sup>th</sup> Edition. Pluto Press.
- King, Lily (2015) *Euphoria*. Picador.
- Robbins, Joel (2004) *Becoming Sinners: Christianity and Moral Torment in a Papua New Guinea Society*. Vol. 4. University of California Press.

Shah, Alpa (2018) *Nightmarch: Among India's Revolutionary Guerrillas*. Hurst.

Wacquant, Loic (2004) *Body & Soul: Notebooks of an Apprentice Boxer*. Oxford University Press.

Cambridge Encyclopedia of Anthropology  
see <http://www.anthroencyclopedia.com/>

BBC series From Savage to Self:  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b06zjhfx/episodes/player>

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

## **SOCIOLOGY**

Bauman, Zygmunt (2001) *Thinking sociologically* (2nd edition); Wiley-Blackwell.

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

Bhambra, Gurinder (2014) *Connected sociologies*. Bloomsbury.

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

Collins, Patricia Hill (2000) *Black feminist thought: Knowledge, consciousness and the politics of empowerment*. Routledge.

Connell, R. W. (2009) *Gender* (2nd edition); Polity.

Eggers, Dave (2013) *The Circle*. Alfred A. Knopf. [a novel]

Giddens, Anthony and Sutton, Phillip (2013). *Sociology*. 7th edition. Polity.

Goldstone, Jack. ed. (1994) *Revolutions: theoretical, comparative, and historical studies*.  
Harcourt Brace College Publishers.

Hochschild, Arlie (2016) *Strangers in their own Land*. The New Press.

Noble, Safiya Umoja and Tyne, Brendesha M. (2016) *The intersectional internet: Race, sex, class and culture online*. Peter Lang.

Sennett, Richard (2012) *Together: The rituals, pleasures and politics of cooperation*. Yale University Press.

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

Smith, Anthony (2013) *Nationalism*. 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition. Polity Press.

Surak, Kristin (2012) *Making tea, Making Japan: Cultural nationalism in practice*. Stanford University Press.

Wilkinson, Richard and Pickett, Kate (2010) *The spirit level: Why equality is better for everyone*. Penguin.

Yuval-Davis, Nira (2011) *The politics of belonging: Intersectional contestations*. Sage.

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<http://www.asanet.org/about/awards/book.cfm>