

Robinson HSPS

This is just a list of suggestions for preparatory reading. Please note that you are not required to read everything listed below! Just try to read at least one text for each of your four chosen subject areas (or the ones you *might* choose) before you come up. The usual [but not compulsory] combination of four subjects in the first year is International Relations, Social Anthropology, Politics and Sociology. The recommended texts for each of these disciplines is marked with # below.

Try also to look at the general history by C. Bayly (such that you at least know what authors in any subject might be talking about when they mention ‘the Enlightenment’, for example.) Bear in mind that the general pace of teaching during term is such that you will be very glad of any reading that you manage to get through before the term starts. Four texts as a minimum now means only an average of one a week before coming up to Cambridge – and that will seem very little in comparison with the usual pace once term begins!

General historical background:

- Bayly, C. (2004) *The Birth of the Modern World*. Oxford: Blackwell.

Politics:

- Crick, B. 2002 *Democracy: a very short introduction*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Runciman, D. 2006 *The politics of good intentions: history, fear and hypocrisy in the new world order*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

If you want to get a head-start on the core texts for Pol 1, do take a look at Hobbes’s *Leviathan*, with which the course opens. It’s a weighty tome – do not fear, most of the other texts are shorter.

International Relations:

- Bayliss, J., S. Smith & P. Owens (eds) *The Globalization of World Politics: An Introduction to International Relations*. Oxford: Oxford University Press is now in 2020 in its eighth edition
- Jackson, R., G Sørensen, & J Møller, *Introduction to International Relations* (OUP, 7th edn., 2019) OR Mayall, J. 2000 *World Politics: Progress and its Limits*. Cambridge: Polity.

Sociology:

- Baert, P. 2005 *Philosophy of the Social Sciences*. Cambridge: Polity.

Social Anthropology:

- Astuti, R., J. Parry & C. Stafford (eds) (2007) *Questions of Anthropology*. Oxford: Berg.

- Eriksen, T. H. (2004) *What is Anthropology?*. London: Pluto Press.
- *Audrey Richards. 1982 *Chisungu: A Girl's Initiation Ceremony among the Bemba of Zambia*. Routledge.
- *Joel Robbins. 2004 *Becoming Sinners: Christianity and Moral Torment in a Papua New Guinea Society*. University of California Press.

[* A special note may be helpful here: these two texts are the two 'set texts' for this course. In other words, they are studies on which you could get a direct examination question at the end of the year. It is easy therefore to get a head start by reading at least one of them now. Read critically and be careful to situate these texts: think about when they were first written, by whom, about what. Read about these books and about the authors if you can (especially Audrey Richards; Joel Robbins is still very much alive and now teaches in Cambridge.) Think carefully about some of the differences in their approaches. If you need more background, you can get some of it from general Introductions to Social Anthropology (e.g. one by R. Layton on Theory; or T. Eriksen's *Small places, Large Issues*....). But don't worry too much. The main thing in the short term is simply to *read the texts themselves*.]

It is also possible for one of your papers to be 'borrowed' from another tripos. Indicative reading for such papers is here:

Psychology:

- Lamb, M., M. Bornstein and D. Teti 2013 *Development in Infancy*. (5th edition) Mahwah, NJ: Erlbaum

Archaeology (and also for 'Cultures of Egypt and Mesopotamia'):

- Scarre, C. (ed) 2009 *The Human Past: World Prehistory and the Development of Human Society*. (2nd edition). London: Thames and Hudson. [Read as many chapters as you can.]
- Renfrew, C. and Bahn, P. 2012 *Archaeology: Theory, Methods and Practice* (6th Edition). London: Thames and Hudson.

Biological Anthropology:

- Jobling, M., E. Hollox, M. Hurles, T. Kivisild, C. Tyler-Smith 2013 *Human Evolutionary Genetics* (2nd edition) Garland Science (esp. chapters 4-6)
- Ridley, M. 2003 *Nature via Nurture: genes, experience and what makes us human*. Harper Collins.