

## BA History, Politics and Economics

Below are some suggested readings to introduce you to the history of Russia and Eastern Europe, to the key disciplines of Economics and Politics academics on important issues in the region. You are **not** expected to read them all before you arrive, but you may find it useful to familiarise yourself with some of the key issues and debates especially in areas you may not have studied before.

### Summer Reading List 2021 for new students

#### Politics

**(Particularly recommended to students who have not studied Politics at A levels)**

- Bale, T. 2017. European Politics: a Comparative Introduction, 4th Edition Red Globe Press.
- Wolff, J. 2015. An Introduction to Political Philosophy. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

#### Sociology

- Alatas, Syed Farid and Sinha, Vineeta. 2017. Sociological Theory Beyond the Canon, Basingstoke: Palgrave (available in full text online here - UCL username and password required).
- Giddens, A. et al. 2021. Introduction to Sociology. New York: W. W. Norton and Company.

#### History

- Crampton, R. 1997. Eastern Europe in the Twentieth Century and After. London: Routledge
- Hosking, G. 2017. A History of the Soviet Union, 1917-1991. 3rd Edition. London: William Collins.
- Ash, Timothy Garton. 2019. Magic Lantern: Revolution of '89. Atlantic Books.
- Hungary and the Habsburgs, 1765-1800: an experiment in enlightened absolutism Éva H Balázsc1997 © Central European University, LLC – please note this will be provided online to you. You are not required to buy this text.

### **Economics (core texts):**

- Krugman, P., and Wells, R. (2015) **Economics, 4th edition**. Worth Publishers. ISBN 0-7167-9956-1.
- Blanchard, O., Amighini, A. & Giavazzi, F. (2013) **Macroeconomics: A European Perspective (2/E)**. Pearson. ISBN 978-0-273-771685 (available for online access via UCL library)
- Microeconomics, Global Edition Pearson; 8th edition (23 April 2018)
- Microeconomics: Theory and Applications with Calculus, Global Edition Pearson; 4th edition (11 Aug. 2017)

### **Complementary Reading:**

- *Students who have already taken 'A' level Economics may find the following interesting:*
- Tim Harford, **The Undercover Economist**
- John Kay, **The Truth about Markets: their Genius, their Limits, their Follies**
- Banerjee, A.V., Banerjee, A. and Duflo, E., 2011. **Poor Economics: A Radical Rethinking of the Way to Fight Global Poverty**. Public Affairs.

### **Business Studies (BA Economics and Business)**

- Sloman, J., Garratt, D., Guest, J. and Jones, E., 2016. **Economics for Business**. Pearson Education.
- Hair Jr, J.F., Wolfinbarger, M., Money, A.H., Samouel, P. and Page, M.J., 2015. **Essentials of business research methods**. Routledge.

### **Mathematics and Statistics (BA Economics and Business)**

- Pemberton, M. and Rau, N., 2015. **Mathematics for Economists: an Introductory Textbook**. Oxford University Press.

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**International relations - please note this is a option for HPE and not obligatory. If you are interested please select as your elective.**

- Baylis, J. and Smith, S. and Owens, P. (eds). 2019. **The Globalization of World Politics: An Introduction to International Relations**. 8th edition. Oxford: Oxford University Press

## **Selected works by SSEES Politics academics**

- [Seán Hanley](#) on why we must go beyond the “backsliding paradigm” ([link](#)) and the fading mirage of the liberal consensus ([link](#)).
- [Agnieszka Kubal](#) on immigration and refugee law in Russia ([link](#)) and women’s rights in Poland ([link](#)).
- [Alena Ledeneva](#) on ‘How Russia Really Works’ ([link](#))
- [Richard Mole](#) on how Putin’s constitutional ban on same-sex marriage will increase homophobia in Russia ([link](#)).
- [Michał Murawski](#) on the antagonistic relationship between a Stalinist skyscraper and the right-wing PiS regime in Poland ([link](#)), on the continuing role of monumentality in the 21st century city (see Introduction, [link](#)) and on post-socialist pyramids ([link](#)).
- [Ben Noble](#): on the 2020 “nationwide vote” in Russia on constitutional changes ([link](#)) and on elite conflict and law-making in contemporary Russia ([link](#)).
- [Allan Sikk](#) on parties and party organisations in Eastern Europe. ([link](#))
- [Anne White](#) on migration networks and cultures, why migration cannot be ‘turned off and on like a tap’, and gendered aspects of family reunification from Poland ([link](#))
- [Andrew Wilson](#) on the August 2020 events in Belarus ([link](#)), covered in detail in his [new book on](#) Belarus, and on the Ryanir [hijacking](#); plus on the Zelensky presidency in Ukraine, after one year ([link](#)).
- [Richard Mole](#) - [Putin’s constitutional ban on same-sex marriage will increase homophobia in Russia](#)
- [Agneska Snetkov](#) - <https://archive.discover society.org/2020/11/04/on-the-frontline-what-does-the-decision-of-the-constitutional-court-mean-for-womens-human-rights-in-poland/>
- <http://www.cambridgeblog.org/2019/05/immigration-and-refugee-law-in-russia/>