

POLITICAL ECONOMY READING LIST

Here is a selection (in alphabetical order) of recent books in political economy. You should choose one book from the list for your final paper.

If you choose your book early in the semester, and read it more than once, you will find it much easier to prepare the essay due at the end of the semester. While the library may have a copy, you should consider buying the book you choose to give you more time to read it without worrying about library availability or return policies. All these books can be purchased at major bookstores or online through any of the major internet book retailers.

Students reading the same book, or reading different books on the same topic, are encouraged to work together. I will post the list of students' book choices soon after the deadline.

Samir Amin, *The Liberal Virus: Permanent War and the Americanization of the World*

Marcia Angell, *The Truth About the Drug Companies: How They Deceive Us and What to Do About It*

Joel Bakan, *The Corporation: The Pathological Pursuit of Profit and Power*

Albino Barrera, *Modern Catholic Social Documents and Political Economy*

Walden Bello, Steve Fraser, and Tom Engelhardt, *Dilemmas of Domination: The Unmaking of the American Empire*

Morris Berman, *Dark Ages America: The Final Phase of Empire*

Morris Berman, *The Twilight of American Culture*

Amy Chua, *World on Fire: How Exporting Free Market Democracy Breeds Ethnic Hatred and Global Instability*

Jane L. Collins, *Threads: Gender, Labor, and Power in the Global Apparel Industry*

Mike Davis, *Planet of Slums*

Tamara Draut, *Strapped: Why America's 20 and 30-somethings Can't Get Ahead*

Joel Dyer, *The Perpetual Prisoner Machine*

Paul Farmer, *Pathologies of Power: Health, Human Rights, and the New War on the Poor*

Jeff Faux, *The Global Class War: How America's Bipartisan Elite Lost Our Future - and What It Will Take to Win it Back*

Liza Featherstone, *Selling Women Short: The Landmark Case for Women's Rights at Wal-Mart*

James Ferguson, *Global Shadows: Africa in the Neoliberal World Order*

Deborah Figart, Ellen Mutari, and Marilyn Power, *Living Wages, Equal Wages: Gender and Labor Market Policies in the United States*

Robert Frank, *Richistan*

Robert Frank, *Falling Behind: How Rising Inequality Harms the Middle Class*

Thomas Frank, *What's the Matter with Kansas?: How Conservatives Won the Heart of America*

Henry Giroux, *Katrina and the Politics of Disposability*

Michael Goldman, *Imperial Nature: The World Bank and Struggles for Social Justice in the Age of Globalization*

Jeff Goodell, *Big Coal: The Dirty Secret Behind America's Energy Future*

Thom Hartmann, *Unequal protection: The Rise of Corporate Dominance and the Theft of Human Rights*

David Harvey, *A Brief History of Neoliberalism*

Doug Henwood, *After the New Economy: The Binge and the Hangover That Won't Go Away*

Noreena Hertz, *The Silent Takeover: Global Capitalism and the Death of Democracy*

Robert A. Isaak, *The Globalization Gap: How the Rich Get Richer and the Poor Get Left Further Behind*

Oliver James, *Affluenza*

Chalmers Johnson, *Nemesis: The Last Days of the American Republic*

Chalmers Johnson, *Blowback: The Costs and Consequences of American Empire* (Second Edition)

Marjorie Kelly, *The Divine Right of Capital: Dethroning the Corporate Aristocracy*

Stephen Kinzer, *Overthrow: America's Century of Regime Change from Hawaii to Iraq*

Jonathan Kozol, *The Shame of the Nation: The Restoration of Apartheid Schooling in America*

Edith Kuiper and Drucilla Barker, eds., *Feminist Economics and the World Bank*

Eugene Linden, *The Winds of Change: Climate, Weather, and the Destruction of Civilizations*

Glenn C. Loury, *The Anatomy of Racial Inequality*

Ted Nace, *Gangs of America: The Rise of Corporate Power and the Disabling of Democracy*

John Perkins, *Confessions of an Economic Hit Man*

John Perkins, *The Secret History of the American Empire*

Kevin Phillips, *American Theocracy: The Peril and Politics of Radical Religion, Oil, and Borrowed Money in the 21st Century*

Kevin Phillips, *Wealth and Democracy: A Political History of the American Rich*

Michael Pollan, *The Omnivore's Dilemma*

Jonathan Porritt, *Capitalism as if the World Matters*

T. R. Reid, *The United States of Europe: The New Superpower and the End of American Supremacy*

Paul Roberts, *The End of Oil: On the Edge of a Perilous New World*

Kim Stanley Robinson, trilogy (fiction): *Forty Signs of Rain, Fifty Degrees Below, and Sixty Days and Counting*

Richard Rothstein, *Class and Schools: Using Social, Economic, and Educational Reform to Close the Black-White Achievement Gap*

P. Sainath, *Everybody Loves a Good Drought: Stories from India's Poorest Districts*

David Shipler, *The Working Poor*

Irene van Staveren, Diane Elson, Caren Grown and Nilufer Cagatay, eds., *The Feminist Economics of Trade*

Michael D. Yates, *Cheap Motels and a Hot Plate: An Economist's Travelogue*

Jim Yong and Joyce V Millen, *Dying For Growth: Global Inequality and the Health of the Poor*

Michael Zweig, ed., *What's Class Got to Do with It? American Society in the Twenty-First Century*