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TOPICS IN POLITICAL ECONOMY

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READING & VIEWING LIST

Here is a short selection (in alphabetical order, by author or director) of recent books and films in political economy. You should choose one book or film from the list for your final paper.

If you choose your book or film early in the semester, and read or view 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 or film you choose to give you more time to read or view it without worrying about library availability or return policies. All these books and videos can be purchased at major bookstores or online through any of the major internet retailers.

Students reading the same book or viewing the same film, or reading different books or viewing different films on the same topic, are encouraged to work together. I will post the list of students' choices soon after the deadline (11 November).

99% The Occupy Wall Street Collaborative Film

Mark Achbar, *The Corporation*

Gar Alperovitz, *America Beyond Capitalism: Reclaiming Our Wealth, Our Liberty, and Our Democracy*

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*

Stephanie Black, *Life and Debt*

John Bowe, *Nobodies: Modern American Slave Labor and the Dark Side of the New Global Economy*

Janet Byrne, ed., *The Occupy Handbook*

J. C. Chandor, *Margin Call*

Ha-Joon Chang, *23 Things They Don't Tell You About Capitalism*

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

Chuck Collins and Barbara Ehrenreich, *99 to 1: How Wealth Inequality Is Wrecking the World and What We Can Do about It*

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*

Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*

Josh Fox, *Gasland*

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*

Barbara Garson, *Down the Up Escalator: How the 99 Percent Live in the Great Recession*

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*

John Michael Greer, *The Wealth of Nature: Economics as if Survival Mattered*

Lauren Greenfield, *The Queen of Versailles*

Jacob S. Hacker and Paul Pierson, *Winner-Take-All Politics: How Washington Made the Rich Richer—and Turned Its Back on the Middle Class*

Curtis Hanson, *Too Big to Fail*

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*

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

Naomi Klein, *The Rise of Disaster Capitalism*

Jonathan Kozol, *Savage Inequalities: Children in America's Schools*

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

Nelson Lichtenstein, *The Retail Revolution: How Wal-Mart Created a Brave New World of Business*

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

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

John Marsh, *Class Dismissed: Why We Cannot Teach or Learn Our Way Out of Inequality*

Manfred Max-Neef and Philip B. Smith, *Economics Unmasked: From Power and Greed to Compassion and the Common Good*

Deirdre McCloskey, *Bourgeois Dignity: Why Economists Can't Explain the Modern World*

Richard P. McIntyre, *Are Worker Rights Human Rights?*

Michael Moore, *Capitalism: A Love Story*

Michael Moore, *Sicko*

Ray Moynihan and Alan Cassels, *Selling Sickness: How the World's Biggest Pharmaceutical Companies Are Turning Us All Into Patients*

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

Léonce Ndikumana and James Boyce, *Africa's Odious Debts: How Foreign Loans and Capital Flight Bled a Continent*

John Perkins, *Confessions of an Economic Hit Man*

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

Kate Pickett and Richard Wilkinson, *The Spirit Level: Why Greater Equality Makes Societies Stronger*

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

Kevin P. Phillips, *Bad Money: Reckless Finance, Failed Politics, and the Global Crisis of American Capitalism*

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

Jonathan Porritt, *Capitalism as if the World Matters*

Glenn Porter, *The Rise of Big Business, 1860-1920*

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

Arundhati Roy, *Capitalism: A Ghost Story*

Jason Reitman, *Up in the Air*

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*

John Sayles, *Matewan*

Dann Schechter, *Plunder: The Crime of Our Time*

David Shipler, *The Working Poor*

Adam Smith, *The Theory of Moral Sentiments*

Boaventura de Sousa Santos, *Another Production is Possible: Beyond the Capitalist Canon*

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

Richard D. Wolff, *Capitalism Hits the Fan: The Global Economic Meltdown and What to Do About It*

Richard D. Wolff, *Democracy at Work: A Cure for Capitalism*

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