



Reading list 2009–10

11 Introduction to international relations

The current edition of the subject guide is the 2005 edition. This reading list was last updated in May 2009. Any queries about this reading list should be directed to externalstudy@lse.ac.uk.

Essential reading

It is advisable to secure at least three of these texts, and to acquire all four if you intend to take another unit within the broad field of International Relations, such as, 83 International political theory, 84 Nationalism and international relations or 85 International institutions.

Baylis, J. and S. Smith (eds) *The Globalization of World Politics: an Introduction to International Relations*. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2008) fourth edition [ISBN 9780199297771].

Griffiths, M. and T. O'Callaghan *International Relations: The Key Concepts*. (London, Routledge, 2007) second edition [ISBN 9780415774376].

Kegley, C. and E. Wittkopf *World Politics*. (Thomson/Wadsworth, 2008) twelfth edition [ISBN 9780495500193].

Stern, G. *The Structure of International Society*. (London: Pinter Publishers, 2000) second edition [ISBN 9780826468239].

Further reading

Books

We understand that you will not all have easy access to libraries and so in this section we tell you a little more about the books we recommend so you are able to tailor and to search for your further reading. These are not essential reading but is an expanded list of suitable textbooks.

Brown, C. *Understanding International Relations*. (London: Palgrave, formerly Macmillan, 2005) third edition [ISBN 9781403946645]. Concise but somewhat advanced text, focusing on the relations between International Relations theories and twentieth century events.

Bull, H. *The Anarchical Society*. (London/Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 2002) third edition [ISBN 9780231127639]. Reissue of a twentieth century key and still relevant text that deals with the elements of order in an international context lacking formal government.

Carr, E.H. *The Twenty Years' Crisis, 1919–1939*. Edited by M. Cox (London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2001) [ISBN 9780333963777]. A new edition of a key and still relevant volume written shortly before the second world war which decries as 'utopian' much of the thinking about international relations in the period between world wars.

Halliday, F. *The World at 2000*. (Basingstoke: Palgrave, 2006) [ISBN 9780333945353]. A lucid and highly readable short text reviewing the international relations of the twentieth century and examining the perils and promises of the twenty first.

Jackson, R. and G. Sorenson *An Introduction to International Relations*. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2007), third edition [ISBN 9780199285433]. Another somewhat advanced text exploring the connection between International Relations theories and events.

Keohane, R. and J. Nye *Power and Interdependence*. (Boston: Little, Brown, 2001) third edition [ISBN 9780321048578] (especially chapter 2). A key text that focuses on the role of non-state actors in an increasingly complex international society.

- Mingst, K. *Essentials of International Relations*, (Norton, 2004) third edition [ISBN 9780393924480]. A readable and authoritative text that covers the field's core concepts, providing the student with the analytical tools for study in this dynamic field.
- Papp, D.S. *Contemporary International Relations: Frameworks for Understanding*. (Longmans, 2001) sixth edition [ISBN 9780321089991]. A lengthy volume that combines theoretical perspectives with real examples to provide students with a framework for understanding the increasingly complex, dynamic and diverse international politics and economics of the twenty-first century.
- White, B., R. Little & M. Smith (eds) *Issues in World Politics*. (Palgrave Macmillan, 2005), third edition [ISBN 9781403946102]. This compilation provides an accessible introduction to the world politics of the 21st century by examining some of the key political, military, economic, environmental, social and religious issues underlying them.
- Wight, M. *International Theory: The Three Traditions*. (Leicester: Leicester University Press, 1994) new edition [ISBN 9780841913547]. Another key twentieth century text that provides a valuable, if somewhat oversimplified, framework for organising one's thoughts about international relations.

Journals

For this unit, we recommend journals such as: *The Economist International Affairs*, *The World Today*, *Review of International Studies* or *Millennium*, *The Journal of International Studies*.

Making use of the Online library

- To help you read extensively, all External students have free access to the University of London Online library where you will find the full text or an abstract for many of the journal articles listed for this unit.
- The Online library is accessed via the Student Portal at <http://my.londonexternal.ac.uk/>
- For most journals, the username and password you need is the same as the one which you have been sent to use for logging in to the Student Portal.