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, Ellien 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*


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*

Oliver James, Affluenza

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


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

Michael Pollan, The Omnivore's Dilemma

Jonathan Porritt, Capitalism as if the World Matters

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