



SWGS KS5 READING LIST: POLITICS

The purpose of this reading list is to encourage students to read, enjoy and learn beyond the taught curriculum. You can use the resources here to support and to enrich your learning.

General * denotes main textbook(s)

Toby Cooper & Neil McNaughton, *UK Government and Politics* 7th Edition (Hodder, 2024)*

Richard Kelly, Charlie Pearson, Neil McNaughton, *Political Ideas for A-Level* 2nd Edition (Hodder, 2023)*

Robert Murphy, Josie Gadsby, John Jeffries, *Global Politics* (Hodder, 2022)*

Staying up to date with current affairs is essential to success in Politics A-Level. There are many ways to do this, from reading newspapers, websites and social media, to watching news coverage and listening to politics podcasts. During the course, you will be expected to engage with the news and analysis – that means following the headlines, but also reading or listening to commentary about the news, by experts.

Newspapers:

The Week (£): <https://theweek.com/uk> (NB the LRC has a subscription to this)

Economist (£): <https://www.economist.com/>

The Guardian: <http://www.guardian.co.uk/>

The Telegraph (£): <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/>

The Times (£): <http://www.thetimes.co.uk/>

BBC News: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/>

BBC TV and Radio Programmes:

BBC Parliament: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/tv/bbcparliament>

Newsnight: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006mk25>

Question Time: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006t1q9>

The Westminster Hour: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006s624>

The Week in Westminster: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006qjfq>

Podcasts:

Politics.co.uk: <http://www.politics.co.uk/podcast/>

Guardian Politics Weekly: <https://www.theguardian.com/politics/series/politicsweekly>

Economist: <https://www.economist.com/podcasts>

Politico – Westminster Insider: <https://www.politico.eu/westminster-insider-podcast/>

A-Level Politics Show (£): <https://open.spotify.com/show/OpdAY6egNBq0tFOLFjMk70>

<https://podcasts.apple.com/gb/podcast/the-a-level-politics-show/id1473697674>

Political Thinking: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p04z203l>

The News Agents: <https://www.globalplayer.com/podcasts/42KuVj/>

Paper 1: UK Politics

Ian Dunt, *How Westminster...and Why It Doesn't* (W&N, 2023)
Isabel Hardman, *Why We Get the Wrong Politicians* (Atlantic, 2022)
Rachel Reeves, *Women of Westminster* (Tauris Parke, 2020)
Anthony Seldon, *Truss at 10: How not to be Prime Minister* (Atlantic, 2024)
Rory Stewart, *Politics on the Edge* (Vintage, 2024)

Paper 2: UK Government

Stig Abel, *How Britain Really Works* (John Murray, 2019)
Chris Bryant, *Code of Conduct: Why We Need to Fix Parliament* (Bloomsbury, 2024)
Ayesha Hazarika & Tom Hamilton, *Punch and Judy Politics: An Insider's Guide to Prime Minister's Questions* (Biteback, 2018)
Martin Loughlin, *The British Constitution* 2nd Edition (Oxford: 2023)

Paper 3: Political Ideologies

Michael Freeden, *Liberalism: A Very Short Introduction* (Oxford, 2015)
Steven Grosby, *Nationalism: A Very Short Introduction* (Oxford, 2005)
Andrew Heywood, *Political Ideologies: An Introduction* 7th Edition (Bloomsbury, 2021)
Michael Newman, *Socialism: A Very Short Introduction* (Oxford, 2020)



SWGS KS5 READING LIST: GLOBAL POLITICS

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Bloor, Understanding Global Politics (2022) <https://www.e-ir.info/publication/understanding-global-politics/>

Heywood & Whitham, Global Politics (2023)

Murphy, Jeffries and Gadsby, 'Global Politics for A-Level' (2017) *

Theories of Global Politics and Power

Allen, *Beijing Rules* (John Murray, 2023)

Axelrod, 'The Evolution of Cooperation' (1984)

Bridges, 'China and Russia: The dawn of an autocratic century?', *Politics Review*, 32, 4 (2023)

Claeys, 'A return to hard power?', *Politics Review*, 33, 4 (2024)

Fukuyama, 'The End of History' (1989)

Huntingdon, 'The Clash of Civilisations' (1993)

Jeffries, 'The rise of China and the balance of power', *Politics Review*, 30, 4 (2021)

Keohane, 'Twenty Years of Institutional Liberalism' (2012)

Laycock, 'Is hard power making a comeback?', *Politics Review*, 30, 3 (2021)

Mearsheimer, 'The Tragedy of Great Power Politics', Chapter 2 (2001)

Nye, 'Soft Power' (1990)

Nossel, 'Smart Power' (2004)

The State and Globalisation

Murphy & Huggett-Wilde, 'Cultural globalisation: positive or negative' *Politics Review*, 30, 1 (2020)

Jeffries, 'The resurgence of the nation state', *Politics Review*, 30, 2 (2020)

Political Governance

Ikenberry, 'Why American Power Endures' (2022)

Kagan, 'The Return of History' (2008)

Krauthammer, 'The Unipolar Moment' (1990)

Mearsheimer, 'The false promise of international institutions' (1995)

Palmer, 'The revival of NATO?', *Politics Review*, 33, 1 (2023)

Power, 'Bystanders to genocide' (2001)

Smith, 'The International Criminal Court', *Politics Review*, 31, 1 (2021)

Smith, 'The changing role of NATO', *Politics Review*, 31, 4 (2022)

Economic Governance and Development

Bannerjee & Duflo, 'How Poverty Ends' (2020)
Hout, 'Classical approaches to development: Modernisation and dependency' (2016)
Hammet, *Global Development* (Routledge, 2023)
Jeffries, 'Economic global governance', *Politics Review*, 33, 2 (2023)
Rostow, 'The Stages of Economic Growth' (1959)
Sachs, 'The Case for Aid' (2014)
Sachs, 'Trials and Tribulations' (2020)
Sen, 'Development as Freedom' (1999)

Human Rights Governance

Annan, 'In Larger Freedom' (2005)
Bridges, 'The protection of human rights', *Politics Review*, 33, 1 (2023)
Evans & Sahnoun, 'The Responsibility to Protect' (2002)
Franck, 'Are Human Rights Universal?' (2001)
Ignatieff, 'The Attack on Human Rights' (2001)
Power, 'Bystanders to genocide' (2001)
Roosevelt, 'The Promise of Human Rights' (1948)
Sen, 'Development as Freedom' (1999)
Stewart, 'The Last Days of Intervention' (2021)

Environmental Governance

Birks, 'Global civil society and the environment', *Politics Review*, 31, 3 (2022)
Hardin, 'The Tragedy of the Commons' (1968)
Lovelock, 'Gaia: A New Look at Life on Earth' (2000)
Murphy, 'Climate change and global governance', *Politics Review*, 31, 4 (2022)
Naess, 'The Shallow and the Deep, Long Range Ecology Movement' (1973)

Regionalism and the EU

Bridges, 'The nation state: Challenge, consensus and cooperation', *Politics Review*, 31, 3 (2022)
Rasoul, 'The power and influence of the European Union', *Politics Review*, 32, 1 (2022)
Smith, 'The African Union and global politics', *Politics Review*, 30, 1 (2020)

Other Useful Sources:

E-IR – website with many essays about IR <https://www.e-ir.info/>
Patrick Theiner – video lectures on IR
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCag_W3da59WWFv92YuRAYwA
Noah Zerbe – videos about issues in global politics
<https://www.youtube.com/@NoahZerbe>