

MSc Sociology and Global Change Summer Reading

For those of you who want to do some preliminary readings before the programme starts, we suggest that you read a few chapters (they are short!) of the following book:

Lechner, F. J. Boli, J. (Eds.). (2014). *The Globalization Reader*. 5th Edition. Wiley & Sons.

This Reader gathers influential authors and key texts on globalization in Sociology. Chapter 1 (Micklethwait and Wooldridge), Chapter 6 (Wallerstein), Chapter 7 (Sklair), Chapter 8 (Harvey) and Chapter 11 (Appadurai) would be an excellent start (although any chapter from the first two parts would be relevant) and pick 2-3 other chapters in a subarea you are particularly interested in.

Once you get access to the University library resources, an electronic version of the book is available.

This reading will be particularly useful for those of you who have little background in sociology. But if you are looking for some reading to get yourself in a sociological frame of mind, novels and fiction related to your research interests would also be very useful by providing some context and insights.

On the programme website, we included some suggestions from our staff, ranging from introductions to the field, to accessible studies, to fiction with sociological insights.

Finally, if you have specific areas you want to investigate, feel free to drop us an email and we can put you in touch with members of Sociology staff who share similar research interests to yours and who can offer further references.

And if you don't feel you have time for more reading, don't worry, there'll be plenty of sociology waiting for you when you get here!

Enjoy the rest of the summer.

All the best,

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