



Reading list 2009–10

34 World history since 1917

The current edition of the subject guide is the 2006 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 for time periods

You need to read these texts alongside the essential reading for each theme you choose.

For an understanding of some of the problems which ended European dominance of the world by 1945:

Marks, M. *The Ebbing of European Ascendancy: an International History of the World 1914-1945*. (Hodder Arnold, 2002) [ISBN 9780340555668].

For the period after 1945:

Young, John W. and John Kent *International Relations since 1945: A Global History*. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2004) [ISBN 9780198781646 (pbk)].

For the ending of the Cold War:

Garthoff, Raymond *The Great Transition; American –Soviet Relations and the End of the Cold War*. (Brookings Institute, 1994) [ISBN 9780815730590 (pbk)].

Essential reading grouped by themes:

[Remember you need to study at least two themes]

Theme one: A History of International Relations

La Feber, W. *America, Russia and the Cold War*. (McGraw Hill, 2001) ninth edition [ISBN 9780072417586].

Theme two: Asia

Barnhart, M. *Japan Prepares for Total War: The Search for Economic Security 1919-1941*. (Cornell University Press, 1988) [ISBN 9780801495298 pbk].

Chan, G. *Friends and enemies. The US, China and the Soviet Union, 1948-72*. (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 1990) [ISBN 9780804719575].

David, S. *Choosing sides: alignment and realignment in the Third World*. (Baltimore: John Hopkins University Press, 1991) [ISBN 9780801841224 (pbk)]. NOTE: You may have trouble obtaining this text. A suitable alternative would be Brands, H.W. *The Specter of Neutralism: The United States and the Emergence of the Third World, 1947-1960* (Columbia University Press, 1989) [ISBN 9780231071680].

Theme three: Crises and Revolutions

Anderson, D.L. (ed) *Shadow on the White House: Presidents and the Vietnam War*. (University Press of Kansas, 1993) [ISBN 9780700605835 (pbk)].

La Feber, W. *Inevitable Revolutions: the US in Central America*. (WW Norton, 1993) second edition [ISBN 9780393309645 (pbk)].

Westad, O.A. *Decisive Encounters: the Chinese Civil War 1946-50*. (Stanford University Press, 2003) [ISBN 9780804744843].

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Theme four: The Middle East

Halliday, Fred *Islam and the Myth of Confrontation: Religion and Politics in the Middle East*. (I.B. Tauris, 2002) [ISBN 9781860648687 (pbk)].

Shlaim, A. *The Iron Wall: Israel and the Arab World*. (Allen Lane, 2000) [ISBN 9780393321128 (pbk)].

Tessler, Mark A *History of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict*. (Indiana University Press, 1994) [ISBN 9780253208736 (pbk)].

Further reading

Please refer to Appendix 2 of the 2006 edition of the subject guide for an extensive list of suitable further reading for this unit.

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<http://www.external.shl.lon.ac.uk/?id=lse>