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READING LIST

Course Title: Britain in the Thirties: Devil's decade or the Shape of Thing to Come?
Location: Ewert House, Oxford
Term Dates: 25 Jan 2024 to 28 Mar 2024
Tutor: Michael Redley

The reading list below was supplied by the course tutor.

If you have enrolled on a course starting in the autumn, you can become a borrowing member of the Rewley House library from 1st September. If you are enrolled on a course starting in other terms, you can become a borrowing member once the previous term has ended. For example, students starting in January can join the Library in early December and those starting in April can join in early March.

If you are planning to purchase any books, please keep in mind that courses with insufficient students enrolled will be cancelled. The Department accepts no responsibility for books bought in anticipation of a course running.

Preparatory Reading List

The items on this list are to give you some background to the materials and ideas that we will be covering on the course.

Author	Title
Baxendale, J and Pawling, C	<i>Narrating the Thirties: a decade in the making: 1930s to the present (Macmillan 1996)</i>
Davis, J	<i>A History of Britain, 1885-1939 (Macmillan 1999)</i>
Edgerton, D.	<i>England and the aeroplane: Militarism, modernity and machines (Penguin 2013)</i>
Stevenson, J.	<i>British Society 1914-45 (Penguin 1990)</i>
Stevenson, J., and Cook, C.	<i>The Slump: Britain in the Great Depression (Longman 2010)</i>

Course Reading List

The items on this list are to support your learning while you are taking the course.

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Booth, A	<i>The British Economy in the Twentieth Century</i> (Palgrave 2001)
Clarke, P.	<i>The Keynesian Revolution in the Making, 1920-37</i> (1988)
Crockett, R	<i>Twilight of the truth: Chamberlain, appeasement and the manipulation of the press</i> (Weidenfeld 1989)
Crowson, N.	<i>Facing Fascism: The Conservative Party and the European Dictators, 1935-1940</i> (1997)
Deane, P. (ed.),	<i>History in Our Hands: A critical anthology of writing on Literature, culture and politics from the 1930s</i> (Bloomsbury 2019)
Gardiner, J	<i>The Thirties: An intimate history</i> (Harper 2010)
Green, E.H.H. and Tanner, D.M.,	<i>The Strange Survival of Liberal England: Political leaders, moral values and the reception of economic debate</i> (CUP 2007)
Law, M.J.,	<i>1938: Modern Britain, Social change and visions of the future</i> (Bloomsbury 2018)
LeMahieu, D.	<i>A Culture for Democracy: Mass Communication and the Cultivated Mind in Britain between the wars</i> (OUP 1988)
Levy, J	<i>Appeasement and rearmament: Britain 1936-39</i> (Rowman and Littlefield 2006)
Linehan. T.	<i>Communism and British Society, 1920-1939</i> (2007)
Macmillan H	<i>Winds of Change</i>
McCarthy, H.	<i>British People and League of nations: Democracy, Citizenship and Internationalism, 1918-48</i> (Manchester University Press 2011)
McKibbin, R	<i>Classes and cultures: England 1918-1951</i> (OUP 1998)
McKibbin, R	<i>People and Parties: England 1914-51</i> (OUP 2010)
Mosley, N.	<i>Rules of the Game: Sir Oswald and Lady Cynthia Mosley 1896-1933</i> (Secker and Warburg 1982)
Muggeridge M.	<i>The Thirties</i>
Overy, R.	<i>The Morbid Age – Britain between the wars</i> (Allen Lane 2009)
Parker, R.A.C	<i>Chamberlain and Appeasement: British Policy and the coming of the Second World War</i> (London 1994)
Pimlott, B.	<i>Labour and the Left in the 1930s</i> (1977)
Priestley J.B.	<i>English Journey</i>

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- Pugh, M *We Danced all night – a Social history of Britain Between the wars (Bodley Head 2008)*
- Pugh, M. *"Hurrah for the Blackshirts!" Fascists and Fascism in Britain between the wars (Pimlico 2006)*
- Ramsden, J. *The Age of Balfour and Baldwin 1902-40 (London 1978)*
- Riddell, N. *Labour in crisis: The Second Labour government 1929-31 (Manchester University Press 1999)*
- Searle, G.R. *Country before Party: Coalition and the idea of 'National government' in Modern Britain (Longman 1995)*
- Self R. *Neville Chamberlain: A biography*
- Smart, N *The National Government 1931-40 (Macmillan 1999)*
- Thomas G. *Popular conservatism and the culture of the National Government in interwar Britain*
- Thorpe, A (ed.) *The Failure of Political Extremism in Inter-War Britain (1988)*
- Thorpe, A. *Britain in the 1930s: The deceptive decade (Blackwell 1992)*
- Webster, C., *Healthy or hungry thirties? (History Workshop Journal 13)*
- Williamson, P. *National Crisis and National Government: British politics, the economy and empire 1926-32 (CUP 1992)*
- Williamson, P., *Stanley Baldwin: Conservative Leadership and National Values (CUP 1999)*
- Woolf V *Between the Acts*