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READING LIST

Course Title: Janus Years: Britain in the Twenties and Thirties
Location: Ewert House, Oxford
Term Dates: 22 Jan 2026 to 26 Mar 2026
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
Egerton, D.,	<i>England and the Aeroplane: Militarism, Modernity and Machines</i>
Heffer, S	<i>Sing as we go,</i>
McKibbin, R.	<i>Parties and the People: England 1914-51</i>
Overy, R.,	<i>The Morbid Age: Britain and the crisis of civilisation 1919-1939</i>
Priestley, J	<i>The Good Companions</i>
Reynolds, D.,	<i>The Long Shadow: The Great War and the Twentieth Century</i>

Course Reading List

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

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Thomas,G.,	<i>Popular Conservatism and the Culture of National Government in Inter-War Britain</i>
Ball., S.	<i>The Guardsmen: Harold Macmillan, three friends and the world they made</i>
Clarke, P	<i>Hope and Glory, Britain 1900-2000, 2004, Chapters 3-6</i>
Clarke, P	<i>The Keynesian Revolution in the making, 1920-37</i>
Cunningham, V	<i>British writers of the Thirties</i>
Darwin, J	<i>The Empire project: The rise and fall of the British world system</i>
Fowler S., and Weinbren, D.	<i>Now the war is over</i>
Hinton, J.	<i>The Mass Observers</i>
Huxley, A	<i>Brave New World</i>
Hynes, S	<i>A War Imagined</i>
Hynes, S	<i>The Auden Generation</i>
Law, M	<i>1938: Modern Britain: Social change and visions of the future</i>
Le Mahieu, D	<i>A culture for democracy: Mass communication and the cultivated mind</i>
McCarthy.H	<i>British People and the League of Nations; Democracy, citizenship and Internationalism, 1918-48</i>
McKibbin, R	<i>Classes and cultures: England 1918-51</i>
Morgan, K	<i>Consensus and disunity: The Lloyd George Coalition Government 1918-22</i>
Mosley, N	<i>Rules of the Game: Sir Oswald and Lady Cynthia Mosley 1896-1933</i>
Pugh, M	<i>Hurrah for the Blackshirts: Fascists and Fascism in Britain between the wars</i>
Ramsden, J	<i>The Age of Balfour and Baldwin 1902-40</i>
Stevenson, J.	<i>British Society 1914-45</i>
Stevenson, J., and Cook, C	<i>The Slump: Britain in the Great Depression</i>
Thomas, G	<i>Popular Conservatism and the culture of National Government in Inter-war Britain</i>
Thorpe, A.	<i>The failure of political extremism in inter-war Britain</i>

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Toye, R.	<i>The Labour Party and the Planned Economy</i>
Waugh, E	<i>Vile Bodies</i>
Wells, H.G	<i>The Shape of Things to Come</i>
Williamson, P	<i>National crisis and national government: British politics, the economy and empire 1926-32</i>
Williamson, P	<i>Stanley Baldwin: Conservative leadership and national values</i>
Winter, J	<i>Sites of memory, sites of mourning: The Great War in European cultural history</i>
Woolf, V	<i>Mrs Dalloway</i>