

Below are some suggested readings to introduce you to the key theories, debates and issues in economics and its related disciplines. You are not expected to read them all before you arrive, but you may find it useful to familiarise yourself with some of these discussions before, during, and perhaps even after your studies at UCL. Reading will help you identifying what area(s) of economics piques your curiosity: this can be a slow and ever-changing process, which is nevertheless useful to undertake (for instance, to inform your decisions about elective modules). Equally importantly, these books will feed your thoughts with a good dose of inspiration, which will only make your start better.

First of all, for a general understanding of how the economy works, we suggest you dig into the open-access e-books developed by the [CORE Project](#).

Some of our favourites:

Aghion, P., Antonin, C., and Bunel, S. (2021) *The Power of Creative Destruction: Economic Upheaval and the Wealth of Nations*, Belknap Press.

Angrist, J. D., & Pischke, J. S. (2014). *Mastering metrics: The path from cause to effect*. Princeton University Press.

Banerjee, A. and Duflo, E. (2011) *Poor Economics: A Radical Rethinking of the Way to Fight Global Poverty*, Public Affairs.

Bank of England (2022) *in Ten Simple Questions*, Cornerstone Press.

Chancel, L. (2020) *Unsustainable Inequalities: Social Justice and the Environment*, Belknap Press.

Galor, O. (2022)

Piketty, T. (2013) *Capital in the XXI Century*, Harvard University Press.

Raworth, K. (2017) *Doughnut economics: seven ways to think like a 21st-century economist*, Chelsea Green Publishing.

Stiglitz, J. (2012). *The price of inequality*, Penguin.

Stiglitz, J. (2016) *The Euro and its Threat to the future of Europe*, Allen Lane.

Thaler, R.H. and Ganser, L.J. (2015) *Misbehaving: The making of be*