

Philosophy, Politics and Economics

Politics and Philosophy: General Reading

Some suggestions for philosophical reading may be found below (don't try to read the lot – better to read two or three of these books carefully, and follow up their suggestions for taking your studies further); but reading literature or history has its place too.

Thomas Nagel, *What Does It All Mean?* (Oxford)

Bertrand Russell, *The Problems of Philosophy* (Oxford), also available online as an e-text from a number of websites

Martin Hollis, *Invitation to Philosophy* (Blackwell)

Nigel Warburton, *Philosophy: The Basics* (Routledge)

Nigel Warburton, *Philosophy: The Classics* (Routledge)

Peter Singer, *Practical Ethics* (Cambridge)

Jonathan Glover, *Causing Death and Saving Lives* (Penguin)

Simon Blackburn, *Think* (Oxford)

Roger Scruton, *An Intelligent Person's Guide to Philosophy* (Duckworth)

Task: Plato and Political Philosophy

- Watch the video below – I recommend you watch it in 15 minute sections taking notes as you participate.

<https://cosmolearning.org/video-lectures/socratic-citizenship-plato-apology/>

This video lecture introduces political philosophy and offers some ideas that support the view that you can't start this area of philosophy without an understanding of Plato.

- Here you will find a transcript of Plato's original text. This will help you but again, you'll probably need to read it in sessions. <http://classics.mit.edu/Plato/apology.html>
- <https://www.quora.com/What-is-the-significance-of-Platos-Apology-in-terms-of-political-philosophy> Provides a useful summary.
- You will be able to find many more resources yourself but search Plato's apology and political philosophy to get the best results. There are a plethora of resources on You Tube and Jstor too.

The Freedom of the mind and political life – are they compatible or at odds?

Write a response to this question referencing Plato's Apology (1500 words)

Try to include other scholars who have written commentary on what the book has to add to political philosophy

Economics and Philosophy: General Reading

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Mark Timmons, (2012) Moral Theory, An Introduction (Rowman and Littlefield)

Jonathan Anomaly, Geoffrey Brennan, Michael C. Munger, Geoffrey Sayre-McCord, eds. 2016 Philosophy, Politics and Economics: An Anthology edited by, (Oxford University Press).

Elinor Ostrom, 1991 Governing the Commons: The Evolution of Institutions for Collective Action (Cambridge University Press)

John Stuart Mill, (1859) On Liberty.

Task: Political and Economic Philosophy

- First, make sure you know what it is to know something inductively and deductively. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WAdpPABoTzE>
- Watch the video lecture <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=peNHXMI1d94> and make notes
- Watch this video https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EfF6WD8s_ps and make notes
- Read this interesting interview, some bits you might want to skip over but it does address the topic directly <https://mises.org/library/why-economics-needs-philosophy>
- This link takes you to a review of Dan Little's book which you may want to read, but the summary here will give you some idea of how economics and philosophy interact. <https://economistsview.typepad.com/economistsview/2012/10/the-philosophy-of-economics.html>
- You will be able to find more yourself, I recommend putting "philosophy and economics" into quotation marks to find the most accurate return, followed by whatever sub section you want to find out more about.

Why does Economics Need Philosophy?

Write a response to this question. Try to reference the scholars that are mentioned in your research to make your points carry more weight. (1500 words)