

BA Politics and Sociology with East European Studies (with a Year Abroad)

Below are some suggested readings to introduce you to the history of Russia and Eastern Europe, to the key disciplines of Politics, International Relations and Sociology and to research conducted by SSEES academics on important issues in the region.

You are not expected to read them all before you arrive, but you may find it useful to familiarise yourself with some of the key issues and debates in Politics and East European Studies over the summer. Some of this work is produced by your lecturers at UCL SSEES (see the final section below).

Summer Reading List 2022 for new students

Politics

(Particularly recommended to students who have not studied

History

Crampton, R. 1997. Eastern Europe in the Twentieth Century and After. London: Routledge

Hosking, G. 2017. A History of the Soviet Union, 1917-1991. 3rd Edition. London: William Collins.

Ash, Timothy Garton. 2019. Magic Lantern: Revolution of '89. Atlantic Books.

Selected works by SSEES academics

[Seán Hanley](#) on why we must go beyond the “backsliding paradigm” ([link](#)) and the fading mirage of the liberal consensus ([link](#)).

[Agnieszka Kubal](#) on immigration and refugee law in Russia ([link](#)) and women’s rights in