Note to Supervisors and Students:

This reading list is intended to provide an overview of topics which can be expected to be covered in Paper 11 lectures, supervisions and examinations. It is designed to be up-to-date and to provide broad coverage. However, supervisors may wish to add readings and cover topics not included in this list. Both supervisors and students are advised to consult past exam papers. The Paper 11 Coordinators (Professor Simon Szreter, St. John’s College, srss@cam.ac.uk and Lucy Delap, Murray Edwards College, lmd11@cam.ac.uk) would appreciate regular feedback from supervisors and lecturers on new literature and topics so that they may be considered for subsequent editions of the list.

Covid update: Book publications in bold are available online. Journal articles are not annotated since most are available digitally. Requests for scanning have been made to the Seeley Library and this will be a work in progress over the academic year, though copyright restrictions will mean that only one chapter or 10% of any book can be copied. Please contact the paper coordinators if you have any suggestions about texts to be purchased digitally or scanned.

* indicates items of particular importance
TOPICS

1. Economic Performance, 1880-1914
2. Class in Victorian and Edwardian Britain
5. Fertility Decline and Marital Sexuality, 1880-1939
7. Gender Roles and Relations, 1880-1939
8. The First World War and its Aftermath
9. Interwar Economic Performance
10. Class in Interwar Society
11. The Second World War and its Aftermath
15. Class and Social Change since 1945
16. Gender Roles and Experiences since 1939
17. Environmental Change and Policy
18. Education
19. Faith and Belief
20. Crime and Punishment
21. Race and Immigration
22. Mass Culture
23. Youth and Youth Cultures
GENERAL TEXTS

Good general surveys of the period are P. Johnson (ed.), Twentieth-Century Britain: Economic, Social and Cultural Change (1994) [TCB], and F. Carnevali and J-M. Strange (eds) Twentieth-Century Britain. Economic, Cultural and Social Change (2nd ed., 2007) [TCB2]. Although the latter is meant to be an updating of the former, they offer different perspectives and are both worth consulting (and comparing).

Other surveys of aspects of the period:

M. Johnes, Wales since 1939 (2012)
J. White, London in the Twentieth Century (2001)
J. Vernon, Modern Britain, 1750 to the Present (2017)
P. Thane, Divided Kingdom. A history of Britain, 1900 to the Present (2018)

Important surveys which cover large parts of the period:


Journals which regularly publish contributions relevant to this paper:

Economic History Review (EcHR)  
Past and Present (P&P)  
Historical Journal (HJ)  
Journal of British Studies (JBS)  
History Workshop Journal (HWJ)  
Transactions of the Royal Historical Society (TRHS)  
Twentieth-Century British History (TCBH)  
Contemporary British History (post-1945; formerly Contemporary Record) (CBH)

Useful works of reference:


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Primary sources:

Although the bulk of the reading for this paper comprises secondary sources – the historical literature on the period – much can also be gained by sampling the rich primary sources for this period readily available in print and online. Suggestions for some historically-revealing novels and documentary sources are scattered throughout the reading list. In addition, the following websites can be recommended for access to visual and aural sources.

http://www.screenonline.org.uk/ - film and television
http://www.bfi.org.uk/inview/ - documentary film and television
http://www.colonialfilm.org.uk/ - film of imperial life
http://sounds.bl.uk/ - archival sound recordings

Finally, much social and economic history – and also increasingly some cultural history – for this period is based on the many social-scientific surveys undertaken across the twentieth century. While the published reports of these surveys can often be found in the reading lists that follow, it is also possible for students to access the raw data of these surveys, often in easy and interesting ways. For one key repository for this data, see the Economic and Social Data Service (http://www.esds.ac.uk/). You can login via your Raven account. The ‘Teaching’ page (https://www.esds.ac.uk/resources/teaching.asp) offers an easy way in.
1. Economic Performance, 1880-1914

The ‘failure’ of the late Victorian and Edwardian economy; the origins of ‘declinsim’; the impact of steam and electricity; globalization and the domestic, imperial and international markets.

General

* N.F.R. Crafts, 'Economic growth during the long twentieth century', in Floud, Humphries & Johnson (eds), CEHMB
K.H. O'Rourke, 'From Empire to Europe: Britain in the world economy', in Floud, Humphries & Johnson (eds), CEHMB

‘Decline’: Myths, Anxieties, Realities

S. Pollard, Britain’s Prime and Britain’s Decline: The British Economy, 1870-1914 (1987)
* B. Supple, ‘Fear of Failing: Economic History and the Decline of Britain’, EcHR 1994
C. Feinstein, ‘Slowing Down and Falling Behind: Industrial Retardation in Britain after 1870’, in A. Digby et al. (eds), New Directions in Economic and Social History, vol. 2 (1992)
P. Clarke & C. Trebilcock (eds), Understanding Decline: Perceptions and Realities of British Economic Performance (1997)
F. Trentmann, Free Trade Nation (2008)

Global and Imperial Contexts

G. Jones, Merchants to Multinationals: British Trading Companies in the 19th and 20th Centuries (2000)
J. Belich, Replenishing the Earth: The Settler Revolution and the Rise of the Anglo-World, 1783-1939 (2009), part 3
2. Class in Victorian and Edwardian Britain

*The making of the modern class system?; ‘gentrification’ of the bourgeoisie; social mobility and immobility between working and middle classes; working-class culture: work, community, leisure.*

General

* D. Cannadine, *Class in Britain* (1998), chs. 3, 4
A. Reid, *Social Classes and Social Relations in Britain 1850-1914* (1992)
D.C. Coleman, ‘Gentlemen and Players’, *EcHR* 1973
D. Cannadine, *The Decline and Fall of the British Aristocracy* (1990)

Community

B.S. Rowntree, *Poverty: A Study of Town Life* (1899)
G.J. Crossick, *The Lower Middle Class in Britain* (1977)
* S. Pooley, ‘All we parents want is that our children's health and lives should be regarded’: Child Health and Parental Concern in England, c. 1860–1910’ *Social History of Medicine* (2010)

**Work and Leisure**

**J. Harris, Private Lives Public Spirit: A Social History of Britain 1870-1914** (1993), ch. 5

**P. Joyce, Visions of the People: Industrial England and the Question of Class 1848-1914** (1991)


The growth of the State: national efficiency, New Liberalism, socialism; social conditions and their investigation: unemployment, poverty, health and housing; social reform and philanthropy.

Overviews

* J. Harris, Private Lives Public Spirit: A Social History of Britain 1870-1914 (1993), chs 2, 7-8
M. Daunton (ed.), UHB, vol. III, esp. chs 1, 7, 9, 11, 12, 14-16
M. Daunton, ‘The role of the state: taxation, citizenship and welfare reforms’ in Carnevali and Strange (eds), TCB2
P. Thane (ed.), The Origins of British Social Policy (1978)
A. Crowther, Social Policy in Britain 1914-1939 (1988)
D. Vincent, Poor Citizens: The State and the Poor in Twentieth-Century Britain (1991)

Social Conditions

P. Johnson, Saving and Spending: The Working Class Economy in Britain 1870-1939 (1985)
E. Griffin, Bread Winner: An Intimate History of the Victorian Economy (2020)
B.S. Rowntree, Poverty: A Study of Town Life (1899)
C.G. Pooley (ed.), Housing Strategies in Europe 1880-1930 (1992), chs 1, 4
R. Floud et al., Height, Health, and History: Nutritional Status in the United Kingdom, 1750-1980 (1990)
Social Policy

G. Searle, The Quest for National Efficiency (1971)
J. Harris, Unemployment and Politics, 1886-1914 (1972)
B. Harris, ‘Unemployment and the Dole in Interwar Britain’, in P. Johnson (ed.), TCB
P. Baldwin, Contagion and the State in Europe 1830-1930 (1999)
M. Wiener, Reconstructing the Criminal: Culture, Law and Policy in England, 1830-1914 (1990), chs 4-9
S. Pedersen, ‘Eleanor Rathbone’ in S. Pedersen & P. Mandler (eds), After the Victorians (1994)
* C. Webster, ‘Health, Welfare and Unemployment During the Depression’, P&P 1985

See also 6. Mortality, Medicine and Health, 1870-1945

Standards and definitions: disposable income, new goods and new markets, conspicuous consumption; consumption and the city; consumption and gender; the ‘citizen consumer’.

Overviews

* P. Gurney, The Making of Consumer Culture in Modern Britain (2017), parts 2-3
P. Scott, ‘Consumption, Consumer Credit and the Diffusion of Consumer Durables’, in Carnevali and Strange (eds), TCB
A. Offer, ‘Consumption and affluence c.1870-2010’, in Floud, Humphries & Johnson (eds), CEHMB, vol. II
M. Hilton, Consumerism in Twentieth-Century Britain (2003), part I

Consumer Goods and Experiences

J. Benson & G. Shaw (eds), The Evolution of Retail Systems, c. 1800-1914 (1992)
* P. Johnson, Saving and Spending: The Working-Class Economy in Britain 1870-1939 (1985)
J. Bourke, Working-Class Cultures in Britain 1890-1960 (1994), chs 3-4
A. Briggs, Victorian Things (1988)
L. Ugolini, Men and Menswear: Sartorial Consumption in Britain, 1880-1939 (2007)
T. Logan, The Victorian Parlour (2001)
S. Bowden & A. Offer, ‘Household Appliances and the Use of Time: The United States and Britain since the 1920s’, EcHR 1994, and debate with B. Fine, EcHR 1999
* P. Scott, ‘The Twilight World of Interwar British Hire Purchase’, P&P 2002

Cultures of Consumption

P. Johnson, ‘Conspicuous Consumption and Working-Class Culture in Late Victorian and Edwardian Britain’, TRHS 1988
Journal of Modern History 2001


B. Shannon, ‘ReFashioning Men: Fashion, Masculinity and the Cultivation of the Male Consumer in 
Britain, 1860-1914’, VS 2004


chs 1-4

Between the Tobacco Manufacturer and the ‘Mass’ of Consumers in Britain, 1870-1940’, in 
M. Daunton & B. Rieger (eds), Meanings of Modernity (2001)

F. Trentmann, ‘Bread, Milk and Democracy in Modern Britain: Consumption and Citizenship in 
Twentieth-Century Britain’, in M. Daunton & M. Hilton (eds), The Politics of Consumption 
(2001)

F. Trentmann, ‘Civil Society, Commerce and “the Citizen-Consumer”’, in Trentmann (ed.), 
Paradoxes of Civil Society: New Perspectives on the Evolution of Civil Society in Modern 
Britain and Germany (2000)

D. Holland, ‘Toffee Men, Travelling Drapers and Black-Market Perfumers—South Asian Networks of 
Petty Trade in Early Twentieth Century Britain’, Twentieth Century British History (2019)
5. Fertility Decline and Marital Sexuality, 1880-1939

The demographic transition and the decline of fertility; diverse class and regional fertility and sexual cultures; sex and birth control in practice and in public discourse.

Overviews

J. Harris, Private Lives Public Spirit: A Social History of Britain 1870-1914 (1993), chs 2-3
R. McKibbin, Classes and Cultures: England 1918-1951 (1998), ch. 8

Changing Fertility

J.A. Banks, Prosperity and Parenthood (1954)
M. Rothery, ‘The Reproductive Behavior of the English Landed Gentry in the Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Centuries’, JBS 2009
* S. Pooley, ‘All we parents want is that our children's health and lives should be regarded’: Child Health and Parental Concern in England, c. 1860–1910’ Social History of Medicine (2010)
S. Szreter, ‘Fertility, social class, gender and the professional model: statistical explanation and historical significance’ EcHR (2015)
M. Anderson, Scotland’s Populations (2018), ch. 14

Sexual behaviour, family planning and marriage
* K. Fisher, “‘She was quite satisfied with the arrangements I made’: Gender and Birth Control in Britain, 1920-1950”, *P&P* 2000


G. Frost, “‘The black lamb of the black sheep’: Illegitimacy in the English working-class, 1850-1939’ *Journal of Social History* 2003


* L.A. Hall, *Sex, Gender and Social Change in Britain since 1880* (2000)


C. Davey, ‘Birth Control in Britain during the Interwar Years: Evidence from the Stopes Correspondence’, *Journal of Family History* 1988


S. S. Brooke, *Sexual Politics: Sexuality, Family Planning and the British Left from the 1880s to the Present Day* (2011)

Makepeace, Clare, ‘To What Extent was the Relationship Between Feminists and the Eugenics Movement a ‘Marriage of Convenience’ in the Interwar Years?’ *Journal of International Women's Studies*, 11(3), 2009, p. 66-80.


See also 7. Gender Roles and Relations, 1880-1939
6. Mortality, Medicine and Health, 1870-1939

The demographic transition and the decline of mortality; social medicine and public health; health insurance and public provision; the decline of eugenics; psychology and mental health.

Overviews

S. Szreter and A. Hardy, ‘Urban Mortality Patterns’, in Daunton (ed.), UHB
C. Webster, ‘Health, Welfare and Unemployment During the Depression’, P&P 1985
J.C. Riley, ‘Why Sickness and Death Rates Do Not Move Parallel To One Another Over Time’, Social History of Medicine 1999 and debate, same vol.
* B. HARRIS, ‘Health and Welfare’ in Floud, Humphries & Johnson (eds), CEHMB, vol. II.

Infant Mortality

S. Pooley, ‘All we parents want is that our children’s health and lives should be regarded’: Child Health and Parental Concern in England, c. 1860–1910’ Social History of Medicine (2010)

Medicine and Public Health

* A. Hardy, Health and Medicine in Britain since 1860 (2001)
S. Sheard, ‘Profit is a Dirty Word: The Development of Public Baths and Wash-houses in Britain 1847-1915’, Social History of Medicine 2000


P. Bridgen, ‘Voluntary Failure, the Middle Classes, and the Nationalisation of the British Voluntary Hospitals, 1900-1946’, in B. Harris and P. Bridgen (eds), *Charity and Mutual Aid in Europe and North America since 1800* (2006)

I. Zweiniger-Bargielowska, ‘The Culture of the Abdomen: Obesity and Reducing in Britain, c. 1900-39’, *JBS* 2005
S. Thompson, *Unemployment, Poverty and Health in Interwar South Wales* (2006)
J. Greenlees, ‘The dangers attending these conditions are evident’: Public Health and the Working Environment of Lancashire Textile Communities, c.1870–1939’ *Social History of Medicine* (2013)

S. Mukherjee, ‘A warning against quack doctors’: The Old Bailey trial of Indian oculists, 1893’, *Historical Research.* (2013)

*See also* 3. Social Problems and Social Policy, 1880-1939
5. Sexuality and Fertility, 1880-1939


7. Gender Roles and Relations, 1880-1939

Gender relations and emotional intimacy in families, marriages, leisure and workplaces before the Second World War; feminism; violence; gender and adolescence; masculinities

Overviews


* M. Pugh, ‘Suffrage and Citizenship’, in Carnevali and Strange (eds), *TCB2*


Marriage and Family Life


J.R. Gillis, *For Better, For Worse: British Marriages, 1600 to the Present* (1985), pts. III & IV


A.J. Hammerton, ‘Pooterism or Partnership?: Marriage and Masculine Identity in the Lower Middle Class, 1870-1920’, *JBS* 1999


M. Llewellyn Davies (ed.), *Maternity: Letters from Working Women* (1915)


S. Horrell & D. Oxley, ‘Crust or Crumb? Intra-household Resource Allocation and Male Breadwinning in Late Victorian Britain’, *EcHR* 1999


L. Delap, B. Griffin, and A. Wills (eds), *The Politics of Domestic Authority in Britain since 1800* (2009)

* A. Bingham, ‘An Era of Domesticity? Histories of Women and Gender in Interwar Britain’, *Cultural and Social History* 2004


Sexual Politics


J. Bourke, *Dismembering the Male: Men's Bodies, Britain and the Great War* (1996)
J. Walkowitz, *City of Dreadful Delight: Narratives of Sexual Danger in Late Victorian London* (1990), and roundtable in *Journal of Victorian Culture* 1997
B. Reay, ‘Writing the Modern Histories of Homosexual England’, *HJ* 2009

Feminisms

B. Harrison, Prudent Revolutionaries. Portraits of British feminists between the Wars, (1987)
*See also* 5. Sexuality and Fertility, 1880-1939

Masculinities

J. Bourke, Dismembering the Male: Men's Bodies, Britain and the Great War (1996)
M. Roper & J. Tosh (eds), Manful Assertions: Masculinities in Britain since 1800 (1991)
Lesley Hall, ‘Impotent ghosts from no-man’s land, flapper’s boyfriends, or crypto-patriarchs? Men, sex and social change in 1920s Britain’, Social History (1996)
*M. Roper, ‘Between manliness and masculinity: the “war generation” and the psychology of fear in Britain, 1914-50’, JBS (2005)

See also 5. Fertility Decline and Marital Sexuality, 1880-1939; 10. Class in Interwar Society
8. The First World War and its Aftermath

_The origins of the war and reactions to its outbreak; at the front: morale, shellshock, class and nation; at home: labour, social reform, gender; legacies: memory, gender, nation, pacifism._

**General**

* A. Gregory, _The Last Great War: British Society and the First World War_ (2008)
* J. Watson, _Fighting Different Wars: Experience, Memory, and the First World War in Britain_ (2004)
* J. Greaves, ‘The First World War and its Aftermath’, in Carnevali and Strange (eds), _TCB2_
* J. Bourne, _Britain and the Great War_ (1989), part III
* N. Ferguson, _The Pity of War_ (1998), chs 9-12
* S. Paseta, _Ireland and the Great War: ‘A War to Unite Us All’?_ (2002)

**War Front**

J. Bourke, _Dismembering the Male: Men’s Bodies, Britain and the Great War_ (1996)


* H.P. Cecil & P.H. Liddle (eds), _Facing Armageddon: The First World War Experienced_ (1996), esp. essays by Bourne and Sheffield

**Home Front**

S. Constantine et al. (eds), _The First World War in British History_ (1995)

C. Pennell, _A Kingdom United: Popular Responses to the Outbreak of the First World War in Britain and Ireland_ (2012)

* A. Milward, _The Economic Effects of the Two World Wars on Britain_, 2nd ed. (1984)

**G. de Groot, Back in Blighty: The British at Home in World War One**


A.J. Reid, ‘Dilution, Trade Unionism and the State in Britain during the First World War’, in S. Tolliday & J. Zeitlin (eds), _Shop Floor Bargaining and the State_ (1985)


S. Grayzel, Women’s Identities at War: Gender, Motherhood and Politics in Britain and France During the First World War (1999)


Memory

* P. Fussell, The Great War and Modern Memory (1975)
S. Hynes, A War Imagined: The First World War and English Culture (1990)


J. Wellington, Exhibiting the Great War: Museums and Memory in Britain, Canada and Australia, 1914-1943 (2017)
9. Interwar Economic Performance

Postwar recovery and long-term weaknesses; the Slump: causes, experiences, unemployment and poverty; remedies: monetary policy, fiscal policy, ‘planning’, tariffs and international diplomacy.

General

S.N. Broadberry, The British Economy Between the Wars (1986)
C. Price, ‘Depression and Recovery’, in Carnevali and Strange (eds), TCB2
* B. Eichengreen, ‘The British Economy between the Wars’, in Floud & Johnson (eds), EHB, vol. II
N. Crafts and P. Fearon (eds), The Great Depression of the 1930s: Lessons for Today (2013)
J. Stevenson & C. Cook, Britain in the Depression: Society and Politics (1994)
* S. Solomou, Themes in Macroeconomic History: The UK Economy, 1919-1939 (1996)
D. Edgerton, Warfare State, Britain 1920-1970 (2006), chs 1, 3

Industry and Employment

N.F.R. Crafts, ‘Long-Term Unemployment in Britain in the 1930s’, EcHR 1987
S.N. Broadberry, ‘The Emergence of Mass Unemployment’, EcHR 1990, and debate with S. Glynn & A. Booth, EcHR 1992
N.A. Whiteside & J.A. Gillespie, ‘Deconstructing Unemployment: Developments in Britain in the Interwar Years’, EcHR 1991

Economic Policy

Global Contexts


B.W.E. Alford, Britain in the World Economy since 1880 (1996)
H. James, The End of Globalization (2001)
10. Class in Interwar Society

Ideas of class; working-class and middle-class community, work and leisure; class relations: social investigation, social science, philanthropy, 'master-servant' relations.

General

J. Bourke, Working-Class Cultures in Britain 1890-1960 (1994)
S. Brooke, ‘Class and Gender’, in Carnevali and Strange (eds), TCB2
A.A. Jackson, The Middle Classes 1900-1950 (1991)
M. Houlbrook, Prince of Tricksters: The Incredible True Story of Netley Lucas, Gentleman Crook (2016)

Community

A. Olechnowicz, Working-Class Housing in England Between the Wars: The Becontree Estate (1997)
J. White, The Worst Street in North London: Campbell Bunk, Islington, Between the Wars (1986)
D. Cohen, Household gods: the British and their possessions (2009), chapter 7

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Work and Leisure


M. Savage, ‘Trade Unionism, Sex Segregation, and the State: Women’s Employment in “New Industries” in Inter-war Britain’, *Social History* 1988

* S. Todd, ‘Young Women, Work, and Leisure in Interwar England’, *HJ* 2005


D. Baines & P. Johnson, ‘In Search of the “Traditional” Working Class: Social Mobility and Occupational Continuity in Interwar London’, *EcHR* 1999


R. Holt (ed.), *Sport and the Working Class in Modern Britain* (1990)


Mass Observation, *The Pub and the People* (1943)


L. Delap, *Knowing Their Place: Domestic Service in Twentieth Century Britain* (2011)


See also 22. Mass Culture
11. The Second World War and its Aftermath

The experience of ‘total war’: economic mobilization, national identity, social change; ‘what difference did the war make?’; demobilization, austerity, consensus; ‘war and popular memory.’

Experiences

W. Webster, Mixing It: Diversity in World War Two Britain (2018) [Oxford Scholarship]
A.S. Milward, War, Economy and Society, 1939-1945 (1979)
P. Addison, The Road to 1945, 2nd ed. (1994)
A. Calder, The People’s War (1969)
S. Fielding et al., ‘“England Arise!”: The Labour Party and Popular Politics in 1940s Britain (1995)
P. Fussell, Wartime (1989)
T. Harrison, Living Through the Blitz (1976)
W. Webster, Englishness and Empire 1939-1965 (2007), ch. 2 [Oxford Scholarship]
C. Gledhill & G. Swanson, (eds), Nationalising Femininity: Culture, Sexuality and British Cinema in the Second World War (1996)
G. Orwell, The Lion and the Unicorn: Socialism and the English Genius (1941)
M. Roodhouse, Black Market Britain, 1939-1955 (2013)
P. Summerfield, Contesting home defence: Men, women and the Home Guard in the Second World War (2013) [EBSCO]
D. Todman, Britain’s War, vol. I: Into battle, 1937-1941 (2016) [BibliU]
W. Ugolini & J. Pattinson, Fighting for Britain?: Negotiating Identities in Britain During the Second World War (2015) [Proquest]
L. Noakes, Dying for the nation: Death, grief and bereavement in Second World War Britain (2020)
Jordana Bailkin, Unsettled: Refugee Camps and the Making of Multicultural Britain (2018), ch. 5
W. Ugolini, Experiencing war as the enemy other: Italian Scottish experience in World War II (2011)
Effects

J. Tomlinson, ‘Mr Attlee’s Supply-Side Socialism’, *EcHR* 1993
J. Harris, ‘Enterprise and Welfare States: A Comparative Perspective’, *TRHS* 1990
A. Allport, *Demobbed: Coming Home after the Second World War* (2009)

M. Sissons & P. French (eds), *Age of Austerity 1945-1951* (1963)
P. Addison, *No Turning Back : The Peacetime Revolutions of Post-War Britain*, ch.1
W. Webster, *Mixing It: Diversity in World War Two Britain* (2018) ch. 3

See also 12. Economic performance since 1945

Memories


Recovery from war; ‘declinism’: international comparisons, sectoral change, diagnoses and prescriptions; economic policies: consensus, ‘white heat’, planning, origins of neoliberalism.

General

N.F.R. Crafts & N.W.C. Woodward (eds), The British Economy since 1945 (1991)
J. Tomlinson, Public Policy and the Economy since 1900 (1990)
M. Daunton, Just Taxes (2002), chs 7-10
* A.J.C. Britton, Macroeconomic Policy in Britain, 1974-87 (1991)
D. Stedman Jones, Masters of the Universe: Hayek, Friedman and the Birth of Neoliberal Politics (2012)

‘Decline’ Again

J. Tomlinson, ‘Re-inventing the “Moral Economy” in Post-war Britain’, Historical Research 2010
D. Edgerton, Warfare State, Britain 1920-1970 (2006), chs 2, 4-8
A. Booth, ‘The Manufacturing Failure Hypothesis and the Performance of British Industry during the Long Boom’, EcHR 2003
J. Harris, ‘Enterprise and the Welfare State: A Comparative Perspective’, TRHS 1990
R. Coopey & N. Woodward (eds), Britain in the 1970s: The Troubled Decade (1996), essays by Coopey & Woodward and Crafts
J. Tomlinson, ‘De-industrialization Not Decline: A New Meta-narrative for Post-war British History’, TCBH 2016 (online)

Britain in the European and World Economies

B.W.E. Alford, Britain in the World Economy since 1880 (1996)
N. Rollings, ‘Britain and Europe’, in Carnevali and Strange (eds), TCB2


Beveridge and the road to 1945: aspects of welfarism: redistribution, social insurance, public provision; effects on economic growth and social cohesion; the fiscal crisis of the State.

General

H. Glennerster, British Social Policy since 1945, 2nd ed. (2000)
P. Lindert, Growing Public: Social Spending and Economic Growth since the 18th Century (2004), chs 7-8, 10-12


* J. Harris, “Contract” and “Citizenship”, in D. Marquand & A. Seldon (ed.), The Ideas that Shaped Post-War Britain (1996)

P. Addison, The Road to 1945, 2nd ed. (1994)


B. Jackson, ‘Revisionism Reconsidered: “Property-Owning Democracy” and Egalitarian Strategy in Post-war Britain’, TCBH 2005

M. Hilton and J. McKay (eds), The Ages of Voluntarism – How We Got to the Big Society (2011)


R. Shilliam, Race and the Undeserving Poor (2018) Ch. 5

Incomes, Poverty and Pensions


M.J. Daunton, Just Taxes: The Politics of Taxation in Britain 1914-1979 (2002), chs 7-12


R. Titmuss, Income Distribution and Social Change (1972)

D. Vincent, Poor Citizens: The State and the Poor in Twentieth-Century Britain (1991)

P. Townsend, Poverty in the United Kingdom (1979)

P. Thane, *Old Age in English History* (2000), chs 18-23

Health and Housing

N. Hayes, ‘Did We Really Want a National Health Service? Hospitals, Patients and Public Opinions before 1948’, *English Historical Review* 2012
* C. Webster, ‘Conflict and Consensus: Explaining the British Health Service’, *TCBH* 1990


V. Berridge, *Health and Society in Britain since 1939* (1999)


R. Bivins, *Contagious Communities, Medicine, Migration and the NHS in post-war Britain* (2015)


J. Drake, ‘From “colour blind” to “colour bar”: residential separation in Brixton and Notting Hill, 1948-75’, in Lawrence Black (ed.), *Consensus or coercion? The state, the people and social cohesion in post-war Britain* (2001)

See also 17. Environmental Change and Policy since 1945
18. Education

*The origins of neoliberalism and the Thatcher revolution: a cultural or an economic revolution? ideas of market, class, state and nation; ‘Victorian values’ and modernity.*

**General**

M.J. Oliver, ‘The Retreat of the State in the 1980s and 1990s’, in Carnevali and Strange (eds), *TCB2*  

**Economics**

L. Hannah, ‘Crisis and Turnaround’, in P. Johnson (ed.), *TCB*  
P. Minford, ‘What did Margaret Thatcher do for the UK economy?’, *British Politics* (2015)  

A.J. Richards, *Miners on Strike: Class Solidarity and Division in Britain* (1997)  

See also 12. Economic Performance, 1945-1979  
15. Class and Social Change since 1945

**Social Policy**

See also 13. The Climax and Crisis of the Welfare State, 1945-1979

Culture

B. Porter, ‘“Though Not An Historian Myself”: Margaret Thatcher and the Historians’, TCBH 1994
B.H. Harrison, ‘Mrs Thatcher and the Intellectuals’, TCBH 1994
J. Corner & S. Harvey (eds), Enterprise and Heritage: Crosscurrents of National Culture (1991)
M. Durham, Sex and Politics: The Family and Morality in the Thatcher Years (1991)

M. Worley, Punk, Politics and British (fan)zines, 1976–84: ‘While the world was dying, did you wonder why?’ HWJ (2015)
M. Cook, ‘“Archives of Feeling: The AIDS Crisis in Britain c. 1987”, HWJ (2017)
J. Hills, Good Times Bad Times. The welfare Myth of them and Us (2017)


S. Glynn, Class, ethnicity and religion in the Bengali East End (2016)
K. Tyler, Whiteness, Class and the Legacies of Empire: On Home Ground (2012)
Lisa Amanda Palmer, “Each one teach one’ visualising black intellectual life in Handsworth beyond the epistemology of ‘white sociology’, Identities (2019)
15. Class and Social Change since 1945

Class identities and social change; the impact of sociology: social mobility, social capital, ‘affluence’, languages of class; from social mobility to social exclusion; remembering class.

General

* M. Savage, Identities and Social Change in Britain since 1940 (2010)
S. Todd, ‘Class Experience and Britain’s Twentieth Century’, Social History 2014

Stratification, Social Mobility and Social Capital

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