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READING LIST

Course Title: Economics: Growth or Degrowth?
Location: Ewert House, Oxford
Term Dates: 01 Oct 2025 to 03 Dec 2025
Tutor: Doug Bamford

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
Helm, Dieter	<i>Legacy (This is a very useful and relevant book for the course and is available free online via CUP.)</i>
Hickel, Jason	<i>Less is More: How Degrowth Will Save the World (This is a useful book if you want to buy one, as it is a prominent book in favour of degrowth)</i>
Susskind, Daniel	<i>Growth: A Reckoning (This is a useful book if you want to buy one, as it is a prominent book responding to the degrowth movement and praising growth.)</i>

Course Reading List

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

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Bill, Gates	<i>How to Avoid a Climate Disaster: The Solutions We Have and the Breakthroughs We Need</i>
Costanza, Robert	<i>Addicted to Growth: Societal Therapy for a Sustainable Wellbeing Future</i>
Coyle, Diane	<i>GDP: A brief but affectionate history</i>
D'Alisa, G., Demaria, F. and Kallis, G. (eds.)	<i>Degrowth: A vocabulary for a new era (A useful summary of various relevant background concepts and theories. Many chapters can be found online as audiobook readings)</i>
Daly, Herman	<i>Beyond growth : the economics of sustainable development</i>
Giorgos Kallis, Susan Paulson, Giacomo D'Alisa, Federico Demaria	<i>The Case for Degrowth</i>
Jackson, Tim	<i>Prosperity without growth</i>
Kalof, Linda	<i>The Earthscan reader in environmental values</i>
Rathi, Akshat	<i>Climate Capitalism</i>
Raworth, K.	<i>Doughnut Economics</i>
Ritchie, H.	<i>Not the End of the World</i>
Rodrik, Dani.	<i>One economics, many recipes : globalization, institutions, and economic growth</i>