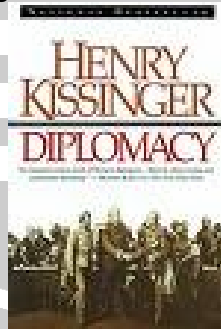


## Student to Student: Suggested Summer Reading List

This material has been recommended to new students by current IR/PS students as worthy of your time before classes start this year. Their comments are included for your reference.

### “Diplomacy”

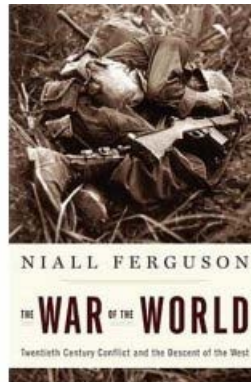
- by Henry Kissinger
- “A perspective of the last 500 years of Western diplomacy. As an influential diplomat, his reading of diplomatic history illustrates the application of realist thought to a broad variety of diplomatic crises.”



- **ISBN-10:** 078815690X
- **ISBN-13:** 978-0788156908

### “War of the World: Twentieth-Century Conflict and the Descent of the West”

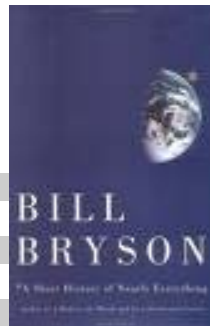
- by Niall Ferguson
- “Niall Ferguson is a controversial British historian that has written extensively on Empire and Imperialism. This book (or tome) covers from 1900~1950 and chronicles war, racism, decolonization and a host of other issues. His book 'Empire' has gives a unique perspective on globalization and what it meant for the earlier period 1870-1914.”



- **ISBN-10:** 1594201005
- **ISBN-13:** 978-1594201004

### **“A Short History of Nearly Everything”**

- by Bill Bryson
- “This book is a layman's explanation of scientific thought. It has nothing to do with the program at IR/PS, but it is an easy read and it reminds students that self-education is critical and to establish a balance in their expertise. Besides, we could all stand to brush up on our understanding of science!”



- **ISBN-10:** 076790818X
- **ISBN-13:** 978-0767908184

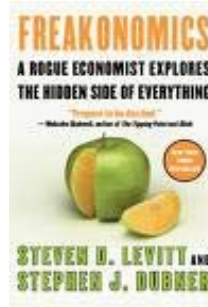
### **The Economist Magazine**

- “Would help the math types understand international politics, and help the non-profit types understand business. And the magazine's editorial position on free trade and rational government policy is right in line with what IR/PS professors teach.”
- Economist Online - Email Alerts – “provide a good overview of world politics and economics news.”

### **“Freakonomics: A Rogue Economist Explores the Hidden Side of Everything”**

- by Steven D. Levitt and Stephen J. Dubner
- “Students will benefit from its easy read and its premise that 'correlation does not equal causation' -- a major theme of IR/PS”
- “It is a light, fun, fascinating read that introduces the idea of regression analysis and how it can be used to analyze all kinds of social problems. I really wish I had read this before, rather than after, taking QM.”
- “The book is a great introduction to thinking about the processes and difficulties of establishing casual relationships. Students will be a bit more acquainted with statistical relationship in order to begin Quantitative Methods”
- “This book helps you think about everyday life like an economist - great way to get those 'economist' juices flowing before Managerial Economics.”

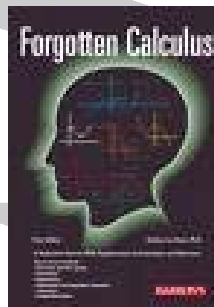
- “Really, no other book could help solve the most serious problems facing IRPS students, which are the difficult quantitative classes for the non-quantitatively minded.”



- **ISBN-10:** 0061234001
- **ISBN-13:** 978-0061234002

### “Forgotten Calculus”

- by Barbara Lee, Ph.D. Bleau
- “I used this during Prep to prepare for the quantitative aspect of our program. Looking back, this really is a great book to use before stepping into IR/PS. Students will have a head start in terms of understanding derivatives and tangent lines for Managerial Economics.”



- **ISBN-10:** 0764119982
- **ISBN-13:** 978-0764119989

### “Naked Economics: Undressing the Dismal Science”

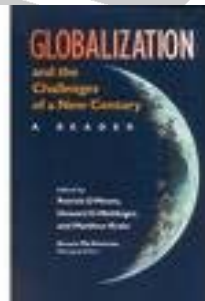
- by Charles Wheelan
- “It’s got no math, and it does an entertaining job of introducing all the key issues of Economics. It will give you some background for when you start learning the math behind it all.”



- ISBN-10: 0393324869
- ISBN-13: 978-0393324860

### **“Globalization and the Challenges of a New Century: a Reader”**

- edited by Patrick O'meara, Howard Mehlinger, Matthew Krain
- “A reader filled with articles that capture different takes on continuing globalization. We referred through this book often when I was an undergrad and although many of the articles are older now they still make good reference. This book helped me most in Globalization but also gave me a better understanding of concepts explored in Managerial Econ and PMP.”



- ISBN-10: 025321355X
- ISBN-13: 978-0253213556

### **“Politics and the English Language”**

- by George Orwell
- “Written in 1946 but still very valid today, this article is a quick analysis and sharp critique on 'outright barbarous' political writing. Orwell encourages readers and writers alike to work towards a simpler, more accurate, more concise style of political writing. My grades on papers in PMP and Globalization agreed.”

### **“Microsoft Excel: Data Analysis and Business Modeling”**

- by Wayne L. Winston
- “Recommended by a second-year in the FirstClass QM Prep folder when I first opened it, this book gave me my biggest head start with QM Prep and QM1. This book is filled with diagrams, screenshots, and

easy-to-follow chapters that help readers decipher Excel's 'language' and its nuances. This was my saving grace in what was by far my toughest class of the first quarter. Being good at Excel will help throughout QM1, Managerial Econ, and many employers like it too.”

- “Do an Excel tutorial online, especially if you aren't familiar with the program. There are lots of free ones and it will make life easier on you throughout the year.”
- “To prep for QM1 and for students interested in business, this was recommended by a second year and I use it and wish I had read it more extensively before I came”



- **ISBN-10: 0735619018**
- **ISBN-13: 978-0735619012**

“Anyone who is going to study international development and international political economy should be familiar with the following books, just as a general literature review of the subjects:”

1. **“The Fortune at the Bottom of the Pyramid”**
  - by CK Prahalad
2. **“The Mystery of Capital: Why Capitalism Triumphs in the West and Fails Everywhere Else”**
  - by Hernando De Soto
3. **“The Lexus and the Olive Tree” and/ or “The World Is Flat”**
  - by Thomas L. Friedman
4. **“Guns Germs and Steel”**
  - by Jared M. Diamond
5. **“The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism”**
  - by Max Weber, Talcott Parsons, and R.H. Tawney
6. **“Democracy in America”**
  - by Alexis de Tocqueville and Henry Reeve
7. **“An Inquiry Into the Nature and Causes of the Wealth of Nations”**
  - by Adam Smith and Edwin Cannan

“Read a magazine, journal, website, newspaper, etc. that deals with international politics, business, and current events. Again, it helps to provide context for all the other material you'll be learning. The Economist, BBC news, NY Times, etc.”