



MSc Sociology and Global Change

SUMMER READING RECOMMENDATIONS FROM TEACHING STAFF 2026

We strongly suggest you do some reading over the summer to prepare yourself for the programme. As you read, think about how you can apply the ideas you are encountering to analyse settings you are familiar with in new ways. All the books below are accessible via the University of Edinburgh Library as e-books.

Staff member nominating the book	Title	Author(s)	Comments
Dr Sophia Woodman and Dr Zoe Malcolm, Programme Directors MSc Sociology and Global Change	Sociology: A Very Short Introduction	Bruce, Steve	For those of you who have not studied sociology before, or haven't studied it in the UK, we recommend this short text.
	Feminist Sociology	Delamont, Sara	In addition, pick one or two of the books below to explore, depending on your interests. The list is not a comprehensive overview of the discipline but our selection of some well-crafted and stimulating pieces of sociological writing.
	The Gender of Modernity	Felski, Rita	
	Post-Western Sociology - From China to Europe	Li, Peilin, and Laurence Roulleau-Berger	
	Decolonizing Sociology: An Introduction	Meghji, Ali	



	Imagining Society—the Case for Sociology	Nehring, Daniel and Kerrigan, Dylan	
	A Sociology of Modern China	Rocca, Jean-Louis	
	Investigating Sociological Theory	Turner, Charles	

We look forward to meeting you in September!

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