

RE: Recommended pre-arrival readings

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Hi Chao-yo,

A couple more easy/fun stats intros are:

- Darell Huff, *How to Lie With Statistics* (old but still very relevant)
- Derek Rowntree, *Statistics without Tears*

A couple of podcasts I would recommend are:

- Thinking Allowed (BBC): <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006gy05/episodes/downloads>
- Scope Conditions (University of British Columbia): <https://www.scopeconditionspodcast.com/>

Will you be at Birkbeck tomorrow? If so, would you like to get an early lunch together (around 12)? If not, I will be coming in more often later on in the term, so hopefully we can connect sometime. It would be great to finally meet you in person!

Best wishes,

Barry

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Hi all,

I hope all is well no matter where you are!

I reached out to the Social Research applicants who have received an offer from us. Some of them got back to me, asking if I can recommend some light readings before the academic year starts. I think it is perhaps a good idea, and I'd love to hear from you.

I do have some books in my mind (one of them is this: <https://press.uchicago.edu/ucp/books/book/chicago/W/bo131341275.html>; I am reading it now and love it). I also have some books for quants (e.g., [Naked Statistics or the Art of Statistics](#)), but sadly for qual my mind is blank at this moment. What will be a non-technical, fun intro book for qualitative social research?

Looking forward to hearing from you! I am open to any suggestions you have. This is not urgent at all -- please feel free to send over anything that comes to your mind.

Best,
Chao-yo

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