

# FURTHER READING

## Introduction

- On what turned Denmark into Denmark, and what that says about the historical evolution of ordered political societies: Francis Fukuyama, *The Origins of Political Order* (London: Profile, 2012)

## Chapter 1: Violence

- On the decline of violence over the long sweep of modern history (and much more markedly in recent times): Steven Pinker, *The Better Angels of Our Nature: A History of Violence and Humanity* (Harmondsworth: Penguin, 2012)
- For a lecture that explains what is so original about Hobbes’s theory of the state, watch Quentin Skinner’s ‘What is the state? The question that will not go away’, <http://vimeo.com/14979551>
- The best book about the idea of representation and its role in modern politics is still: Hanna Pitkin, *The Concept of Representation* (Berkeley, CA: University of California Press, 1967)
- A classic treatment of the problem of ‘dirty hands’, written at the time of the Vietnam War and provoked by some of its horrors: Michael Walzer, ‘Political action: the problem of dirty hands’, *Philosophy and Public Affairs*, 2 (1973), pp. 160–80
- A concise and lucid account of the rationale behind drone warfare and what’s wrong with it: Stephen Holmes, ‘What’s in it for Obama? The drone presidency’, *London Review of Books* (18 July 2013), pp. 15–18.

<http://www.lrb.co.uk/v35/n14/stephen-holmes/whats-in-it-for-obama>

## Chapter 2: Technology

- The best recent account of the relationship between government spending and technological revolution is: William H. Janeway, *Doing Capitalism in the Innovation Economy* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2012)
- On the close link between the rise of the new technology and the decay of American politics: George Packer, *The Unwinding: An Inner History of the New America* (London: Faber and Faber, 2013)
- An angry account of the narrowing of the political class in twenty-first-century Britain, written by a political insider: Ferdinand Mount, *The New Few, or A Very British Oligarchy* (London: Simon and Schuster, 2012).
- On the role of protectionism in stabilising developing countries: Ha-Joon Chang, *23 Things They Don’t Tell You about Capitalism* (Harmondsworth: Penguin, 2011). Economists don’t like this book, but it isn’t really a book about economics. It’s about politics.
- For a radical critique of the political implications of the latest developments in information technology: Evgeny Morozov, ‘Information consumerism: the price of hypocrisy’, *Frankfurter Allgemeine* (24 July 2013) <http://www.faz.net/aktuell/feuilleton/debatten/ueberwachung/information-consumerism-the-price-of-hypocrisy-12292374.html>

## Chapter 3: Justice

- On the potentially fatal relationship between Rawlsian philosophy and fantasy politics: Raymond Geuss, *Philosophy and Real Politics* (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2008)
- For Sen’s most recent discussion of the idea of justice, which contains a critique of both Hobbes and Rawls, as well as a defence of the capabilities approach: Amartya Sen, *The Idea of Justice* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2009)
- An impassioned and almost persuasive account of why nothing is ever as bad