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"It isn't that I set out on economic policies; it's that I set out really to change the approach, and changing the economics is the means of changing that approach. If you change the approach you really are after the heart and soul of the nation. Economics are the method; the object is to change the heart and soul."

—Margaret Thatcher

"our efforts must be directed towards cracking open those spaces of possibility that do exist and fostering better political conditions over time. We must first reach a space within which more radical demands can be meaningfully articulated, and must therefore prepare for the long term if we wish to alter the terrain of politics substantially."

—Nick Srnicek & Alex Williams

Why does the world look like it does? What are the root causes of this? What are some of the relationships between systems of oppression, economics and in particular neoliberalism in all of this? How did this system get built and what are some of the forces required to change a political and economic system? Most importantly what are the lessons this holds for all of us trying to make change today?

Please note that this reading list is usually accompanied by training session(s) but we thought it would be useful to provide it for those wanting to do their own reading.

ESSENTIAL:

A Beginner's Guide to Neoliberalism, *Weekly Economics Podcast* (2015):

bit.ly/1Ttily0 (Podcast)

Recognising Racism in the Era of Neoliberalism (Chapter from *The Meaning of Freedom and Other Difficult Dialogues*), *Angela Davis* (2012):

bit.ly/1NjNh7m (Article)

Crises of Capital, *David Harvey RSAanimate* (2010):

bit.ly/GzH6tR (10 min Video)

OPTIONAL:

The Master's House is Burning: bell hooks, Cornel West and the Tyranny of Neoliberalism, *Rev. Osagyefo Sekou*, (2014):

bit.ly/1ICNFt9 (Article)

The Shock Doctrine – the Rise of Disaster Capitalism, *Naomi Klein* (2015):

vimeo.com/26718047 (Film)

Race, Migration and Neoliberalism, Sally Davison and George Shire (2015)
bit.ly/1NjNg3a (chapter from After Neoliberalism? The Kilburn Manifesto)

Exploiting Feminism for Profit, Maya Goodfellow, (2015)
bit.ly/1NjNmbj (Article)

What is Neoliberalism?, Aaron Bastani and Will Davies, Novara Media (2015):
novaramedia.com/2015/01/what-is-neoliberalism/ (Podcast)

After Neoliberalism: the need for a Gender Revolution, Beatrix Campbell, (2015)
bit.ly/1q0nkhG (Chapter from After Neoliberalism? The Kilburn Manifesto)

Why did Britain's political class buy into the Tories' economic fairytale?, Ha-Joon Chang,
bit.ly/1zh3br2 (Article)

Neoliberalism is a Political Project, David Harvey (2016):
bit.ly/2aclki6 (Interview)

Hypocrisy, Homophobia and the Neoliberal Ruling Class, Colin Wilson (2014)
bit.ly/1TKEquA (Article)

Markets and Morals, A New Citizenship, Michael Sandel (2009):
bbc.in/1dUU3uh (Article)

Joy Arises, Rules Fall Apart, Rebecca Solnit (2013):
rebeccasolnit.net/essay/joy-arises-rules-fall-apart (Article)

Racism is a System of Oppression, not a Series of Bloopers, Gary Younge (2016)
bit.ly/23o7zhR (Article)

Teaching to Transgress, Education as the Practice of Freedom, bell hooks (1994) This by bell hooks is a curve ball because she's arguing that change occurs through radical education - channeling Paulo Freire:
bit.ly/2f1LaJi (Book)

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