

# NEON

## SYSTEMS OF OPPRESSION // READING // 2016

**Reflection is only legitimate when it sends us back to the concrete context where it seeks to clarify the facts - Paulo Freire**

All oppression is interconnected. This is a chunky reading list for you to pick and choose from (and use beyond the session), depending on where you're at in your understanding / experience of different oppressions. Please note that though links and texts have been separated into focused categories of oppression, many articles will address multiple oppressive systems. The aim is to spend a little time on analysis, a little time reframing the historical, political and economic paths that brought us to the present day; and a lot of time understanding the strategies that people tackling oppression or, to use a better phrase, continued coloniality, employ.

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:

**The Undercommons: Fugitive Planning and Black Study** Stefano Harney and Fred Moten (2013):  
[bit.ly/1leKOed](https://bit.ly/1leKOed) (Book, Chapter 0 - *The Wild Beyond: With and for the Undercommons* and Chapter 5 - *Planning and Policy*)

**Eastern Origins of Western Civilisation** John Hobson (2004)  
[bit.ly/2eiDdh4](https://bit.ly/2eiDdh4) (Book, Chapter 2: *Islamic and African pioneers: building the Bridge of the World and the global economy in the Afro-Asian age of discovery, 500–1500* and Chapter 10: *Constructing European racist identity and the invention of the world, 1700–1850: the imperial civilising mission as a moral vocation*)

**How white people got made** Quin Morton, *Medium*:  
[bit.ly/29lwyi0](https://bit.ly/29lwyi0) (Article)

**A Global Sense of Place** Doreen Massey:  
[unc.live/29kGQhk](https://unc.live/29kGQhk) (Article)

**What It Takes To Be A Rebel In Modern Times** Chris Hedges/*Vice*:  
[bit.ly/1NcGM0b](https://bit.ly/1NcGM0b) (Video, 15 mins)

**A Different Way to Fight Hunger: Agroecology and the Food Sovereignty Prize:**  
[huff.to/1VNNMd7](https://huff.to/1VNNMd7) (Article)

**The Souls of Muslim Folk: Islam and Decolonial Futures** *Novara Media*:  
[bit.ly/29tCd7Z](https://bit.ly/29tCd7Z) (Audio)

**The politics of Asian Youth Movements** *Anandi Ramamurthy*

[bit.ly/29BpQWD](https://bit.ly/29BpQWD) (Article)

**Moving Towards the Ugly: A Politic Beyond Desirability** *Mia Mingus*

[bit.ly/1O296SU](https://bit.ly/1O296SU) (Blog)

**We Need To Talk About An Injustice** Bryan Stevenson:

[bit.ly/1odxsyf](https://bit.ly/1odxsyf) (Video, 25 mins, with transcript)

**Historical Erasure As Violence\*** *Reina Gossett*: (\*trans/queer erasure, movements and learning from past community groups)

[bit.ly/29tante](https://bit.ly/29tante) (Video, 5 mins)

**Unsettling Whiteness** *Barnor Hesse / Decolonising Our Minds* Lecture (1 hr+ audio recording)

**Why I'm walking in my father's footsteps, retracing the People's March for Jobs** *Mike Carter, Guardian*

[bit.ly/29vjAR2](https://bit.ly/29vjAR2) (Article)

**The Unbearable Whiteness of Brexit - Race, class & the EU Referendum on the streets of Barking** *Novara Media*

[bit.ly/29Bc6hF](https://bit.ly/29Bc6hF) (Video, 12 mins)

## OPTIONAL:

### **Oppression**

**A Structural Analysis of Oppression:**

[bit.ly/29r7JnT](https://bit.ly/29r7JnT) (Article/Diagram)

**There is No Hierarchy of Oppressions** Audre Lorde:

[bit.ly/29twwag](https://bit.ly/29twwag) (Article)

**Neoliberalism is Neo-colonialism in Disguise:**

[bit.ly/29qLoEB](https://bit.ly/29qLoEB) (Article)

**Reframing Internalized Oppression and Internalized Domination: From the Psychological to the Sociocultural** *Mark B. Tappan*

[bit.ly/29S1bMq](https://bit.ly/29S1bMq) (Essay)

**What is Otherness?** *Dr Zuleyka Zevallos*

[bit.ly/29tql70](https://bit.ly/29tql70) (Article)

**Anti - oppression:**

[bit.ly/29qLpZ5](https://bit.ly/29qLpZ5) (Article)

**The Historian as Curandera,** *Auruora Levins Morales*:

[bit.ly/29BhVJ4](https://bit.ly/29BhVJ4) (Essay)

**Climate change, the Arctic and the postcolonial imagination** *Krystalline Kraus*

[bit.ly/29vmyoT](https://bit.ly/29vmyoT) (Article)

**'Space for Movement'** *Building Bridges Collective*  
(Book)

**Whiteness and Race** (*reading around race is exceptionally important for understanding the construction of modern class identities, how they are inherently racialized, and therefore how capitalism/neoliberalism is inherently racist, too.*)

**The white problem** Quinn Norton:  
[bit.ly/29sbDNv](https://bit.ly/29sbDNv) (Article)

**The Invention of the White Race:**  
[bit.ly/1MhETin](https://bit.ly/1MhETin) (Video)

**White Fragility: Why it's so hard to talk to white people about racism:** Dr Robin Deangelo  
[bit.ly/1z3GGBa](https://bit.ly/1z3GGBa) (Article)

**8 white identities** Barnor Hesse :  
[bit.ly/29uhC3z](https://bit.ly/29uhC3z) (Article)

**The Unbearable Whiteness of Brexit:**  
[bit.ly/29kaOmV](https://bit.ly/29kaOmV) (Video)

**Black British Rebels: Figures from Working Class History** Hassan Mahamdallie  
(Book, £3 from Housmans)

**Theorizing Anti-Racism: Linkages in Marxism and Critical Race Studies**, Edited by *Abigail B. Bakan*  
and *Enakshi Dua*  
(Book)

**Are we all post-racial yet?** *David Theo Goldberg*  
(Book)

**Escaping Liberty** *Barnor Hesse*  
[bit.ly/29lx8w0](https://bit.ly/29lx8w0) (Article)

**On the Postcolony**, *Achille Mbembe*:  
[bit.ly/2e89nic](https://bit.ly/2e89nic) (Book)

## Gender

**Understanding patriarchy**, *bell hooks*:  
[bit.ly/1sbcaDa](https://bit.ly/1sbcaDa) (Essay)

**Decolonisation and dismantling patriarchy for 'living well'** *Elisa Vega*: '*We say that colonialism rests on two axes: racism and patriarchy*':  
[bit.ly/29mU3XZ](https://bit.ly/29mU3XZ) (Essay)

**Intersectionality: A Tool for Gender and Economic Justice:**  
[unc.live/29U2fPU](https://unc.live/29U2fPU) (Article/Tools)

**From Subjection to Subjection\*:** *Reina Gossett, Saidiya Hartman, Charlene Sinclair:*

[bit.ly/29FIIHx](https://bit.ly/29FIIHx) (Video of conference, 60 mins) \*includes everything from transphobia to migrant rights to prison industrial complex.

**What Are We Defending** *Reina Gossett:*

[bit.ly/1CbSByg](https://bit.ly/1CbSByg) (Blog)

## Class

**Class, An Introduction,** Libcom.org

[bit.ly/2aJRcrO](https://bit.ly/2aJRcrO) (Article)

**Is talking about class cultures a taboo on the left?** Class Matters,

[bit.ly/2b8tOFt](https://bit.ly/2b8tOFt) (Article)

**Reaching across the walls,** Class Matters,

[bit.ly/2baSIZ0](https://bit.ly/2baSIZ0) (Article)

**Why the Precariat is Not a Bogus Concept,** Guy Standing

[bit.ly/ZPeIO9](https://bit.ly/ZPeIO9) (Article)

**Marxism and Politics,** Ralph Miliband (especially Chapter 2, Class and Class Conflict)

[bit.ly/2esJu7b](https://bit.ly/2esJu7b) (Book)

*This reading list is the end result of a lot collective thinking and practice. Teju Adeleye led the synthesis of these insights to create the reading list, with the support of NEON. PIRC designed the reading list and made it beautiful.*