



PROTOCOL—Reading Groups in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics

“Philosophy, Politics, and Economics” form a cluster of fields well-known from an Oxford degree with that name and increasingly popular in the United States. Its aim is to identify and understand principles of social and economic justice in the context both of the philosophical account of what human beings are and consider good, and of social scientific insight into the actual functioning of social and economic life.

PROTOCOL FOR READING GROUPS

- Students form themselves into groups of five to seven (and also join the Facebook group [@VoegelinInstitute](#))
- Each group appoints a convenor who organizes meetings and serves as liaison with the Voegelin Institute
- The Voegelin Institute supplies group members with books (2016-2017: Smith, Marx, Mill, Aristotle)
- Groups meet weekly or bi-weekly to discuss agreed-upon chapters
- Professor Stoner is available to meet with each group once a semester at the group’s invitation
- Convenors report each semester on the number of meetings, chapters read, number attending, and ideas discussed

Recommended Readings in Adam Smith, *Wealth of Nations*

- Essential: intro., I.1-2, II.3, (pp. 10-30, 330-349) / III.1, 4; IV.2 (pp. 376-380, 411-427, 452-472) / V.1f (pp. 758-788)
- Enrichment: I.3-5, II.4 (pp. 31-64, 350-359) / III.3; IV.1 (pp. 397-410, 428-451) / V.1g, 2f-g, 3.1-13, 59-64 (pp. 788-814, 847-858, 907-912, 929-932)

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Resources in PPE:

- Duke University PPE Program
<https://sites.duke.edu/dukeppe/>
- Intercollegiate Studies Institute PPE Curriculum
- University of Oxford PPE
<http://www.ppe.ox.ac.uk>
- *Philosophy, Politics, and Economics: An Anthology*, ed. Anomaly, Brennan, Munger, Sayre-McCord (OUP, 2015)

