

Part IA People, Space & Geographies of Difference

Restructuring Welfare & Society

Please consider the following question:

How far do you agree that attempts to explain the growth in social and spatial inequalities in contemporary Britain must look to the economy rather than to policy?

The focus of your answer should be on **poverty**.

I would like you to hand in a short essay (4-5 sides of A4, no longer than 1500-2000 words). Deadline: Monday 26th April 10am.

Indicative reading:

Bradshaw, J. (2000) 'Prospects for poverty in Britain in the first twenty-five years of the next century' *Sociology* **34** (1) 53-70

Brewer, M., Goodman, A., Shaw, J. and Shephard, A. (2007) *Poverty and Inequality in Britain: 2005* (London: Institute of Fiscal Studies) [copy in Dept Library] Also available at: <http://www.ifs.org.uk/bns/bn73.pdf>

Dorling, D., Rigby, J., Wheeler, B., Ballas, D., Thomas, B., Fahmy, E., Gordon, D. and Lupton, R. (2007) *Poverty, wealth and place in Britain, 1968 to 2005* (Bristol: Policy Press) available at: <http://www.jrf.org.uk/bookshop/eBooks/2019-poverty-wealth-place.pdf>

Fuller, D. and Gough, J. (2001) 'Geographies of Poverty' in R. Pain et al, *Introducing Social Geographies* (London: Arnold)

Green, A. and Owen, D. (2006) *The Geography of Poor Skills and Access to Work* (York: Joseph Rowntree Foundation), available at: <http://www.jrf.org.uk/bookshop/eBooks/1859354300.pdf>

Mohan, J. (1999) *A United Kingdom?* (London: Arnold), Chapter 9

Nickell, S. (2004) 'Poverty and worklessness in Britain' *The Economic Journal* **114** C1-C25 [offprint in library]

PLEASE NOTE: Consult the reading list on the Geography Dept intranet for further references if needed. See under 'Course materials, Paper 1, supervisions folder'.