

British Economic Policy 1945-51: The Labour Governments

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399 items

Bibliography (3 items)

The list is broken into the weekly topics and then sub-divided into reading for the lecture and for the seminar. The latter is then divided into key texts, contemporary writing and historical analyses. One of the aims of the course is to get you to read both contemporary and historical considerations of topics.

No single textbook is recommended for this course. However, AK Cairncross, **Years of Recovery** (1985) and J Tomlinson, **Democratic Socialism and Economic Policy** (1996) provide detailed accounts of economic policy.

Years of recovery: British economic policy 1945-51, by Alec Cairncross, 1985

Book

Democratic socialism and economic policy: the Attlee years, 1945-1951, by Jim Tomlinson, c1997

Book

1. Introductory Lecture and the 1945 General Election (62 items)

Seminar questions

Why did so many people vote for Labour in 1945?

To what extent did this represent a swing to the left in public opinion?

To what extent was this a mandate to create a socialist Britain?

Core seminar reading (6 items)

British general elections since 1945, by David Butler, 1995

Book | Essential | See: pp. 5-13

What Did 'The People' Want?: The Meaning of the 1945 General Election - in The Historical Journal, by Steven Fielding, 1992

[Article](#) | [Essential](#)

Review: 1945 and the Apathy School - in History Workshop Journal, by Review by:

James Hinton, 1997

[Article](#) | [Essential](#)

Age of austerity, by Michael Sissons; Philip French, 1986, c1963

[Book](#) | [Essential](#) | See: A. Howard, "'We Are the Masters Now'"

Rethinking a progressive moment: the Liberal and Labour parties in the 1945 general election - in Historical Research, by Peter Sloman, 2011-11

[Article](#) | [Essential](#)

Winston Churchill's "Crazy Broadcast" Party, Nation, and the 1945 Gestapo Speech - in The Journal of British Studies, by Richard Toye, 2010-7

[Article](#) | [Essential](#)

Wider reading (36 items)

General accounts (10 items)

The 1945-1951 Labour governments, by Roger Eatwell, 1979

[Book](#)

Labourism in the 1940s - in Twentieth Century British History, by STEVEN FIELDING, 1992

[Article](#)

Never again: Britain, 1945-51, by Peter Hennessy, 1992

[Book](#)

Labour in power, 1945-1951, by Kenneth O. Morgan, 1984

[Book](#)

Attlee's Labour governments, 1945-51, by R. D. Pearce, 1994

[Book](#)

The Labour governments, 1945-51, by Henry Pelling, 1984

[Book](#)

Labourism and the Labour Government - in Socialist Register, by John Saville, 1967

[Article](#)

Ruling performance: British governments from Attlee to Thatcher, by Peter Hennessy; Anthony Seldon, 1987

[Book](#) | See: Chapter 2

Political economy and the Labour Party: the economics of democratic socialism,

1884-2005, by Noel W. Thompson, 2006

[Book](#)

Philosophical foundations of English socialism, by Adam B. Ulam, 1951

[Book](#) | See: pp. 134-150

Ministers (24 items)

As it happened, by C. R. Attlee, 1954

[Book](#)

Clem Attlee: a biography, by Francis Beckett, 2007, c1997

[Book](#)

Clement Attlee: a political biography, by T. D. Burridge, 1985

[Book](#)

A question of leadership: Gladstone to Thatcher, by P. F. Clarke, 1991

[Book](#) | See: Chapter 9

Attlee, by Kenneth Harris, 1995

[Book](#)

Attlee: a life in politics, by Nicklaus Thomas-Symonds, 2010

[Book](#)

Herbert Morrison: portrait of a politician, by Bernard Donoughue; G. W. Jones, 1973

[Book](#)

Herbert Morrison: an autobiography by Lord Morrison of Lambeth, by Herbert Morrison, 1960

[Book](#)

A question of leadership: Gladstone to Thatcher, by P. F. Clarke, 1991

[Book](#) | See: Chapter 8

The political diary of Hugh Dalton, 1918-40, 1945-60, by Hugh Dalton Dalton; Ben Pimlott; London School of Economics and Political Science, 1986

[Book](#)

High tide and after: memoirs 1945-1960, by Hugh Dalton, 1962

[Book](#)

Hugh Dalton, by Ben Pimlott, 1985

[Book](#)

Nye Bevan and the mirage of British socialism, by John Campbell, c1987

[Book](#)

Aneurin Bevan, by Michael Foot, 1975

[Book](#) | See: Vol 2

Hugh Gaitskell, by Brian Brivati, 1996

[Book](#)

The diary of Hugh Gaitskell, 1945-1956, by Hugh Gaitskell; Philip M. Williams, 1983

[Book](#)

Hugh Gaitskell, 1906-1963, by W.T. Rodgers, 1964

[Book](#)

Hugh Gaitskell: a political biography, by Philip M. Williams, 1979

[Book](#)

Ernest Bevin: Foreign Secretary 1945-1951, by Alan Bullock, 1985, c1983

[Book](#)

Inside the Private Office: memoirs of the secretary to British foreign ministers, by Nicholas Henderson, 1987

[Book](#)

Age of austerity, by Michael Sissons; Philip French, 1986, c1963

[Book](#) | See: D. Marquand, 'Sir Stafford Cripps'

The Cripps version: the life of Sir Stafford Cripps, 1889-1952, by P. F. Clarke, 2003

[Book](#)

Harold Wilson, by Ben Pimlott, 1992

[Book](#)

Wilson: the authorised life of Lord Wilson of Rievaulx, by Philip Ziegler, 1993

[Book](#)

Brief portraits (2 items)

Labour people: leaders and lieutenants, Hardie to Kinnock, by Kenneth O. Morgan, 1987

[Book](#)

The British Labour Party: its history, growth, policy and leaders, by Herbert Tracey; C. R. Attlee, 1948

[Book](#) | See: Vol 3

1945 Election (19 items)

Contemporary (6 items)

HAS LABOUR COME TO STAY ? - in The Political Quarterly, by H. L. Beales, 1947-01

[Article](#)

Reform and reconstruction: Britain after the war, 1945-51, by Stephen Brooke, 1995

[Book](#) | [Essential](#) | See: pp. 5-13, 36-41

Speak for yourself: a mass-observation anthology, 1937-49, by Angus Calder; Dorothy Sheridan, 1984

[Book](#) | See: pp. 225-231

Let us face the future: a declaration of Labour policy for the consideration of the nation, by Labour Party (Great Britain). National Executive Committee, 1945

[Book](#)

The British general election of 1945, by Ronald Buchanan McCallum; Alison Readman, 1947

[Book](#) | See: Chapter 14 and Conclusion

The biographies and diaries mentioned above are also of use.

Historical (13 items)

The road to 1945: British politics and the Second World War, by Paul Addison, 1994

[Book](#)

The Conservatives since 1945: the drivers of party change, by Tim Bale, 2012

[Book](#) | See: Chapter 1

Blood, sweat, and toil: remaking the British working class, 1939-1945, by Geoffrey G. Field; Oxford University Press, 2011

[Book](#) | See: Chapter 9 and Conclusion

The Second World War and Popular Radicalism: The Significance of the 'Movement away from Party' - in History, by STEVEN FIELDING, 1995-02

[Article](#)

England arise: the Labour Party and popular politics in the 1940s, by Steven Fielding; Peter Thompson; Nick Tiratsoo, c1995

[Book](#)

The Undoing of Winston Churchill: Mobilization and Conversion in the 1945 Realignment of British Voters - in British Journal of Political Science, by Mark Franklin; Matthew Ladner, 1995-10

[Article](#)

Never again: Britain, 1945-51, by Peter Hennessy, 1992

[Book](#)

Parties and people: England 1914-1951, by Ross McKibbin, 2010

[Book](#)

Labour in power, 1945-1951, by Kenneth O. Morgan, 1984

[Book](#)

The 1945 General Election Reconsidered - in The Historical Journal, by Henry Pelling, 1980-6

[Article](#)

The labour movement in Britain: a commentary, by John Saville, 1988

[Book](#) | See: Chapter 5

The swing to Labour during the Second World War: when and why? - in Labour History Review (Maney Publishing), by Sibley, Richard1

[Article](#)

Locking out the Communists: The Labour party and the Communist party, 1939-46 - in Twentieth Century British History, by A. Thorpe, 2014-06-01

[Article](#)

2. International Economic Reconstruction & the American Loan (58 items)

Lecture (11 items)

Anglo-American economic collaboration in war and peace, 1942-1949, by Richard William Barnes Clarke; Alec Cairncross, 1982

[Book](#) | See: Chapter 2

BRITAIN AND GLOBALISATION SINCE 1850: IV THE CREATION OF THE WASHINGTON CONSENSUS - in Transactions of the Royal Historical Society, by Martin Daunton, 2009-12

[Article](#)

The Wartime diaries of Lionel Robbins and James Meade, 1943-5, by Lionel Robbins Robbins; J. E. Meade; Susan Howson; D. E. Moggridge, 1990

[Book](#)

The multiple contexts of Bretton Woods - in Oxford Review of Economic Policy, by H. James , 2012-09-01

[Article](#)

The collected writings of John Maynard Keynes, by John Maynard Keynes; Royal Economic Society (Great Britain), 1971-1989

[Book](#) | See: vols xxv-xxvi

Keynes and his critics: treasury responses to the Keynesian revolution, 1925-1946, by G. C. Peden; British Academy, c2004

[Book](#) | See: Chapter 9

External economic policy since the war: Vol. 1: The post-war financial settlement, by Leslie Sedden Pressnell, 1986

[Book](#) | See: Chapters 1-9

United Nations monetary and financial conference Bretton Woods, New Hampshire, U.S.A. July 1 to July 22, 1944 final act United Nations monetary and financial conference, Bretton Woods, New Hampshire, U.S.A., July, 1944 (GENERAL United Nations (Bretton Woods)) - in 20th Century House of Commons Sessional Papers

[Article](#)

Bretton Woods and Dumbarton Oaks: American economic and political postwar planning in the summer of 1944, by Georg Schild, 1995

[Book](#)

The battle of Bretton Woods: John Maynard Keynes, Harry Dexter White, and the making of a new world order, by Benn Steil, c2013

[Book](#)

The Treasury During World War II - in Oxford Economic Papers, by David Waley, 1953

[Article](#)

2a. Seminar on Sources (47 items)

Core seminar reading (16 items)

Plumbing New Depths: Contemporary Historians and the Public Record Office - in Twentieth Century British History, by R. LOWE, 1997-01-01

[Article](#)

Mass-Observation and everyday life: culture, history, theory, by Nick Hubble, 2006

[Book](#) | Essential

Wider reading (14 items)

Public Records as sources (9 items)

Economic planning 1943-1951: a guide to documents in the Public Record Office, by B. W. E. Alford; Rodney Lowe; Neil Rollings, 1992

[Book](#) | See: preface

Six moments of crisis: inside British foreign policy, by Gill Bennett, c2013

[Book](#) | See: Chapter 1

Welfare policy under the Conservatives, 1951-1964: a guide to documents in the Public Record Office, by Paul Bridgen; Rodney Lowe, 1998

[Book](#) | See: pp. xvi-xix

Development of the Welfare State 1939-1951: a guide to documents in the Public Record

Office, by Andrew Land; Rodney Lowe; Noel Whiteside, 1992

[Book](#) | See: pp. ix-xi

Economic policy under the Conservatives, 1951-64: a guide to documents in the National Archives of the UK, by Astrid Ringe; Neil Rollings; Roger Middleton; University of London. Institute of Historical Research; National Archives (Great Britain), c2004

[Book](#) | See: pp. xvii-xx

The above all say pretty similar things so you need only consult one.

Contemporary history: nature and practice, by Anthony Seldon, 1988

[Book](#) | See: N. Cox, 'Public Records'

The contemporary history handbook, by Brian Brivati; Julia Buxton; Anthony Seldon, 1996

[Book](#) | See: N. Cox, 'National British archives: public records'

Public Records and the Modern Historian - in Twentieth Century British History, by ANDREW McDONALD, 1990

[Article](#)

Other contemporary sources of policy-making (5 items)

The Robert Hall diaries, 1947-53, by Robert Hall Roberthall; Alec Cairncross, 1989

[Book](#)

The collected papers of James Meade: Vol. 4: The Cabinet Office diary, 1944-46, by J. E. Meade; Susan Howson; D. E. Moggridge, 1990

[Book](#)

The political diary of Hugh Dalton, 1918-40, 1945-60, by Hugh Dalton Dalton; Ben Pimlott; London School of Economics and Political Science, 1986

[Book](#)

An industrialist in the Treasury: the post-war years, by Edwin Plowden, 1989

[Book](#)

The diary of Hugh Gaitskell, 1945-1956, by Hugh Gaitskell; Philip M. Williams, 1983

[Book](#)

Mass Observation – the impact of policy (5 items)

Speak for yourself: a mass-observation anthology, 1937-49, by Angus Calder; Dorothy Sheridan, 1984

[Book](#)

The Mass Observers: a history, 1937-1949, by James Hinton; Oxford University Press, 2013

[Book](#)

Nine wartime lives: Mass-Observation and the making of the modern self, by James Hinton; Oxford University Press; Mass-Observation, c2010

[Book](#) | See: Chapter 1

Ageing, narrative and identity: New qualitative social research, by Nick Hubble; Philip Tew, 2013

[Book](#) | See: Chapters 3-5

The voters' choice: a special report [on the general election of 1950], by Mass-Observation, 1950

[Book](#)

Seminar: The American Loan (26 items)

Seminar Questions (1 items)

What was the state of the British economy at the end of the war?

What was the attitude to the loan in Britain?

Were the conditions attached to the loan too onerous?

Should Britain not have accepted the loan and why?

Core seminar reading (5 items)

The lost victory: British dreams, British realities, 1945-1950, by Correlli Barnett, 1995

[Book](#) | **Essential** | See: Part 1

Years of recovery: British economic policy 1945-51, by Alec Cairncross, 1985

[Book](#) | **Essential** | See: Chapters 4-6

The Bank of England and public policy, 1941-1958, by John Fforde, 1992

[Book](#) | See: Chapters 2-3

Britain and the economic problem of the Cold War: the political economy and the economic impact of the British defence effort, 1945-1955, by Till Geiger, c2004

[Book](#) | See: Chapters 2-3

External economic policy since the war: Vol. 1: The post-war financial settlement, by Leslie Sedden Pressnell, 1986

[Book](#) | See: Chapters 10-12

Wider reading (20 items)

Contemporary views: (20 items)

a) Politicians (6 items)

The Washington loan agreements: a critical study of American economic foreign policy, by L. S. Amery, 1946

[Book](#) | See: cat 3

Reform and reconstruction: Britain after the war, 1945-51, by Stephen Brooke, 1995

[Book](#) | [Essential](#) | See: pp. 42-46

High tide and after: memoirs 1945-1960, by Hugh Dalton, 1962

[Book](#) | See: Chapters 8 and 31

Star-spangled shadow, by D. N. Pritt, 1947

[Book](#)

Parliamentary debates (Commons) 5th ser.

[Journal](#)

Documents on British policy overseas: Series 1 volume : Britain and America: Negotiation of the US loan, by Rohan d'Olier Butler; M. E. Pelly; Tony Insall; Patrick Salmon; Great Britain. Foreign and Commonwealth Office, 1984-2011

[Book](#)

b) Economists and Civil Servants (5 items)

Unequal partners, by Thomas Balogh, 1963

[Book](#) | See: volume 2, chapters 10-12

Anglo-American economic collaboration in war and peace, 1942-1949, by Richard William Barnes Clarke; Alec Cairncross, 1982

[Book](#) | See: Chapters 3-4 and pp. 126-155

The Anglo-American Financial Agreement - in Bulletin of the Oxford University Institute of Economics & Statistics, by H. D. Henderson, 1946

[Article](#)

The collected writings of John Maynard Keynes, by John Maynard Keynes; Royal Economic Society (Great Britain), 1971-1989

[Book](#) | See: vol. xxiv, part 4

Inquest on the Crisis - in Lloyds Bank review, by L.C. Robbins, 1947

[Article](#)

c) Public opinion (1 items)

The Economist (8 Dec 1945) - in The Economist

[Article](#) | See: pp. 820-1

Historical analysis: (8 items)

Planned Trade, Labour Party Policy and US Intervention: The Successes and Failures of Post-War Reconstruction - in History Workshop, by Teddy Brett, Steve Gilliatt and Andrew Pople, 1982

[Article](#)

Sterling dollar diplomacy: the origins and the prospects of our international economic order, by Richard N. Gardner, 1969

[Book](#) | See: Chapters 10-12 and 16

'The impression is growing ... that the United States is hard when dealing with us': Ernest Bevin and Anglo-American relations at the dawn of the cold war - in Journal of Transatlantic Studies, by Martin H. Folly, 2012-06

[Article](#)

Britain and the economic problem of the Cold War: the political economy and the economic impact of the British defence effort, 1945-1955, by Till Geiger, c2004

[Book](#) | See: part I

Labour in power, 1945-1951, by Kenneth O. Morgan, 1984

[Book](#)

The Sterling Crisis of 1947 and the British Response to the Marshall Plan - in The Economic History Review, by C. C. S. Newton, 1984

[Article](#)

The Treasury and British public policy, 1906-1959, by G. C. Peden, 2000

[Book](#) | See: Chapter 8

Churchill and Britain's 'Financial Dunkirk' - in Twentieth Century British History, by R. TOYE, 2004-04-01

[Article](#)

3. Domestic Reconstruction: Beveridge and the White Paper on Employment Policy (32 items)

Lecture and Seminar (5 items)

Seminar Questions (1 items)

How radical and left-wing was the programme of domestic reconstruction?

Was there a consensus over domestic reconstruction?

How valid are Correlli Barnett's criticisms of domestic reconstruction?

Core seminar reading (4 items)

The audit of war: the illusion and reality of Britain as a great nation, by Correlli Barnett, 1996, c1986

[Book](#) | **Essential** | See: Chapters 1 and 2

The lost victory: British dreams, British realities, 1945-1950, by Correlli Barnett, 1995

[Book](#) | **Essential** | See: Part 2

Enterprise and Welfare States: A Comparative Perspective - in Transactions of the Royal Historical Society, by Jose Harris, 1990

[Article](#)

Why so Austere? The British Welfare State of the 1940s - in Journal of Social Policy, by JIM TOMLINSON, 1998-01

[Article](#)

Wider reading (27 items)

General: (5 items)

The road to 1945: British politics and the Second World War, by Paul Addison, 1994

[Book](#) | See: Chapters 8-10

Economic planning 1943-1951: a guide to documents in the Public Record Office, by B. W. E. Alford; Rodney Lowe; Neil Rollings, 1992

[Book](#) | **Essential** | See: Chapter 7

The Churchill coalition, 1940-1945, by J. M. Lee, 1980

[Book](#) | See: Chapter 5

Social insurance and allied services Social insurance and allied services. Report by Sir William Beveridge (Social Insurance) - in 20th Century House of Commons Sessional Papers

[Article](#)

Employment policy Government memorandum on a policy for maintaining a high level of employment (Employment Policy) - in 20th Century House of Commons Sessional Papers

[Article](#)

Historiography on the Beveridge Report: (7 items)

Power and influence, by William Henry Beveridge Beveridge, 1953

[Book](#) | See: Chapters xiv-xv

A Straitjacket with Wriggle Room: The Beveridge Report, the Treasury and the Exchequer's Pension Liability, 1942-59 - in Twentieth Century British History, by P. Bridgen, 2005-12-19

[Article](#)

Keynes, Beveridge and beyond, by Tony Cutler; Karel Williams; L. J. Williams, 1986

[Book](#) | See: Chapter 1

The reform of social security, by A. W. Dilnot; J. A. Kay; C. N. Morris, 1984

[Book](#) | See: Chapter 1

William Beveridge: a biography, by José Harris; Oxford University Press, 1997

[Book](#)

War and social change: British society in the Second World War, by Harold L. Smith, 1986

[Book](#) | See: J. Harris, 'Political Ideas and the Debate on State Welfare 1940-45'

War and economic development: essays in memory of David Joslin, by J. M. Winter; David Maelgwyn Joslin, 1975

[Book](#) | See: J. Harris, 'Social Planning in Wartime: Some Aspects of the Beveridge Report'

Historiography on the Employment Policy White Paper: (15 items)

a) Contemporary (5 items)

Full employment in a free society: a report, by William Henry Beveridge Beveridge, 1960

[Book](#)

The means to full employment, by G. D. H. Cole, 1943

[Book](#)

The inter-war years, and other papers: a selection from the writings of Hubert Douglas Henderson, by Hubert D. Henderson; Henry Clay, 1955

[Book](#) | See: Part 4, nos. 3 and 6

The collected writings of John Maynard Keynes, by John Maynard Keynes; Royal Economic Society (Great Britain), 1971-1989

[Book](#) | See: Vol. xxvii, Part II

Autobiography of an economist, by Lionel Robbins Robbins, 1971

[Book](#) | See: Chapter 9

b) Historical (10 items)

The "Keynesian Revolution" in Economic Policy-Making - in The Economic History Review, by Alan Booth, 1983

[Article](#)

The Road to full employment, by Sean Glynn; Alan Booth, 1987

[Book](#) | See: Chapter 13

The Economic Section 1939-1961: a study in economic advising, by Alec Cairncross; Nita G. M. Watts, 1989

[Book](#) | See: Chapter 6

War, Reconstruction, and the Nationalization of Britain, 1939-1951 - in Past & Present, by D. Edgerton, 2011-01-01

[Article](#)

War and social change: British society in the Second World War, by Harold L. Smith, 1986

[Book](#) | See: R. MacLeod, 'The Promise of Full Employment'

Keynes, the Treasury and British economic policy, by G. C. Peden; Economic History Society, 1988

[Book](#) | See: Chapter 6

Sir Richard Hopkins and the "Keynesian Revolution" in Employment Policy, 1929-1945 - in The Economic History Review, by G. C. Peden, 1983

[Article](#)

The Treasury and British public policy, 1906-1959, by G. C. Peden, 2000

[Book](#) | See: Chapter 7

Keynes and his critics: treasury responses to the Keynesian revolution, 1925-1946, by G. C. Peden; British Academy, c2004

[Book](#) | See: Chapter 10

Employment policy: the crucial years, 1939-1955, by Jim Tomlinson, c1987

[Book](#) | See: Chapters 3-4

4. The Government and the Consumer: Rationing, Food Subsidies, etc. (39 items)

Lecture and Seminar (4 items)

Seminar Questions (1 items)

What was the impact of the black market (in terms of scale and form)?

What were the aims of the rationing policy?

What was the political impact of rationing?

Core seminar reading (3 items)

'The City of our Dreams'? The Political and Economic Realities of Rebuilding Britain's Blitzed Cities, 1945-54 - in Twentieth Century British History, by C. Flinn, 2012-06-01

Article

Black market Britain, 1939-1955, by Mark Roodhouse, 2013

Book

Austerity in Britain: rationing, controls, and consumption, 1939-1955, by Ina Zweiniger-Bargielowska; MyiLibrary, 2000

Book

Wider reading (35 items)

Contemporary: (12 items)

The Abolition of Food Subsidies - in Bulletin of the Oxford University Institute of Statistics, by T. Balogh, 1948

Article

The diary of Hugh Gaitskell, 1945-1956, by Hugh Gaitskell; Philip M. Williams, 1983

Book | See: Chapter 2

Are these hardships necessary?, by Roy Harrod, 1947

Book

The Empty Economy - in Lloyds Bank review, by J.R. Hicks, 1947

Article

The Shops of Britain: A Study of Retail Distribution, by Hermann Levy, 1998

Book

Lessons of the British war economy, by Norman Chester, 1972

Book | See: E.F. Nash, 'Wartime Control of Food and Agricultural Prices'

Lessons of the British war economy, by Norman Chester, 1972

Book | See: W.B. Reddaway, 'Rationing'

English life and leisure: a social study, by B. Seebohm Rowntree; George Russell Lavers, 1951

Book

John Strachey, by Hugh Thomas, 1973

[Book](#)

Britain speaks out, 1937-87: a social history as seen through the Gallup data, by Robert Wybrow, 1989

[Book](#)

The Times, 1788-

[Journal](#)

Glasgow herald

[Journal](#)

Historical: (23 items)

Economic planning 1943-1951: a guide to documents in the Public Record Office, by B. W. E. Alford; Rodney Lowe; Neil Rollings, 1992

[Book](#) | **Essential** | See: Chapters 15.26, 15.35

Years of recovery: British economic policy 1945-51, by Alec Cairncross, 1985

[Book](#) | **Essential** | See: Chapter 13

The eclipse of "elegant economy": the impact of the Second World War on attitudes to personal finance in Britain, by Martin Cohen, c2012

[Book](#) | See: Chapter 4

The post-war condition of Britain, by G. D. H. Cole, 1956

[Book](#)

The Attlee Government's Economic Information Propaganda - in *Journal of Contemporary History*, by S. W. Crofts, 1986

[Article](#)

Coercion or persuasion?: propaganda in Britain after 1945, by William Crofts, 1989

[Book](#)

How labour governments fall: from Ramsay Macdonald to Gordon Brown, by Timothy Heppell; Kevin Theakston, 2013

[Book](#) | See: R. Crowcroft and K. Theakston, 'The fall of the Attlee government 1951'

The management of the British economy, 1945-60, by J. C. R. Dow, 1970

[Book](#) | See: Chapter 6

All Work and No Play: British Leisure Culture and the 1947 Fuel Crisis - in *Contemporary British History*, by Richard Farmer, 2013-03

[Article](#)

SUSPENSION OR SUPPRESSION? - in *Media History*, by Richard Farmer, 2013-05

[Article](#)

The Attlee years, by Nick Tiratsoo, 1991

[Book](#)

| See: S. Fielding, "'Don't know and don't care': popular political attitudes in Labour's Britain, 1945-51"

Never again: Britain, 1945-51, by Peter Hennessy, 1992

[Book](#)

Militant Housewives: The British Housewives' League and the Attlee Government - in History Workshop, by James Hinton, 1994

[Article](#)

Austerity Britain: 1945-51, by David Kynaston, 2007

[Book](#)

British society since 1945, by Arthur Marwick, 2003

[Book](#)

| See: Chapter 5

The bleak midwinter: 1947, by Alex J. Robertson, 1987

[Book](#)

Food and conflict in Europe in the age of the two world wars, by Frank Trentmann; Fleming Just, 2006

[Book](#)

| See: M. Roodhouse, 'Popular morality and the Black Market in Britain, 1939-55'

Age of austerity, by Michael Sissons; Philip French, 1986, c1963

[Book](#)

The black economy in England since 1914, by Edward Smithies, 1984

[Book](#)

| See: Chapter 5

Reconstruction, affluence and Labour politics: Coventry, 1945-1960, by Nick Tiratsoo, 1990

[Book](#)

| See: Chapters 3-5

Re-inventing the 'moral economy' in post-war Britain - in Historical Research, by Jim Tomlinson, 2011-05

[Article](#)

Bread Rationing in Britain, July 1946-July 1948 - in Twentieth Century British History, by INA ZWEINIGER-BARGIELOWSKA, 1993

[Article](#)

Rationing, Austerity and the Conservative Party Recovery after 1945 - in The Historical Journal, by Ina Zweiniger-Bargielowska, 1994

[Article](#)

5. The Government and Industry I: Nationalisation (27 items)

Lecture and seminar (4 items)

Seminar Questions (1 items)

To what extent can we talk about nationalized industries as a single group?

In what ways was the programme of nationalisation a success?

In what ways was the programme of nationalisation a failure?

In light of your answers above, was the Labour government right to embark on its programme of nationalisation?

Core seminar reading (3 items)

Revisionists and Fundamentalists: The Labour Party and Economic Policy during the Second World War - in The Historical Journal, by Stephen Brooke, 1989

Article

Industrial policy in Britain, 1945-1951: economic planning, nationalisation and the Labour governments, by Martin Chick, 1998

Book | See: Chapter 4

Three's a Crowd?: Government, Owners, and Workers during the Nationalization of the British Coalmining Industry 1945-47 - in Twentieth Century British History, by M. TOOKEY, 2001-01-01

Article

Wider reading (23 items)

a) Contemporary (6 items)

Reform and reconstruction: Britain after the war, 1945-51, by Stephen Brooke, 1995

Book | Essential | See: pp. 51-55

The future of nationalization, by Hugh Armstrong Clegg; Theodore Edward Chester, 1953

Book

The Economic Aims of the Labour Party - in The Political Quarterly, by Hugh Gaitskell, 1953-01

Article

Can planning be democratic?: a collection of essays prepared for the Fabian Society, by Herbert Morrison, 2007

Book | See: H. Morrison, 'The State and Industry'

British general election manifestos, 1900-1974, by F. W. S. Craib; Conservative Party (Great Britain); Labour Party (Great Britain); Liberal Party (Great Britain), 1975

[Book](#) | See: 'Let Us Face the Future', Labour Party manifesto 1945

Parliamentary debates (Commons) 5th ser.

[Journal](#)

b) Historical (17 items)

The State in business: 1945 to the mid-1980s, by William Ashworth, 1991

[Book](#)

The nationalisation of British industry, 1945-51, by Norman Chester, 1975

[Book](#)

Competitiveness and the state: government and business in twentieth-century Britain, by Geoffrey Jones; M. W. Kirby, c1991

[Book](#) | See: M. Chick, 'Competition, competitiveness and nationalisation, 1945-51'

Herbert Morrison: portrait of a politician, by Bernard Donoughue; G. W. Jones, 1973

[Book](#) | See: Sections 8-10

New Jerusalems: the Labour Party and the economics of democratic socialism, by Elizabeth Durbin, Jan.1985

[Book](#) | See: Chapter 2

Warfare state: Britain, 1920-1970, by David Edgerton, 2006

[Book](#) | See: Chapter 2

Public and private ownership of British industry, 1820-1990, by James Foreman-Peck; Robert Millward; Oxford University Press, 1994

[Book](#) | See: Chapter 8

Labour's high noon: the government and the economy, 1945-51, by Jim Fyrrh, 1993

[Book](#) | See: chapters by Saville and Fishman

Equality and the British left: a study in progressive political thought, 1900-64, by Ben Jackson, 2007

[Book](#) | See: pp. 151-63

British nationalisation, 1945-1973, by Reuben Kelf-Cohen, 1973

[Book](#)

Nationalisation in Britain: the end of a dogma, by Reuben Kelf-Cohen, 1958

[Book](#)

Class, culture and community: new perspectives in nineteenth and twentieth century British labour history, by Anne Baldwin, 2012

[Book](#) | See: C. Massey, 'Steel Nationalisation and the Labour Governments of 1945-1951'

The political economy of nationalisation in Britain 1920-1950, by Robert Millward; John Singleton, 1995

[Book](#) | See: especially Part III

'What the electorate can be expected to swallow': Nationalisation, transnationalism and the shifting boundaries of the state in post-war Britain - in Business History, by Glen O'Hara, 2009-07

[Article](#)

The Labour Government and British industry, 1945-1951, by Arnold Austin Rogow, 1955

[Book](#) | See: Chapter 8

A 'Failed Experiment'? Public Ownership and the Narratives of Post-War Britain. - in Labour History Review (Maney Publishing), by Tomlinson, Jim, 2008

[Article](#)

Three's a Crowd?: Government, Owners, and Workers during the Nationalization of the British Coalmining Industry 1945-47 - in Twentieth Century British History, by M. TOOKEY, 2001-01-01

[Article](#)

6. Britain, the Marshall Plan and Europe (39 items)

Lecture and Seminar (4 items)

Seminar Questions (1 items)

To what extent did British industry 'Americanise' as a result of the Marshall Plan?

Should Britain have supported the Schuman Plan and joined the European Coal and Steel Community?

How important was the ECSC to Britain?

Core seminar reading (3 items)

Consensus or coercion?: the state, the people and social cohesion in post-war Britain, by Lawrence Black, 2001

[Book](#) | See: M. Minion, 'Functionalists, federalists and fundamentalists: Labour and Europe, 1945-50'

Years of recovery: British economic policy 1945-51, by Alec Cairncross, 1985

[Book](#) | **Essential** | See: chapter 10

The rise and fall of a national strategy, 1945-1963, by Alan S. Milward, c2002

[Book](#) | See: Chapters 1-3 [volume 1 of the official history of the UK and the European Community]

Wider reading (35 items)

Contemporary: (7 items)

Documents on British policy overseas: Series II., by Roger Bullen; M. E. Pelly; Great Britain. Foreign and Commonwealth Office, 1986-1991

[Book](#) | See: ser.2 vol.1: The Schuman Plan, the Council of Europe and Western European integration 1950-1952

The Robert Hall diaries, 1947-53, by Robert Hall Roberthall; Alec Cairncross, 1989

[Book](#) | See: Chapters 1-2

The diary of Hugh Gaitskell, 1945-1956, by Hugh Gaitskell; Philip M. Williams, 1983

[Book](#) | See: Chapters 4-5

Documents on the history of European integration, by Walter Lipgens; Wilfried Loth; Europa-Föderationspläne der Widerstandsbewegungen, 1940-45, 1985-1991

[Book](#) | See: Vol. 3, Part VII

Miscellaneous No. 9 (1950). Anglo-French discussions regarding French proposals for the western European coal, iron and steel industries Anglo-French Discussions regarding French proposals for the Western European Coal, Iron and Steel Industries, May-June, 1950 (European Coal and Steel Community) - in 20th Century House of Commons Sessional Papers

[Article](#)

Miscellaneous No. 4 (1948). Convention for European Economic Co-operation together with the resolutions transmitted to the council by the Committee of European Economic Co-operation (with a covering memorandum by the Foreign Office) - in 20th Century House of Commons Sessional Papers

[Article](#)

The Economist

[Journal](#) | See: pp. 90-92

Historical: (28 items)

a) General (6 items)

The Economic Section 1939-1961: a study in economic advising, by Alec Cairncross; Nita G. M. Watts, 1989

Book | See: pp. 298-301

The reconstruction of Western Europe 1945-51, by Alan S. Milward, 1992

Book

Socialism and European unity: the dilemma of the left in Britain and France, by Michael Newman, 1983

Book | See: Chapter 4

The Treasury and British public policy, 1906-1959, by G. C. Peden, 2000

Book | See: Chapter 8

The Labour governments, 1945-51, by Henry Pelling, 1984

Book | See: Chapter 10

The Labour Party's External Economic Policy in the 1940s - in The Historical Journal, by Richard Toye, 2000

Article

b) Marshall Plan (8 items)

Ernest Bevin: Foreign Secretary 1945-1951, by Alan Bullock, 1985, c1983

Book | See: Chapters 16-17 and 21

Warfare, diplomacy and politics: essays in honour of A.J.P. Taylor, by Chris Wrigley; A. J. P. Taylor, 1986

Book | See: K. Burk, 'Britain and the Marshall Plan'

The Marshall Plan: America, Britain, and the reconstruction of Western Europe, 1947-1952, by Michael J. Hogan; American Council of Learned Societies, 1987

Book

Britain and the Marshall Plan, by Henry Pelling, 1988

Book

An industrialist in the Treasury: the post-war years, by Edwin Plowden, 1989

Book | See: Chapters 4 and 7-9

Correlli Barnett's History: the Case of Marshall Aid¹ - in Twentieth Century British History, by J. TOMLINSON, 1997-01-01

Article

Marshall Aid and the 'Shortage Economy' in Britain in the 1940s - in Contemporary European History, by Jim Tomlinson, 2000

Article

Understanding the Anglo-American Council on Productivity: Labour and the politics of productivity. - in Labour History Review (Maney Publishing), by Vickers, Rhiannon, 2001

Article

c) Britain and Europe (9 items)

The Schuman plan: a study in economic cooperation, 1950-1959, by William Diebold, 1959

Book

Trade and payments in western Europe: a study in economic cooperation, 1947-51, by William Diebold, 1952

Book

NATO: the founding of the Atlantic Alliance and the integration of Europe, by Francis H. Heller; John R. Gillingham, 1992

Book

The European Payments Union: financial diplomacy in the 1950s, by Jacob J. Kaplan; Günther Schleiminger, 1989

Book | See: Parts 1 and 2

Studies in political economy, by Donald MacDougall, 1975

Book | See: Volume 2, Chapter 7

European integration in British politics 1950-1963: a study of issue change, by Jeremy Moon, 1985

Book | See: Chapters 2 and 5

Britain and the Postwar European Payments System, by Graham. L. Rees

Book

Britain and Europe, 1950 - in International Affairs (Royal Institute of International Affairs 1944-), by Ulrich Sahm and Kenneth Younger, 1967

Article

The British economy, 1945-1950, by G. D. N. Worswick; Peter H. Ady, 1952

Book | See: J.R. Sargent, 'Britain and Europe'

d) Britain and the Sterling Area (3 items)

Sterling and imperial policy, 1945-1951 - in The Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History, by Allister E. Hinds, 1987-01

Article

Britain, the sterling area and European integration, 1945-50 - in The Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History, by Scott Newton, 1985-05

Article

The British economy, 1945-1950, by G. D. N. Worswick; Peter H. Ady, 1952

Book | See: J.R. Sargent, 'Britain and the Sterling Area'

e) Britain and the Commonwealth (2 items)

The Foreign policy of the British Labour governments, 1945-1951, by Ritchie Ovendale, 1984

[Book](#) | See: D. Fieldhouse, 'The Labour governments and the Empire-Commonwealth, 1945-51'

Economic Tensions and Conflict in the Commonwealth, 1945-c.1951 - in Twentieth Century British History, by T. Rooth, 2002-02-01

[Article](#)

7. External Economic Policy (19 items)

Lecture (5 items)

Years of recovery: British economic policy 1945-51, by Alec Cairncross, 1985

[Book](#) | **Essential** | See: Chapters 4 and 7-8

Sterling in decline: the devaluations of 1931, 1949 and 1967, by Alec Cairncross; Barry J. Eichengreen, 1983

[Book](#) | See: Chapter 4

Economics in the long view: essays in honour of W.W. Rostow, by W. W. Rostow; Charles Poor Kindleberger; Guido Di Tella, 1982

[Book](#) | See: Vol.3: Applications and Cases Part 2, A.K. Cairncross, Caliban: The Devaluation of Sterling in 1949

The Labour Party's External Economic Policy in the 1940s - in The Historical Journal, by Richard Toye, 2000

[Article](#) | See: pp. 100-114

The Labour Party's External Economic Policy in the 1940s - in The Historical Journal, by Richard Toye, 2000

[Article](#)

Core seminar reading (3 items)

Economic planning 1943-1951: a guide to documents in the Public Record Office, by B. W. E. Alford; Rodney Lowe; Neil Rollings, 1992

[Book](#) | **Essential** | See: Chapters 13.2, 15.1, 15.9, 15.10, 15.13, 15.34

Years of recovery: British economic policy 1945-51, by Alec Cairncross, 1985

[Book](#) | **Essential**

Democratic socialism and economic policy: the Attlee years, 1945-1951, by Jim Tomlinson, c1997

[Book](#) | **Essential** | See: Chapters 2-3

Wider reading (11 items)

Contemporary: (8 items)

Britain and her export trade, by Mark Abrams, 1946

Book

Unequal partners, by Thomas Balogh, 1963

Book | See: vols 1-2

The British economy, 1945-1950, by G. D. N. Worswick; Peter H. Ady, 1952

Book | See: T. Balogh 'The International Aspect'

Britain in Transition - in Bulletin of the Oxford University Institute of Statistics, by F.A. Burchardt; G. Worswick, 1947

Article

Anglo-American economic collaboration in war and peace, 1942-1949, by Richard William Barnes Clarke; Alec Cairncross, 1982

Book | See: Chapter 4 and pp.156-190

High tide and after: memoirs 1945-1960, by Hugh Dalton, 1962

Book | See: Chapter 23

The collected writings of John Maynard Keynes, by John Maynard Keynes; Royal Economic Society (Great Britain), 1971-1989

Book | See: Vol. xxvii, pp.427-446, 465-481

The Economist

Journal

Historical: (3 items)

The Economic Section 1939-1961: a study in economic advising, by Alec Cairncross; Nita G. M. Watts, 1989

Book | See: Chapter 17

The British economy, 1945-1950, by G. D. N. Worswick; Peter H. Ady, 1952

Book | See: P.D. Henderson, 'Britain's International Position'

The Treasury and British public policy, 1906-1959, by G. C. Peden, 2000

Book | See: Chapter 8

8. The Government and Industry II (44 items)

Lecture - Wages policy (13 items)

British wages councils, by F. J. Bayliss, 1962

[Book](#)

Years of recovery: British economic policy 1945-51, by Alec Cairncross, 1985

[Book](#) | [Essential](#) | See: Chapter 14

The Robert Hall diaries, 1947-53, by Robert Hall Roberthall; Alec Cairncross, 1989

[Book](#) | See: Chapters 1-2

Labour's high noon: the government and the economy, 1945-51, by Jim Fyrth, 1993

[Book](#) | See: chapter by Hyman

Shop floor citizens: engineering democracy in 1940s Britain, by James Hinton, c1994

[Book](#)

States of emergency: British governments and strikerbreaking since 1919, by Keith Jeffery; Peter Hennessy, 1983

[Book](#) | See: Chapters 6-7

Wages and employment policy, 1936-1985, by Russell Jones, 1987

[Book](#) | See: Chapter 4

Social democracy & industrial militancy: the Labour Party, the trade unions and incomes policy, 1945-1947, by Leo Panitch, 1976

[Book](#) | See: Chapter 1

The Postwar Political Consensus and Industrial Unrest in the Docks, 1945-55 - in Twentieth Century British History, by JIM PHILLIPS, 1995

[Article](#)

The great alliance: economic recovery and the problems of power, 1945-1951, by Jim Phillips, 1996

[Book](#) | See: Chapter 1

The Attlee and Churchill administrations and industrial unrest, 1945-55: a study in consensus, by Justin Davis Smith, 1990

[Book](#)

The British economy, 1945-1950, by G. D. N. Worswick; Peter H. Ady, 1952

[Book](#) | See: G.D.N. Worswick, 'Personal Income Policy'

Statement on the economic considerations affecting relations between employers and workers - in 20th Century House of Commons Sessional Papers

[Article](#)

Seminar – Industrial Relations and Trade Unions (4 items)

Seminar Questions (1 items)

To what extent – and why – was industrial peace maintained between 1945 and 1951?

Why did trade unions broadly support the Labour governments' economic policies?

Why did a wages policy place pressures on the relationship between the Labour Party and the trade unions? Were these pressures resolved?

Core seminar reading (3 items)

'A Vital Element in British Industrial Relations': A Reassessment of Order 1305, 1940-51 - in *Historical Studies in Industrial Relations*, by Nina Fishman, 1999-09

Article

The great alliance: economic recovery and the problems of power, 1945-1951, by Jim Phillips, 1996

Book

Creating the Welfare State in Britain, 1945-1960 - in *Journal of Social Policy*, by Noel Whiteside, 1996-1

Article

Wider reading (27 items)

Contemporary (7 items)

Trade unions and the government, by Victor Leonard Allen, 1960

Book | See: especially Chapter xv

British trade unions, by N. Barou, 1947

Book

British trade unionism today, by G. D. H. Cole, 1939

Book

Trade unions and the Labour Party since 1945, by Martin Harrison, 1960

Book

The state and the trade unions, by D. F. Macdonald, 1960

Book | See: Chapter 10

British trade unionism: six studies by PEP ... [Political and Economic Planning], 1948

Book | See: especially study 6

Productivity and trade unions, by Ferdynand Zweig, 1951

Book

Historical (8 items)

Trade unions and pressure group politics, by Timothy C. May, 1975

[Book](#)

Power, competition and the state: Vol. 1: Britain in search of balance, 1940-61, by Keith Middlemas, c1986

[Book](#)

The contentious alliance: trade unions and the Labour Party, by Lewis Minkin, c1991

[Book](#) | See: Chapter 3-4

The trade union question in British politics: government and unions since 1945, by Robert Taylor, 1993

[Book](#)

The Attlee years, by Nick Tiratsoo, 1991

[Book](#) | See: Chapter 2

The Attlee years, by Nick Tiratsoo, 1991

[Book](#) | See: J. Tomlinson, 'The Labour government and the trade unions'

Industrial efficiency and state intervention: Labour, 1939-51, by Nick Tiratsoo; Jim Tomlinson, 1993

[Book](#) | See: Chapters 4-8

Strikes and the government, 1893-1974, by Eric Wigham, 1976

[Book](#) | See: Chapter 6

Industry (12 items)

Industry and government in Britain: the Federation of British Industries in politics, 1945-65, by Stephen Blank, 1973

[Book](#) | See: Chapter 4

Industrial policy in Britain, 1945-1951: economic planning, nationalisation and the Labour governments, by Martin Chick, 1998

[Book](#)

Government and industry in Great Britain, by Jack William Grove, 1962

[Book](#)

Constructing a competitive order: the hidden history of British antitrust policies, by H. Mercer, 1995

[Book](#)

Labour governments and private industry: the experience of 1945-1951, by H. Mercer; Neil Rollings; Jim Tomlinson, c1992

[Book](#)

Government and industry: a survey of the relations between the Government and privately-owned industry, 1952

[Book](#)

The Labour Government and British industry, 1945-1951, by Arnold Austin Rogow, 1955

[Book](#)

Lancashire on the scrapheap: the cotton industry, 1945-1970, by John Singleton, 1991

[Book](#)

Planning for Cotton, 1945-1951 - in The Economic History Review, by John Singleton, 1990

[Article](#)

The Attlee years, by Nick Tiratsoo, 1991

[Book](#) | [Essential](#) | See: Contribution by H. Mercer

Industrial efficiency and state intervention: Labour, 1939-51, by Nick Tiratsoo; Jim Tomlinson, 1993

[Book](#)

Mr Attlee's Supply-Side Socialism - in The Economic History Review, by Jim Tomlinson, 1993

[Article](#)

9. Planning, the Managed Economy and the Postwar Consensus (48 items)

Lecture and Seminar (6 items)

Seminar Questions (1 items)

What were the defining characteristics of the Labour government's economic policy?

How socialist do you think economic policy was in this period?

Do you believe the development of economic policy in this period provides evidence to support the notion of a post-war consensus?

Core seminar reading (5 items)

‘Even the Conservatives would be socialists’: British Labour, American Democrats and the postwar transatlantic political economy - in Journal of Transatlantic Studies, by Gary Helm Darden, 2011-06

[Article](#)

Labour governments and private industry: the experience of 1945-1951, by H. Mercer; Neil Rollings; Jim Tomlinson, c1992

[Book](#) | See: N. Rollings, "'The Reichstag method of governing'?: the Attlee governments and permanent economic controls'

Consensus: a debate too long? - in Parliamentary Affairs, by Anthony Seldon, 1994

[Article](#)

Democratic socialism and economic policy: the Attlee years, 1945-1951, by Jim Tomlinson, c1997

[Book](#) | [Essential](#) | See: Chapter 6

From 'Consensus' to 'Common Ground': The Rhetoric of the Postwar Settlement and its Collapse - in Journal of Contemporary History, by R. Toye, 2013-01-01

[Article](#)

Wider reading (42 items)

Planning (18 items)

Contemporary: (6 items)

Economic Survey for 1947 (National Economy) - in 20th Century House of Commons Sessional Papers

[Article](#)

Reform and reconstruction: Britain after the war, 1945-51, by Stephen Brooke, 1995

[Book](#) | [Essential](#) | See: pp. 46-51

The principles of economic planning: a study prepared for the Fabian Society, by W. Arthur Lewis, 1950

[Book](#)

Planning and the price mechanism: the Liberal-Socialist solution, by J. E. Meade, 1948

[Book](#)

Economic Planning - in Public Administration, by M.P. Herbert Morrison, 1947-03

[Article](#)

The economic problems of the transition from war to peace: 1945-49 - in Cambridge Journal of Economics, by Austin Robinson, 1986

[Article](#)

Historical: (12 items)

Economic planning 1943-1951: a guide to documents in the Public Record Office, by B. W. E. Alford; Rodney Lowe; Neil Rollings, 1992

[Book](#) | **Essential** | See: especially introduction

The politics of economic planning, by Alan Budd, 1978

[Book](#)

Years of recovery: British economic policy 1945-51, by Alec Cairncross, 1985

[Book](#) | **Essential** | See: Chapters 11-14

Labour's high noon: the government and the economy, 1945-51, by Jim Fyrth, 1993

[Book](#) | See: chapter by Cunningham

The Birth of a Politician: Harold Wilson and the Bonfires of Controls, 1948-9 - in Twentieth Century British History, by H. Irving, 2014-03-01

[Article](#)

Economic planning & politics in Britain, by Jacques Leruez; Martin Harrison, 1975

[Book](#)

British planning and nationalization, by Ben W. Lewis, 1952

[Book](#)

Groundwork to economic planning, by Joan Mitchell, 1966

[Book](#)

Gosplanners versus Thermostatters: Whitehall planning debates and their political consequences, 1945-49 - in Contemporary British History, by Richard Toye, 2000-12

[Article](#)

Industrial efficiency and state intervention: Labour, 1939-51, by Nick Tiratsoo; Jim Tomlinson, 1993

[Book](#)

Planning: Debate and Policy in the 1940s - in Twentieth Century British History, by JIM TOMLINSON, 1992

[Article](#)

Economic planning by programme and control in Great Britain, by Gilbert James Walker, 1957

[Book](#)

The Managed Economy (17 items)

General texts: (9 items)

Monetary policy and financial repression in Britain, 1951-59, by William Allen, 2014

[Book](#) | See: Chapter 2

Steering the economy: the role of the Treasury, by Samuel Brittan; Samuel Brittan, 1969

[Book](#) | See: Chapter 5

Years of recovery: British economic policy 1945-51, by Alec Cairncross, 1985

[Book](#) | [Essential](#) | See: Chapter 15

The Economic Section 1939-1961: a study in economic advising, by Alec Cairncross; Nita G. M. Watts, 1989

[Book](#) | See: Chapter 15

The Robert Hall diaries, 1947-53, by Robert Hall Roberthall; Alec Cairncross, 1989

[Book](#) | See: Chapters 1-2

The management of the British economy, 1945-60, by J. C. R. Dow, 1970

[Book](#) | See: Chapter 2

Governing the economy: the politics of state intervention in Britain and France, by Peter A. Hall, 1986

[Book](#) | See: pp. 69-76

'Poor Mr Butskell: A Short Life, Wrecked by Schizophrenia'? - in Twentieth Century British History, by NEIL ROLLINGS, 1994

[Article](#)

Public policy and the economy since 1900, by Jim Tomlinson, 1990

[Book](#) | See: Chapter 8

Keynesian Revolution (8 items)

The "Keynesian Revolution" in Economic Policy-Making - in The Economic History Review, by Alan Booth, 1983

[Article](#)

New revisionists and the Keynesian era in British economic policy - in The Economic History Review, by Alan Booth, 2001-05

[Article](#)

The Treasury and British public policy, 1906-1959, by G. C. Peden, 2000

[Book](#) | See: Chapter 7

The state and economic knowledge: the American and British experiences, by Mary O. Furner; Barry Supple, 1990

[Book](#) | See: G.C. Peden, 'Old dogs and new tricks: the British Treasury and Keynesian economics in the 1940s and 1950s'

The Treasury and British public policy, 1906-1959, by G. C. Peden, 2000

[Book](#) | See: Chapter 8

British Budgetary Policy 1945-1954: A 'Keynesian Revolution'? - in The Economic History Review, by Neil Rollings, 1988

[Article](#)

Employment policy: the crucial years, 1939-1955, by Jim Tomlinson, c1987

[Book](#) | See: Chapter 6

Democratic socialism and economic policy: the Attlee years, 1945-1951, by Jim Tomlinson, c1997

[Book](#) | **Essential** | See: Chapter 10

Postwar consensus (7 items)

Consensus Revisited - in Twentieth Century British History, by PAUL ADDISON, 1993

[Article](#)

'The Possible as the Art of Politics': Understanding Consensus Politics - in Political Studies, by Richard Heffernan, 2002-09

[Article](#)

The myth of consensus: new views on British history, 1945-64, by Harriet Jones; Michael Kandiah; Institute of Contemporary British History, 1996

[Book](#)

Consensus politics from Attlee to Major, by Dennis Kavanagh; Peter Morris; Dennis Kavanagh, 1994

[Book](#)

The myth of Mr Butskell: the politics of British economic policy, 1950-55, by Scott Kelly, 2002

[Book](#)

Postwar British politics in perspective, by David Marsh, 1999

[Book](#) | See: P. Kerr, 'The post-war consensus'

'Poor Mr Butskell: A Short Life, Wrecked by Schizophrenia'? - in Twentieth Century British History, by NEIL ROLLINGS, 1994

[Article](#)

10. The Lost Victory? – A Debate (28 items)

Critical assessments: (13 items)

Economic planning 1943-1951: a guide to documents in the Public Record Office, by B. W. E. Alford; Rodney Lowe; Neil Rollings, 1992

[Book](#) | **Essential** | See: Introduction

British economic performance, 1945-1975, by B. W. E. Alford; Economic History Society, 1995

[Book](#) | See: Chapter 2

The lost victory: British dreams, British realities, 1945-1950, by Correlli Barnett, 1995

[Book](#)

Modern British politics: parties and pressure groups in the collectivist age, by Samuel Hutchison Beer, 1982

[Book](#) | See: Chapter 7

The Labour Party and the struggle for socialism, by David Coates, 1975

[Book](#) | See: Chapter 3

The eclipse of "elegant economy": the impact of the Second World War on attitudes to personal finance in Britain, by Martin Cohen, c2012

[Book](#) | See: Chapter 5

Europe's post-war recovery, by Barry J. Eichengreen, 1995

[Book](#) | See: N.F.R. Crafts, "'You've never had it so good?': British economic policy and performance 1945-60'

The 1945 revolution, by William Harrington; Peter Young, 1978

[Book](#)

Are these hardships necessary?, by Roy Harrod, 1947

[Book](#)

Parliamentary socialism: a study in the politics of labour, by Ralph Miliband, 1973

[Book](#) | See: Chapter 9

Review: The economic problems of the transition from war to peace: 1945—49 - in Cambridge Journal of Economics, by Review by:

Austin Robinson, 1986

[Article](#)

The Labour Government and British industry, 1945-1951, by Arnold Austin Rogow, 1955

[Book](#) | See: Chapter 9

The labour movement in Britain: a commentary, by John Saville, 1988

[Book](#)

Complimentary: (15 items)

Years of recovery: British economic policy 1945-51, by Alec Cairncross, 1985

[Book](#) | Essential | See: Chapter 19

The British economy since 1945, by N. F. R. Crafts; N. W. C. Woodward; Baron F. Buckham, 1991

[Book](#) | See: A.K. Cairncross, 'Reconversion, 1945-51'

The future of socialism, by Anthony Crosland, 1956

[Book](#)

Never again: Britain, 1945-51, by Peter Hennessy, 1992

[Book](#)

Ruling performance: British governments from Attlee to Thatcher, by Peter Hennessy;
Anthony Seldon, 1987

[Book](#) | See: Chapter 2

Labour in power, 1945-1951, by Kenneth O. Morgan, 1984

[Book](#)

The Labour governments, 1945-51, by Henry Pelling, 1984

[Book](#) | See: Chapters 12-13

The wasting of the British economy: British economic policy 1945 to the present, by Sidney
Pollard, c1982

[Book](#) | See: pp. 31-38

English Economists and the State-Managed Economy - in Journal of Political Economy, by
Joseph A. Schumpeter, 1949

[Article](#)

The Attlee years, by Nick Tiratsoo, 1991

[Book](#) | See: Introduction

Democratic socialism and economic policy: the Attlee years, 1945-1951, by Jim Tomlinson,
c1997

[Book](#) | See: Chapters 12-13

Labour's management of the national economy 1945-51: survey and speculations - in
Economy and Society, by Tomlinson Jim, 1989-02

[Article](#)

**The Iron Quadrilateral: Political Obstacles to Economic Reform under the Attlee
Government** - in Journal of British Studies, by J. D. Tomlinson, 1995

[Article](#)

An American View of the British Economic Crisis - in Lloyds Bank review, by J. Viner, 1947

[Article](#)

**Consensus and beyond: the development of Labour Party strategy since the Second World
War**, by Alan Warde, c1982

[Book](#) | See: Chapter 2