

# Robinson Geography

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Congratulations on gaining your place at Robinson to read Geography. It's one of the most relevant and interesting subjects that you can study at university. Many of the issues that the world is facing today such as Covid-19, globalisation and the climate emergency are studied in depth by Geographers. It really is the degree that no-one should leave home without! Here are some interesting pieces that will give you a flavour of the key themes in your degree:

## **On Covid-19 and the social and biological implications of the pandemic:**

Mike Davis on Covid-19, noting that capitalist globalisation now appears to be biologically unsustainable. See:

[http://links.org.au/mike-davis-covid-19-monster-finally-at-the-door?fbclid=IwAR3jmZEMFWYy6BYjoM\\_dWVOQK-FH3xCa0rqXMx8D34vweFOtZ93sJBVHpk](http://links.org.au/mike-davis-covid-19-monster-finally-at-the-door?fbclid=IwAR3jmZEMFWYy6BYjoM_dWVOQK-FH3xCa0rqXMx8D34vweFOtZ93sJBVHpk)

Steve Hinchcliffe's excellent commentary on the fallout of Covid-19 which argues that 'what spreads in this sense is not only a virus, but patterns of social practice that can alter social dynamics and physical spatialities, producing epidemiological as well as wide-ranging public health concerns. See:

<http://somatosphere.net/forumpost/model-evidence-covid-19/>

Evolutionary biologist Rob Wallace on Covid-19 and the causal connections between livestock farming, global finance, environmental destruction, genetic monoculture, climate change and planetary urbanisation. See:

<https://monthlyreview.org/press/who-should-we-blame-for-coronavirus-rob-wallace-has-some-answers/>

## **On the concept of slowdown in population, technology and economies:**

The first chapter of Geographer Danny Dorling's new book *Slowdown*. Dorling explodes the myth of acceleration and shows a beneficial slowdown is already happening and needs to happen. See:

<http://www.dannydorling.org/books/SLOWDOWN/>

## **On the future of capitalism**

George Monbiot on whether another form of capitalism is possible. See:

<https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/opendemocracyuk/george-monbiot-unholy-trinity-ideologies-trashing-our-planet/>