

Capitalism
A Very Short Introduction
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Questions for Thought and Discussion

- Why are markets at the heart of capitalism?
- How free is wage labour?
- Why is leisure central to capitalism?
- Did capitalism originate in Britain?
- Why did a 'managed capitalism' develop in Britain and what went wrong with it?
- Was the state 'rolled back' when capitalism was remarketed?
- Is 'neo-liberal capitalism' the result of Conservative government?
- Does the spread of 'neo-liberal capitalism' mean that everywhere becomes the same?
- In what ways has capitalism become global?
- Does global capitalism integrate the world?
- Why are crises a normal feature of capitalist societies?
- How would you explain the crisis of 2007-8?
- What is meant by the 'financialization' of capital and what have been its consequences for people's lives?
- What is meant by the 'externalization' of costs?
- Does capitalism have a future?

Other Books by the Author

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Further Reading

M. Hudson, *The Bubble and Beyond: Fictitious Capital, Debt Deflation and the Global Crisis* (Islet, 2012)

G. Ingham, *Capitalism* (Polity, 1911)

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