If you would like me to serve as either your first or second reader, you are expected to choose one of the three topics below. In the case that I am your first reader, I will assign 300-500 pages of reading from the list below. If I am your second reader, I will assign 200-300 pages from the list below.

1. Social Psychology of Mass Violence
2. Social Categorization
3. Prejudice Reduction and Social Justice

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1. **Social Psychology of Mass Violence**

   *This focal point examines the social psychology of mass violence, such as the Authoritarian Personality, intractable conflict, dehumanization, infrahumanization, collective essentialism, and prototypes of mass violence.*


2. Social Categorization

This focal point examines the social psychology of collective identities, with particular attention being paid to how the processes surrounding social categorization can both unite and divide us. How do racial, ethnic, and national identities both build and break bonds between us?


3. Prejudice Reduction and Social Justice

This focal point examines both prejudice reduction strategies that improve intergroup attitudes, and the social psychology of collective action that can lead to conflicts in the name of social justice. You will read about the psychology of both, as well as the ways in which these approaches are similar to each other and the ways in which they differ.


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