

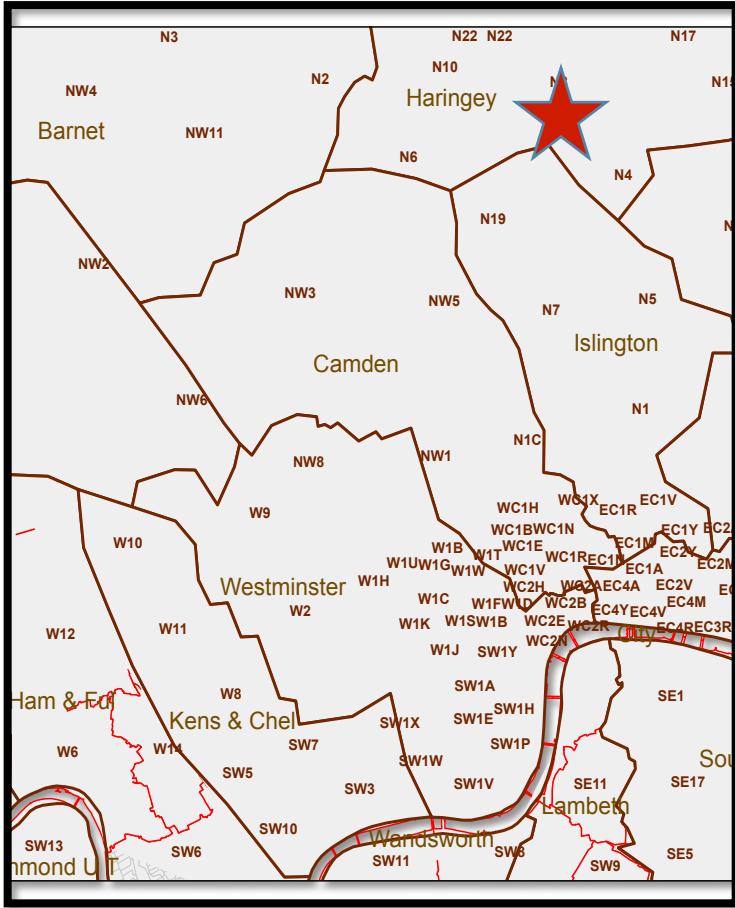
Elites and Urban Dynamics:
New Perspectives

“Conflicts of Taste and Values in an Elite London Suburb”

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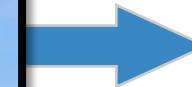
Sources for study of Highgate “village”



- 1 : Participant observation
- 2 : Qualitative interviews
- 3 : Planning disputes
- 4 : Local archives

Alpha Territory : Transforming capital into self-esteem

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III	3i Group Plc	558.75	0.50	+0.09%
ADN	Aberdeen Asset Management	408.90	-0.20	-0.05%
ADM	Admiral Group	1,475.00	-11.00	-0.74%
AAL	Anglo American	881.70	-8.60	-0.97%
ANTO	Antofagasta Holdings	649.00	-9.00	-1.37%
ARM	ARM Holdings plc	1,024.50	6.00	+0.59%
AHT	Ashtead Group plc	1,078.00	0.47	+0.04%
ABF	Associated British Foods plc	3,187.50	18.00	+0.57%
AZN	AstraZeneca plc	4,295.50	-41.00	-0.95%
AV.	Aviva plc	534.75	2.63	+0.49%
BAB	Babcock International Group	1,104.00	-7.00	-0.63%
BA.	BAE Systems plc	482.55	-2.80	-0.58%
BARC	Barclays plc			
BDEV	Barratt Developments plc			
BG.	BG Group plc			
BLT	BHP Billiton plc			



The disruption of existing elites



- 1 : Territorial displacement
- 2 : Disregard of real or “imagined” communities
- 3 : Disdain for established signifiers of status

Highgate : Alpha Territory in a historical context



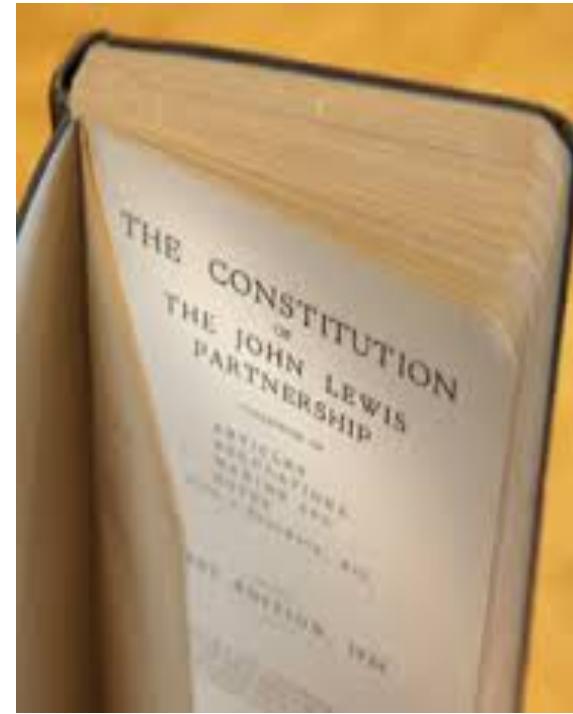
The mansions of the Highgate ridge



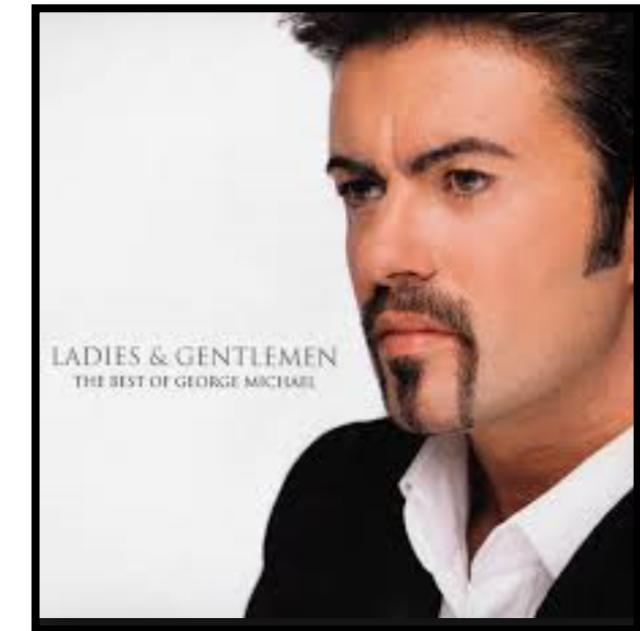
Patronage



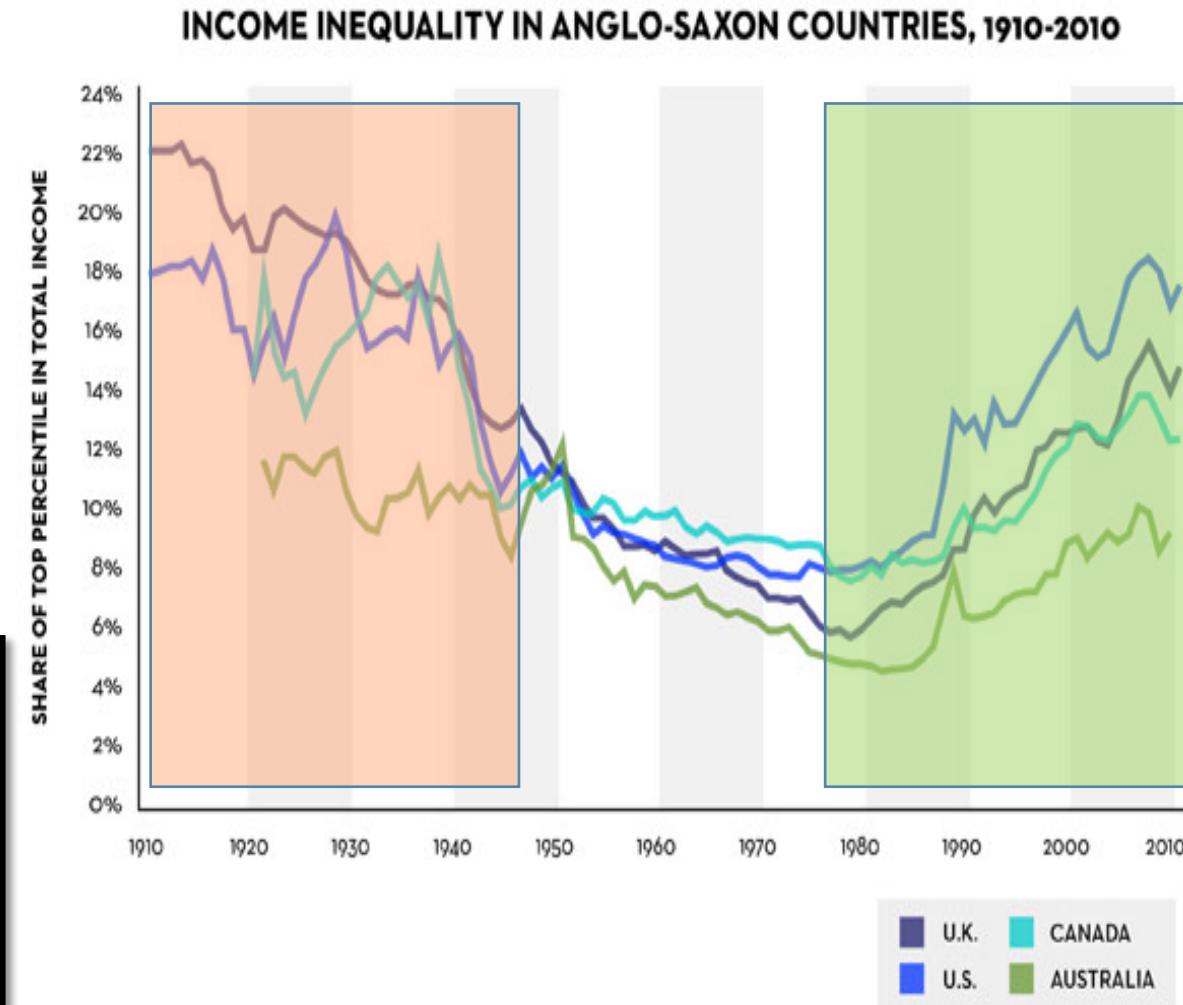
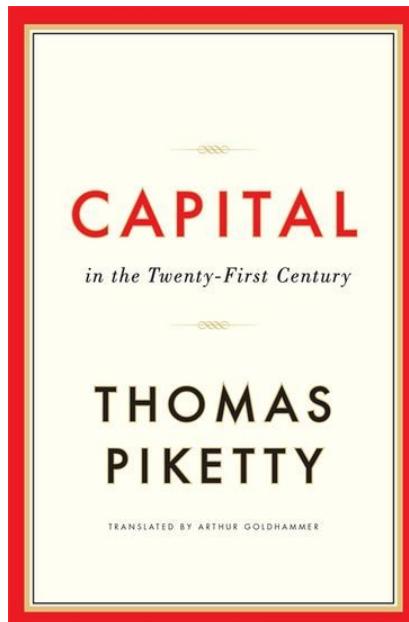
Critical analysis and Reform



The “celebrity quarter”



The deterioration and revival of the grand houses



Planning appeals create evidence of conflicting values

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Ed's 'fat cat' adviser in row over bid to rebuild £8.5m home as Jacobean mansion

By Glen Owen
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

ED MILIBAND likes to boast that he is on the side of struggling families – while David Cameron's Conservatives are the 'party of millionaires'.

But the Labour leader was embarrassed last night after it emerged that one of his most senior advisers is locked in a bitter row with conservationists over his plans to demolish his 'rather ordinary' £8.5million house and rebuild it as a mock-Jacobean mansion.

Andrew Rosenfeld has even bought the house next door for £5.2million so that he has somewhere to live while the work is carried out.

The property tycoon has been entrusted by Mr Miliband with 'widening the base' of Labour supporters and winning the battleground marginal seats that will decide the next Election.

Now the multi-millionaire, who donated almost £500,000 to the party this year, is facing anger from North London neighbours by applying to erect a seven-bedroom house, complete with a gym, gallery, circular fountain and garden pavilion, on the site of his current home. Locals

accuse Mr Rosenfeld of trying to make a 'quick buck' by imposing a 'totally alien' design that would destroy the character of the area.

The row is embarrassing for Mr Miliband, who has made a series of attacks on the destructive behaviour of 'predator' capitalists.

Mr Rosenfeld, 50, the only son of four, returned to London last year after spending five years as a tax exile in Switzerland – during which time he added to his estimated £100million fortune by making

a £21million profit on a Geneva mansion. The businessman then bought the two properties within a conservation area in London's wealthy Highgate for a total of £14.7million.

Mr Rosenfeld embarked on the redevelopment after an architect's report concluded that the £8.5million house was 'a rather ordinary example of a late 19th century house, probably built on a limited budget'.

Neighbours, including Labour's former London Deputy Mayor Nicky Gavron, have objected to the

council. 'The proposals are out of scale and character with this street within the conservation area and would be seriously detrimental to its character,' said Ms Gavron.

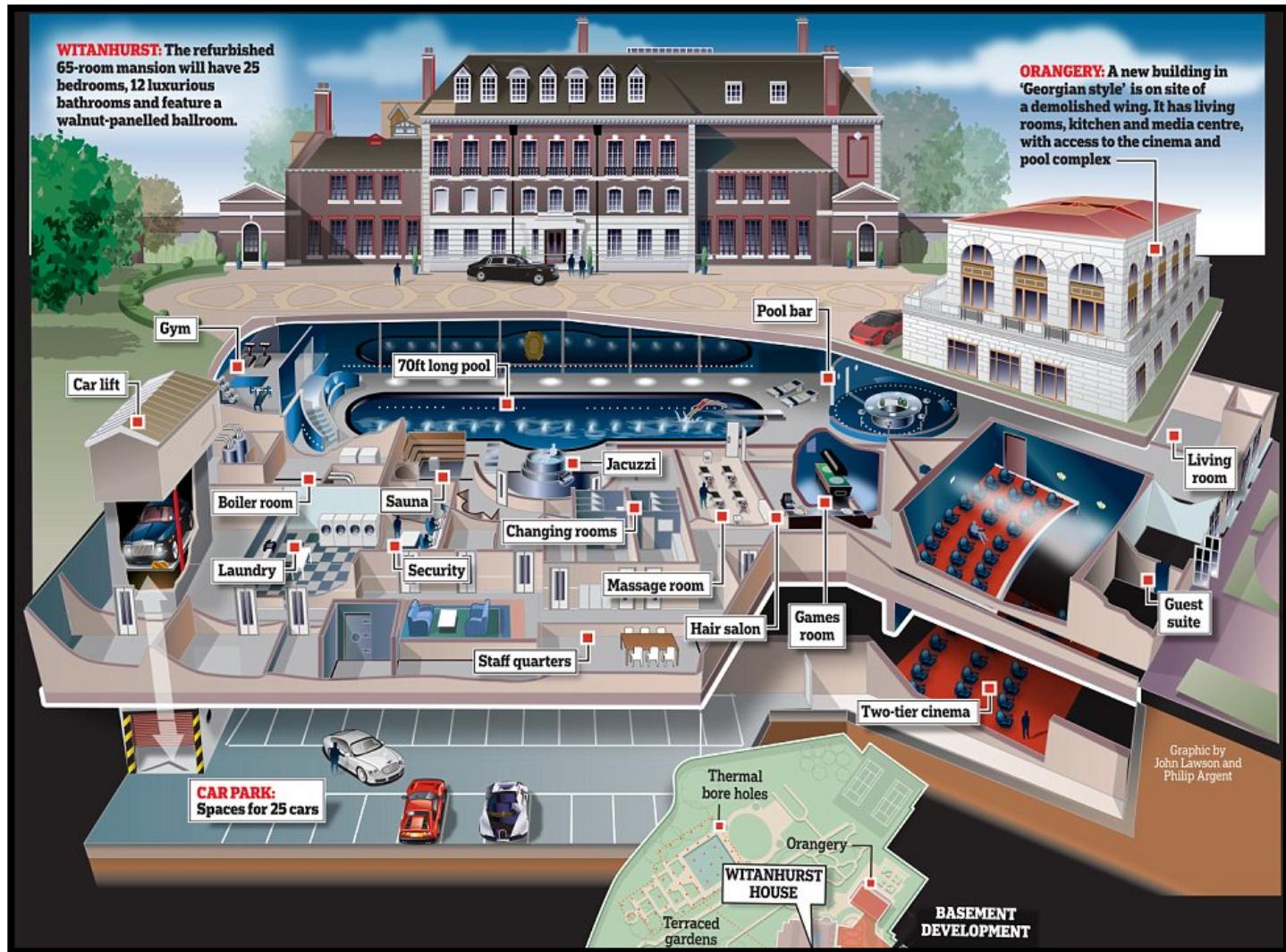
Another neighbour, speaking on condition of anonymity, said: 'We think he will spend as much again on the house, £8million, and sell it for between £20million and £25million, giving him a profit of between £5million and £9million – which makes his donation to Labour seem like quite small beer. But at

RICH: Labour adviser Andrew Rosenfeld is worth £100 million

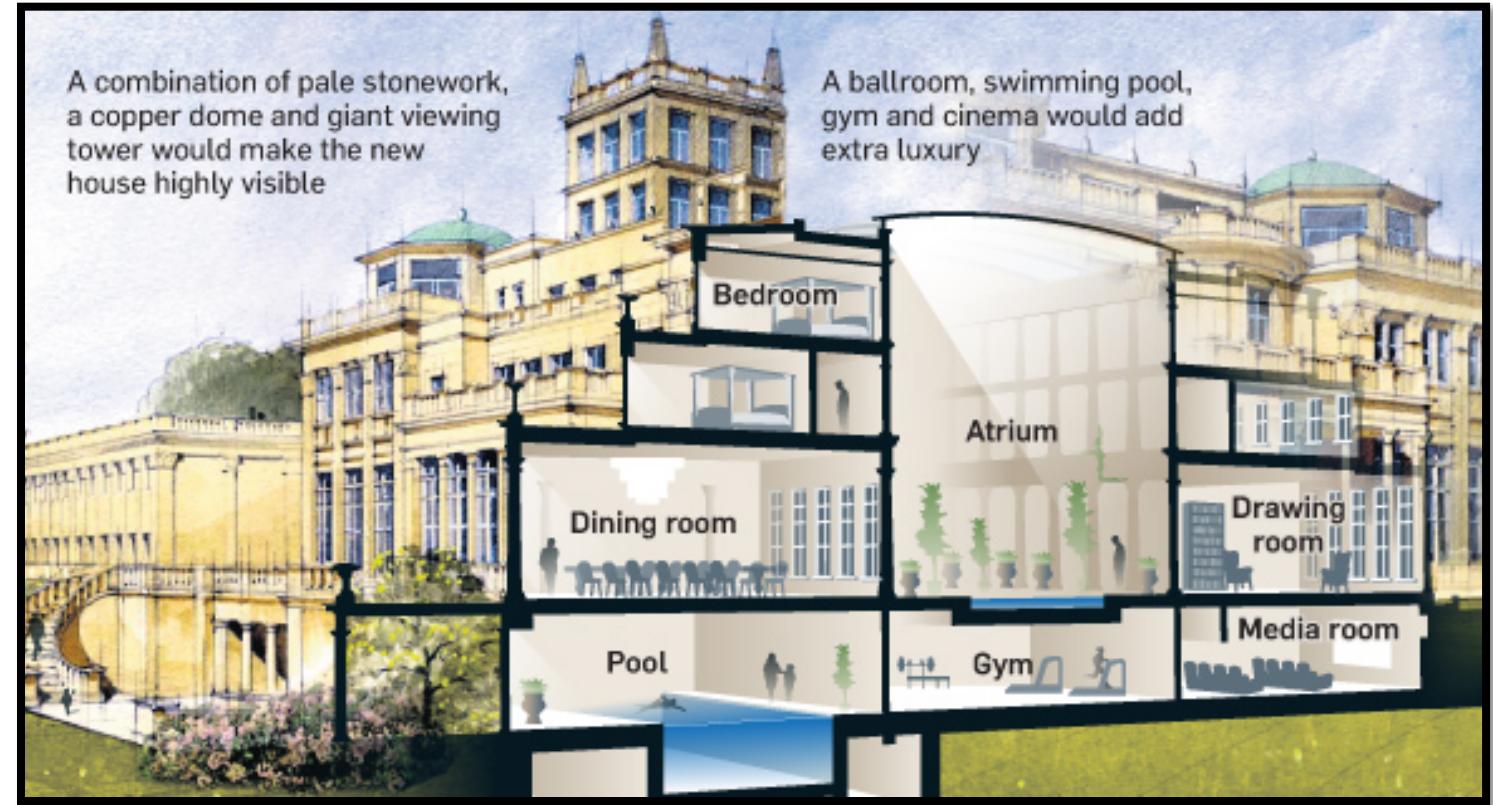
TOTALLY ALIEN: The North London house Mr Rosenfeld plans to demolish, left, and an architect's drawing of the house he intends to erect in its place



Witanhurst : owner Andrej Guriev



Athlone House : a would be trophy house



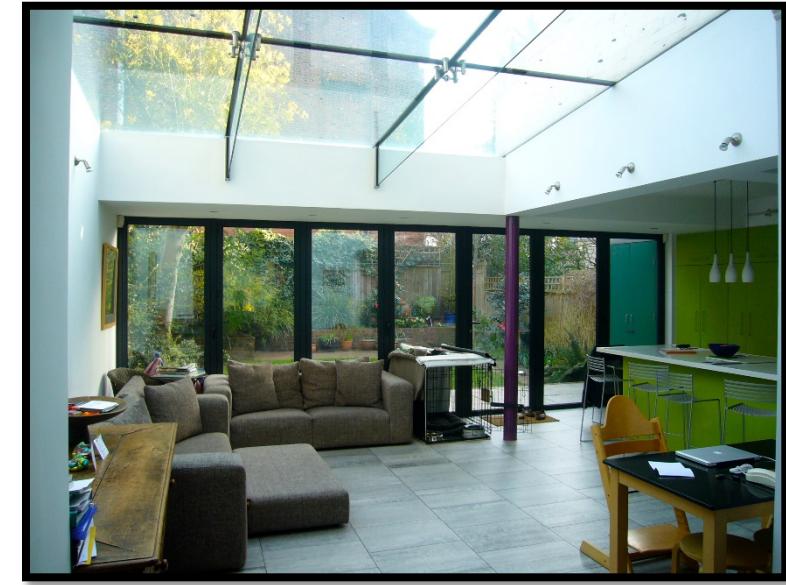
Physical manifestation : tear down and rebuild



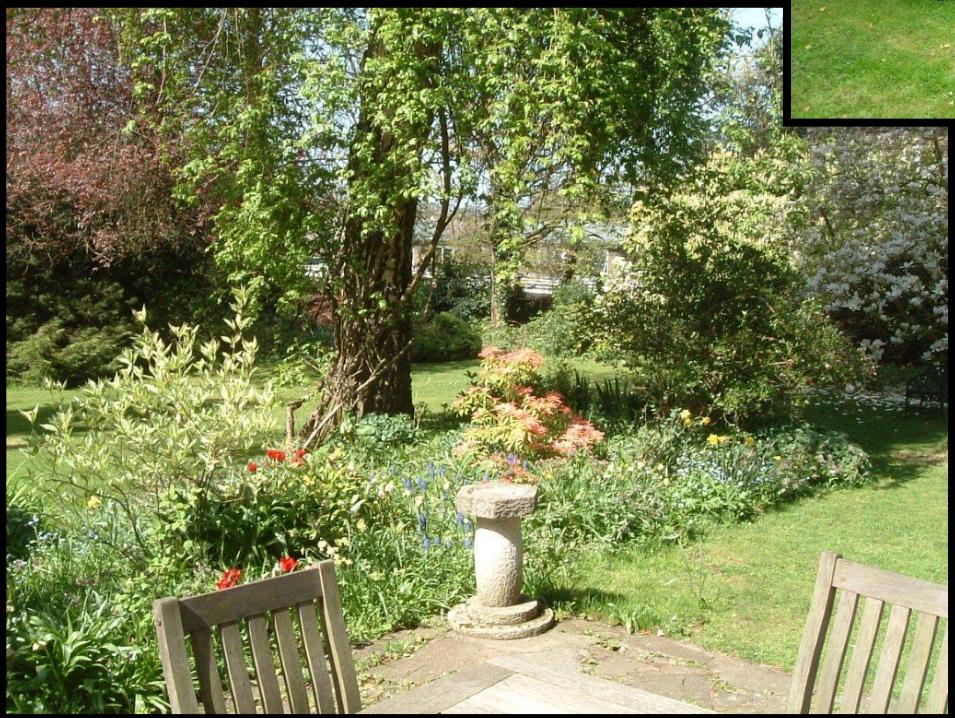
Challenge 1 : sense of “elective belonging”



Challenge 2 : rejection of historic aesthetic values



Challenge 3 : devaluation of a natural setting

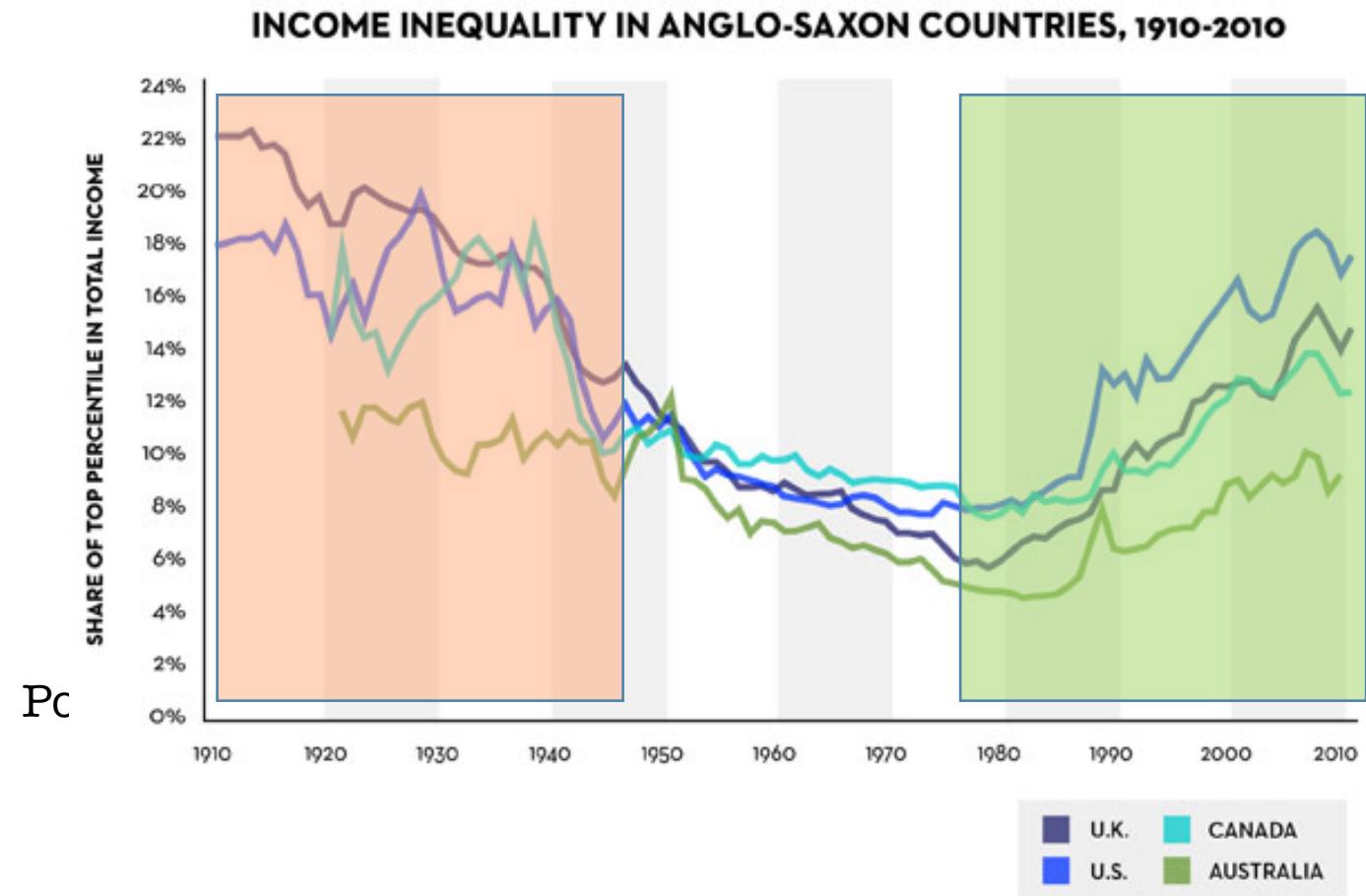
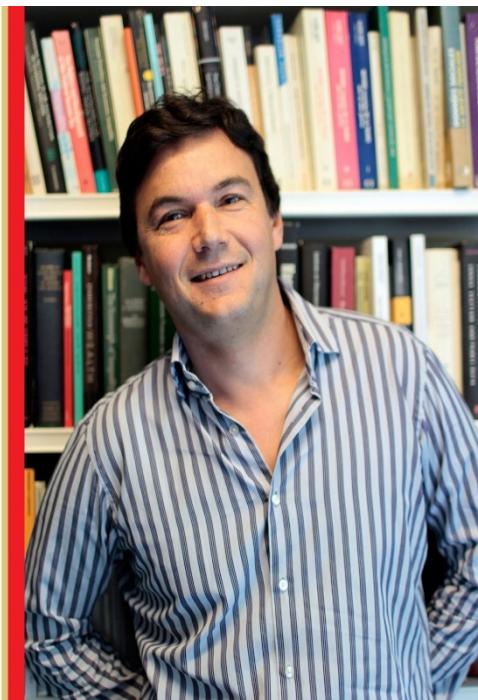
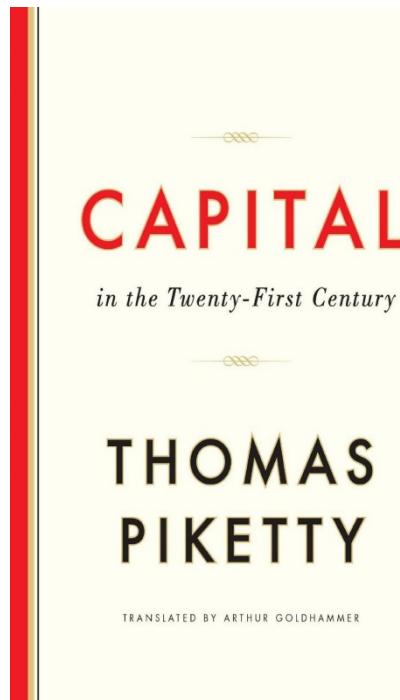


Intrinsic qualities of ‘new’ Alpha Territory

“Intolerance of blemishes”



Re-emergence of the super rich

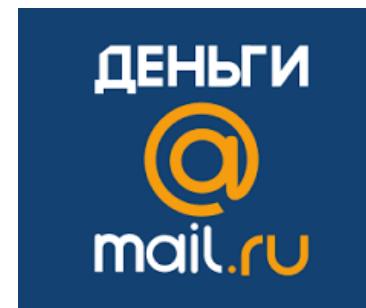


Sources of wealth

- 1914



- 2014



Servicing



Leisure



Domini Crosfield



Alisher Uzmanov

Lady Crosfield's tennis tournament



© Mike Floyd



Sir Arthur and Lady Crosfield's private lawn tennis tournaments at their beautiful house, West Hill, Highgate, are always some of the most delightful features in the whole programme of the year, but are likewise something more by reason of the fact that they provide an "unofficial" opportunity for the meeting of some of the foremost cracks in the tennis world. Lady Crosfield herself is, of course, in the "stalwart" division of the lawn tennis world, and a great supporter of the game. At Lady Crosfield's recent tournament H.R.H. the Duchess of York was present, and in these snapshots, Lord Farnsworth, who is the Marchioness of Linlithgow, used to be in the same party. He is reported missing in America. Lady Mar and Kellie was formerly Lady Susan Ashley; the Hon. Sir Harry Stonor is an uncle of Lord Camoys; Lady Beatty, who is a keen tennis enthusiast, is with the wife of Sir Frederick Ponsonby, whose first appointment at Court was as an Equestrian to Queen Victoria. The Hon. Lady Salmond is the widow of the Hon. Monica Grenfell, and is a daughter of Lord and Lady Desborough. Lady Cholmondeley is the daughter of the Hon. Monica Grenfell, who was more familiar in the polo world as Lord Rockavage, is a very fine exponent of the lawn tennis game.

In the Hebrides with the Levers

If a Tip or Two for Fishing.

Lf a tip or two for fishing,
As a novice you would glean,
And you're feverishly wishing
You may not return home "clean";

If you mean to do your duty
And are full of frenzied zeal,
Ere you set out for the booty,
Well equipped with rod and creel,

Just a hint, or a suggestion,
May assist thy gentle art,
And save many a cruel question
If the saumons will not dart:

First, the patience of a stoic.
You have got to cultivate,
And a cheerfulness heroic
No ill fortune shall abate.

If the blustering, wild, wet weather
Leave you soaking and bedraggled,
As you plash through swamp and heather,
With all glorified

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AT CASTLE LEWS.

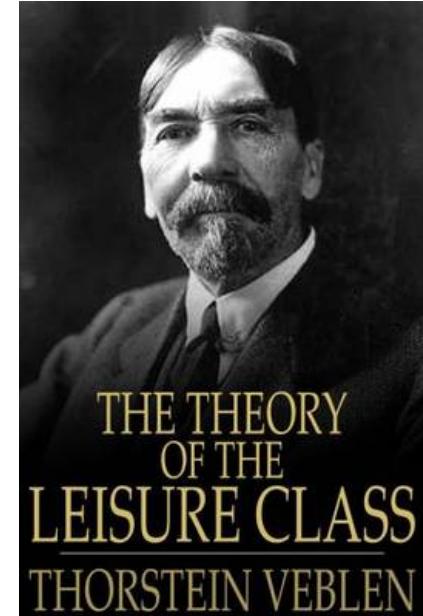
SONG

Words and Music by Sir A.H. Grosfield, Bart.

Piano Moderate

At Castle Lews the board is spread, And brightly
shines the flagon red, And a jovial crew The repast in view And that in mirth best. Ne'er sports man missed, to the
Piper led, to the Piper list! Of banter and chaff an exuberance Freely pealed at each pats expense, to gape and
crank and Heaven knew what. Dear to the heart of the Saxon or Scot, Like pagans who worship the sportsmen
Int. And here all idle of life forgot, They sing the praise of the skipper skit. Or the golfer's
drive when he's on the gut Or the fisherman saumon fresh for the pot, And bark to his jester, but believe them not. Be
veredes I to
Leave them not.

LEWS.



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At Castle Lews the board is spread, And brightly

The epitome of Elective Belonging?

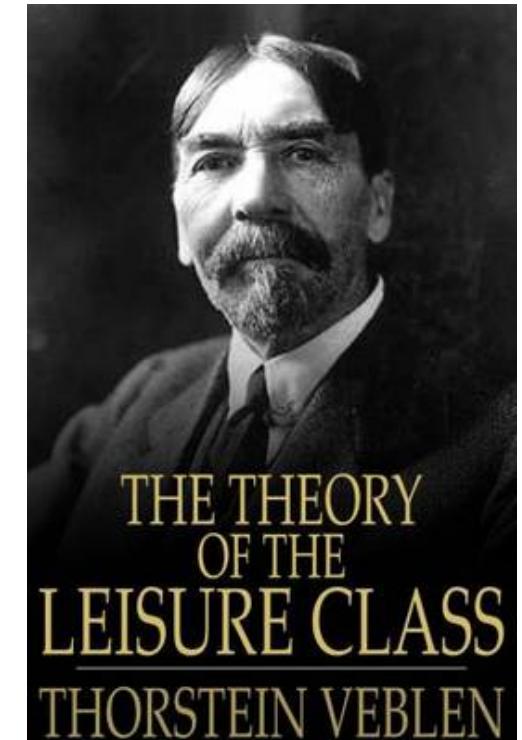


The Highgate Literary and Scientific Institute vs Highgate Society Annual Quiz

Round 8

Music, art and literature

1. What do the following have in common: Bear, Hen, Oxford, Clock, Military
2. What is Tosca's first name
3. What is the name of Edgar Rice Burroughs' hero
4. Which 1900 Elgar oratorio is based on a poem by Cardinal Newman
5. From which Shakespeare play is the quotation "Uneasy lies the head that wears the crown"
6. In which city is the Whitworth Art gallery
7. Which female entertainer did a celebrated banana dance
8. Which house did Ibsen's heroine "Nora" leave



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