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POLS 246.01: INTRODUCTION TO TURKISH POLITICS
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Reading material: A reading packet will be available at Doğa Kirtasiye

Lecture Hours:

MONDAY	WEDNESDAY
6-7 (14:00-16:00) NH 105	4 (12:00-13:00) NH 401

Office Hour: Wednesday, 14:00-16:00

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

Midterm Paper: 50%

Final Exam: 50%

Discussion Sessions: TBA

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course will consist of an overview of political developments in modern Turkey in the second half of the 20th and in the early 21st century, from the end of the Second World War till today. Topics to be covered include the transition to democracy between 1945 and 1950; the “populist democracy” between 1950-1980 and the three military coups (27 May 1960, 12 March 1971, and 12 September 1980); the surge of “identity politics” after the 1980s; the elections of November 2002 and beyond. We will focus on such hotly debated contemporary issues of Turkish politics as the state based on the rule of law, human rights, citizenship, civil society, democratization and westernization. Attention will also be paid to those current issues which generally fall within the general problematic of “identity”, particularly religion, ethnicity and gender. Although these issues occupy the top places of today’s political agenda, they have a certain history, and therefore special attention will be given to the historical evolution of these issues and as well as to the debates around them. There will be no midterm exam. Instead, you will write a midterm paper on the major period of Turkish politics since World War II.

Lectures Days (Mon-Wed)

1. March 1-3	7. April 12-14
2. March 8-10	8. April 19-21
3. March 15-17	9. May 3-5
4. March 22-24	10. May 10-12
5. March 29-31	11. May 17
6. April 5-7	12. May 24-26

ACADEMIC HONESTY

The Department of Political Science and International Relations has the following rules and regulations regarding academic honesty.

1. Copying work from others or giving and receiving answers/information during exams either in written or oral form constitutes cheating.
2. Submitting take-home exams and papers of others as your own, using sentences or paragraphs from another author without the proper acknowledgement of the original author, insufficient acknowledgement of the consulted works in the bibliography, all constitute plagiarism.
3. Plagiarism and cheating are serious offenses and will result in:
 - a) an automatic "F" in the assignment or the exam
 - b) an oral explanation before the Departmental Ethics Committee
 - c) losing the opportunity to request and receive any references from the entire faculty
 - d) losing the opportunity to apply in exchange programs
 - e) losing the prospects of becoming a student assistant or a graduate assistant in the department

The students may further be sent to the University Ethics committee or be subject to disciplinary action.

A BASIC LIST OF MONOGRAPHS ON TURKISH POLITICS

Ahmad, Feroz. 1993. *The Making of Modern Turkey*. London and New York: Routledge

Kalaycıoğlu, Ersin. 2005. *Turkish Dynamics, Bridge across Troubled Lands*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan

Keyder, Çağlar. 1987. *State and Class in Turkey. A Study in Capitalist Development*. London, New York: Verso

Mango, Andrew. 2004. *The Turks Today*. Woodstock and New York: The Overlook Press

Özbudun, Ergun. 2000. *Contemporary Turkish Politics, Challenges to Democratic Consolidation*. Boulder and London: Lynne Rienner Publishers

Sunar, İlkay. 2004. *State, Society and Democracy in Turkey*. İstanbul: Bahçeşehir University Publication

Zurcher, Erik Jan. 1997. *Turkey, A Modern History*. London: I.B. Tauris

1) THE TRANSITION FROM THE ONE-PARTY TO THE MULTI-PARTY REGIME, THE RULE OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY AND THE INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF POPULIST DEMOCRACY, 1946-1960

Yılmaz, Hakan. 1997. "Democratization from above in Response to the International Context", Turkey 1945-1950. *New Perspectives on Turkey*, No. 17 (Fall 1997), pp. 1-38.

Yılmaz, Hakan. 2009 (1996). "The Democrat Party Period in Turkey, 1950-1960: Populists, Progressives, and Officers" and "The Coup d'Etat of 1960 and the Establishment of Military Democracy". Forthcoming in *The Contested Legacy, A History of American-Turkish Relations in the Twentieth Century*, ed. Selçuk Esenbel and Bruce Kuniholm, 2009.

2) POPULIST DEMOCRACY AND ITS MAJOR ACTORS: THE 1960-1980 PERIOD

Ahmad, Feroz. 1993. *The Making of Modern Turkey*. London and New York: Routledge, pp. 121-212

*Lecture on the 27 May 1960 Military Intervention

*Lecture on the **new bureaucratic political actors**: The military, the National Security Council, the Constitutional Court, the State Planning Organization and the Senate.

*Lecture on the **new civilian political actors**: The Justice Party, the Nationalist Action Party, the National Salvation Party, The Republican People's Party, the Worker's Party of Turkey, the YÖN movement, the Revolutionary Youth movement.

*Lecture on the Rise and Fall of National Developmentalism

3) THE MILITARY COUP AND THE AUTHORITARIAN REGIME: THE 1980s-1990s

Kalaycıoğlu, Ersin. 2005. *Turkish Dynamics, Bridge across Troubled Lands*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, pp.91-166

4) CURRENT ISSUES AND ACTORS

Elections and the Electorate

Çarkoğlu, Ali. 2002. "The Rise of the New Generation Pro-Islamists in Turkey: The Justice and Development Party Phenomenon in the November 2002 Elections in Turkey". *South European Society and Politics*, Volume 7, Issue 3, pp. 123 – 156.

Çarkoğlu, Ali. 2008. "Ideology or Economic Pragmatism: Profiling Turkish Voters in 2007". *Turkish Studies*, Vol.9, No.2, pp.317-344

AKP: The Justice and Development Party

Öniş, Ziya. 2009. "Conservative Globalism at the Crossroads: The Justice and Development Party and the Thorny Path to Democratic Consolidation in Turkey". *Mediterranean Politics*, Vol. 14, No. 1, pp.21-40.

CHP: The Republican People's Party

Keyman, E. Fuat and Öniş, Ziya .2007. "Globalization and Social Democracy in the European Periphery: Paradoxes of the Turkish Experience". *Globalizations*, Vol.4. No.2, pp.211 - 228

The Military and Civil-Military Relations

Şatana, Nil S. 2008. "Transformation of the Turkish Military and the Path to Democracy". *Armed Forces & Society*, Volume 34, Number 3 April 2008, pp. 357-388

The Judiciary Judicial Empowerment

Shambayati, Hootan and Kırdış, Esen. 2009. "In Pursuit of "Contemporary Civilization": Judicial Empowerment in Turkey". *Political Research Quarterly*, Volume 62, Number 4, pp. 767-780.

Islamism: Old and New, Political and Cultural, Modern and Traditional

Göle, Nilüfer. 1997. "The Quest for the Islamic Self within the Context of Modernity". In *Rethinking Modernity and National Identity in Turkey*, ed. Sibel Bozdoğan and Reşat Kasaba, pp.81-94. Seattle and London: University of Washington Press.

Gümüşçü, Şebnem. 2010. "Class, Status, and Party: The Changing Face of Political Islam in Turkey and Egypt". *Comparative Political Studies* XX(X), pp. 1–27.

The Alevi Revival

Vorhoff, Karin. 1998. "Let's Reclaim Our History and Culture!"— Imagining Alevi Community in Contemporary Turkey". *Die Welt des Islams*, 38/2, pp.220-252.

Çarkoğlu, Ali. 2005. "Political Preferences of the Turkish Electorate: Reflections of an Alevi–Sunni Cleavage". *Turkish Studies*, Vol. 6, No. 2, pp. 273–292

Secularism

Davison, Andrew. 2003. "Turkey, a "Secular" State? The Challenge of Description". *The South Atlantic Quarterly* 102:2/3, Spring/Summer 2003, pp.333-350

The Kurdish Question

Somer, Murat. 2005 "Defensive- vs. Liberal-Nationalist Perspectives on Diversity and the Kurdish Conflict: Europeanization, the Internal Debate, and *Türkiyelilik*", *New Perspectives on Turkey* No. 32, Spring.

The New Tide of Turkish Nationalism

Bora, Taml. 2003. "Nationalist Discourses in Turkey". *The South Atlantic Quarterly* 102:2/3, Spring/Summer 2003, pp.433-451.