



POLS 502 Turkish Politics since 1923

Spring 2017

I. Course Description:

The central objective of this course is to make students familiar with the major political developments, issues and debates in contemporary Turkish politics. The course will examine Turkish political history from the establishment of the Republic in 1923 to contemporary events. At the same time the students will learn to observe, understand and analyse political events in Turkey.

II. Basic Course Information

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III. Course Text

The main readings are:

Erik J. Zürcher, *Turkey: a modern History* (IB. Tauris: London-New York, 1997).
Feroz Ahmad, *The Making of Modern Turkey* (Routledge: London-New York, 1993).

IV. Evaluations

Participation and discussion	30%
Paper	70%

Paper: you are required to write a paper of 4000 words each answering to one of the following questions.

1. What are the main successes and failures of the One-party regime?
2. Why the One-party regime ended?
3. Are the centre-periphery divide still a key to understand Turkish politics?
4. What is the most important legacy of Turgut Özal?
5. Is there a “Sèvres Syndrome” affecting Turkish politics?
6. Is there a “Cyprus Syndrome” affecting Turkish politics?
7. Does the AK Parti era represent a dramatic change in Turkish politics or a continuation of the old political system?
8. Is there freedom of expression in Turkey?
9. What are the main issues concerning minorities in Turkey?
10. What influences voting behaviours in Turkey?

The paper should follow the manuscript preparation guidelines of the journal *Turkish Studies* (<http://www.tandfonline.com/action/authorSubmission?journalCode=ftur20&page=instructions#.Vs8duJyLSoo>). The deadlines must be respected; **no assignment will be accepted after the deadline.**

Choice of the Topic	Bibliography and scheme	Draft Paper	Final Paper
27 February	8 April	19 May	10 June
	15%	15%	70%

V. Course Schedule

Week	Topic	Readings
1	The Struggle for Independence and the Emergence of the Republic	Zürcher, Ch. 9-10, Ahmad Ch. 4; Soner Cagaptay, "Race, Assimilation and Kemalism: Turkish Nationalism and the Minorities in the 1930s," <i>Middle Eastern Studies</i> , 40:3 (2004).
2	The One Party State	Zürcher, Ch. 11, Ahmad Ch. 5; Taha Parla, <i>Corporatist Ideology in Kemalist Turkey: Progress or Order?</i> (Syracuse University Press: Syracuse 2004), Ch. 8.
3	The Rule of the Democratic Party	Zürcher, Ch. 12-13, Ahmad Ch. 6; John M. VanderLippe, <i>The Politics of Turkish Democracy</i> (State University of New York Press: Syracuse, 2005), Ch. 4-5.
4	The Second Republic	Zürcher, Ch. 14, Ahmad Ch. 7-8; Şerif Mardin, "Center-Periphery Relations: a Key to Turkish Politics," <i>Daedalus</i> , Winter 1973; Baskın Oran (ed.), <i>Türk Dış Politikası (İletişim: İstanbul, 2001)</i> , vol.1, p. 685-691 and 704-711.
5	The Third Republic: the Özal Era	Ahmad Ch. 9; Cengiz Çandar, "Turgut Özal Twenty Years After: The Man and the Politician," http://file.insightturkey.com/Files/Pdf/15_2_2013_candar.pdf Metin Heper, "Islam, Conservatism, and Democracy in Turkey: Comparing Turgut Özal and Recep Tayyip Erdoğan," http://file.insightturkey.com/Files/Pdf/15_2_2013_heper.pdf
6	The 1990s and the Kurdish Issue	Ersin Kalaycıoğlu, <i>Turkish Dynamics: Bridge across Troubled Lands</i> (Palgrave: New York, 2005), Ch. 5; David McDowall, <i>A Modern History of the Kurds</i> (IB. Tauris: London-New York, 2005), Ch. 19-20;
7	The Sèvres Syndrome?	Baskın Oran, <i>Türkiye'de Azınlıklar: Kavramlar, Teori, Lozan, İç Mevzuat, İctihat, Uygulama</i> (İletişim: İstanbul, 2004), pp. 131-139; Michelangelo Guida, "The Sèvres Syndrome and "Komplo" Theories in the Islamist and Secular Press," <i>Turkish Studies</i> 9:1 (2008).
8	The AK Parti Era	Ümit Cizre, <i>Secular and Islamic Politics in Turkey</i> (Routledge: London-New York, 2008), Ch. 1 and 4; Şakir Dinçşahin, "A Symptomatic Analysis of the Justice and Development Party's Populism in Turkey, 2007-2010," <i>Government and Opposition</i> , 47:4 (2012).
9	Media in Turkey	Metin Heper and Sabri Sayari, <i>Routledge Handbook of Modern Turkey</i> (Routledge: London-New York, 2013), ch. 13; <i>Democracy in Crisis: Corruption, Media and Power in Turkey</i> : https://freedomhouse.org/report/special-reports/democracy-crisis-corruption-media-and-power-turkey
10	Electoral Behaviours 1	Pippa Norris, <i>Electoral Engineering: Voting Rules and Political Behaviour</i> (Cambridge University Press: Cambridge, 2004), pp. 3-23; Yusuf Ziya Özcan, "Party Preferences and Economic Voting in Turkey (Now that the crisis is over)," <i>Party Politics</i> , XV (May 2009).
11	Electoral Behaviours 2	Ali Çarkoğlu and Ersin Kalaycıoğlu, <i>Turkish Democracy Today</i> (IB. Tauris: London-New York, 2007), Ch. 7; Ömer Çaha and Michelangelo Guida, "Türkiye'de Partilerin Oy Toplama Stratejisi ve Seçmen Davranışına Etkisi: 2009 Yerel Seçimleri İstanbul Örneği," <i>Liberal Düşünce Dergisi</i> , 61-62:1 (2011).