



Istanbul 29 Mayıs University, Department of History

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Class Hours: **Monday 10:00-13:00 @ C220**

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

From its earlier period on, the Ottoman Empire has become an important diplomatic and military player in the political and military scene of eastern and central Europe. *Rumelia* was the core lands of the Ottoman Empire therefore the established political powers of central Europe has become the natural archrivals for her. Hungary, Austrian-Habsburg Empire, Polish Empire, Russian tsars were the main players of the early modern Central Europe. The weeks of this lecture are designed in chronological order starting from the 16th century stretching to the early 19th century when the Ottoman Empire transformed into a weaker position in political and military affairs of this geography. The main aim of this class is to give an idea of how the Central Europe has become a place of inter-empire relations and what was the position of the Ottoman Empire in this setting. The continuity-change in the political affairs and strategic positions are also another topic of this course. In the end of the course, students will be able to understand the early modern political, military and diplomatic developments from various perspectives and would easily read further material to improve their knowledge.

REQUIREMENTS

- **A. Quizzes (30 pts):** There will be 3 quizzes, each 10 pts. (For better performance in the quizzes you should complete your readings before the class hour. Quizzes are composed of multiple-choice questions.
- **B. Response Papers (20 pts):** You write 3 different response papers for the weeks you choose. Each paper is worth of 7 points. You type your paper, each paper should be at least 400 words and it should evaluate the readings of the relevant week.
- **C. Midterm Exam (20 pts):** There are two/three questions. (Open-book exam)
- **D. Final Exam (40 pts):** There are three/four questions. (Open-book exam)



- **Plagiarism: Unacknowledged use of other people's ideas, words or research without proper credit constitutes plagiarism, and will result in an automatic "F" for both the assignment and the course. When unsure, consult the instructor.**

You should collect at least **1 point** from every requirement packet. There are 110 pts total you can collect. That means 10 pts is bonus for the ultimate letter grade!

ATTENDANCE: As this course is a *lecture*, attendance is mandatory. Unexcused absences will take 10 pts from your total.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

(All readings are uploaded on the virtual classroom of *MS TEAMS*.)

Week 1: Introduction to the Course

Week 2: Where (What) is Central Europe? Geography and Boundaries

1. Karl A. Sinnhuber, "Central Europe: Mitteleuropa: Europe Centrale: An Analysis of a Geographical Term", 1954, pp. 15-39.
2. Géza Dávid and Pál Fodor "Introduction" in: *Ottomans, Hungarians, and Habsburgs in Central Europe* p. XI–XXVII.
3. Paul R. Magocsi, "Central Europe: geographic zones" *Historical Atlas of Central Europe Third Revised and Expanded Edition*, pp. 2-4.

Week 3: Central Europe Just Before the Ottoman Expansion

1. Lonnie R. Johnson, "Feudal Foundations 1000-1350" *Central Europe Enemies, Neighbors, Friends*, p. 27-63.
2. W. H. McNeill, *Europe's Steppe Frontier*, pp. 16-51.
3. Paul R. Magocsi, "Central Europe, ca. 1570" *Historical Atlas of Central Europe Third Revised and Expanded Edition*, pp. 13-15; 16-19; 20-22; 23-26; 27-30; 31-33.

Week 4: Ottoman Expansion in Central Europe

1. Pal Fodor, "The View of the Turk in Hungary: The Apocalyptic Tradition and the Legend of the Red Apple in the Ottoman-Hungarian Context", *In Quest of the Golden Apple*, s. 71-104.
2. Feridun Emecen, "Lehistan Kral Seçimlerine Osmanlı Müdahalesi", s. 296-301.
3. Encyclopedia, OTTOMAN ADVANCE AND THE CREATION OF THE AUSTRIAN HABSBURG MONARCHY, pp. 61-2.
4. Paul Géza Pálffy, "The Origins and Development of the Border Defense System Against the Ottoman Empire in Hungary (Up to the Early Eighteenth Century), *Ottomans, Hungarians, and Habsburgs in Central Europe The Military Confines in the Era of Ottoman Conquest*, p. 3–69.

Week 5: Ottoman Hungary vs. Imperial Hungary

1. Balazs Sudar, "The Ottomans and the mental conquest of Hungary", *Identity and Culture in Ottoman Hungary*, ed. Pal Fodor and Pal Acs,
2. Pal Fodor, *İmparatorluk olmanın dayanılmaz ağırlığı*, s. 29-54.
3. Gabor Agoston, "Defending and administering the frontier: the case of Ottoman Hungary" in *The Ottoman World* p. 220-236.

Week 6: Ottoman Empire and Habsburg Empire (16th -17th Centuries)

1. Pal Fodor, *İmparatorluk olmanın dayanılmaz ağırlığı*, s. 55-146.
2. Gabor Agoston, "Information, ideology, and limits of imperial policy: Ottoman grand strategy in the context of Ottoman–Habsburg rivalry", p. 75-103.
3. C. Issawi, "Ottoman-Habsburg Balance of Forces", *Suleyman II and his time*, p. 145-151.
4. Gabor Agoston, "Empires and warfare in east-central Europe, 1550–1750: the Ottoman Habsburg rivalry and military transformation", pp. 110-134.

Week 7: The Turn of the 17th Century

1. Dariusz Kolodziejczyk, "Between universalistic claims and reality: Ottoman frontiers in the early modern period" in *The Ottoman World* p. 205-219.
2. Halef Cevrioğlu, "Ottoman Policy Toward Central Europe During the Thirty Years' War", pp. 1-54.
3. Andras Peter Szabo, "True Hungarian Blood": Noble Nationalism in the Post-1657 Crisis in Transylvania" in *Identity and Culture in Ottoman Hungary*, pp. 141- 162.

Week 8: Midterm
Week 9: The Ottoman and Habsburg Empires (Late 17th and the 18th centuries)

1. Zbigniew Wojcik, "King John III of Poland and the Turkish Aspects of his foreign policy", p. 659-673.
2. Kunt, Metin, "17. Yüzyılda Osmanlı Kuzey Politikası Üzerine Bir Yorum", *Boğaziçi Üniversitesi Dergisi*, vols. 4-5, (1976-1977), 111-116.
3. Gabor Agoston, "Doğu Orta Avrupa'da İmparatorluklar ve Savaş, 1550 – 1750: Osmanlı – Habsburg Rekabeti ve Askeri Dönüşüm", *Osmanlı'da Strateji ve Askeri Güç*, İstanbul: Timaş Yayınları, 2013, s. 169- 212.
4. Paul R. Magocsi, "Poland, Austria, and the Ottoman Empire, 18th century" *Historical Atlas of Central Europe Third Revised and Expanded Edition*, p. 70-72.

Week 10: Emergence of Russia in Central Europe (17th- 18th Centuries)

1. Gabor Agoston "The Ottoman Wars and the Changing Balance of Power along the Danube in the Early Eighteenth Century" *Passarowitz* 93-108.
2. Iskra Schwarz, "The Loyal Ally", 43-49.
3. Ian Barnes, *Restless Empire, A Historical Atlas of Russia*, p. 38-55.
4. V. Aksan, *Ottoman Wars 1700-1870*, p. 18-44.

Week 11: Absolutism in the Central Europe

- 1- Lonnie Johnson, *Central Europe*, 103-123.
- 2- R. J. W. Evans, *Austria Hungary and the Habsburgs Essays on Central Europe c. 1683-1867*, pp. 3-55.

Week 12: Fall of Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth

- 1- Daniel Stone, *The Polish-Lithuanian State, 1386-1795*, pp. 245-288.
- 2- Lonnie Johnson, *Central Europe*, 124-130.
- 3- Lewitter, Lucjan R. "The Partitions of Poland" in A. Goodwyn, ed. *The New Cambridge Modern History: vol 8 1763-93* (1965) pp. 333-59.

Week 13: Napoleon and the Emergence of Nationalities

- 1- Lonnie Johnson, *Central Europe*, 130-143.
- 2- Armin Owzar, "Liberty in Times of Occupation: The Napoleonic Era in German Central Europe" in *Napoleon's Empire European Politics in Global Perspective*, pp. 67-83.
- 3- Virginia Aksan, "Locating the Ottomans in Napoleon's World" *Napoleon's Empire European Politics in Global Perspective*, pp. 277-290.

Week 14: Revision and General Discussion

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