TED University
PSIR 439 – Turkish Foreign Policy
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Mondays, 16:00 – 16:50 & Fridays, 12:00 – 13:50
Must Course with no prerequisites
(3+0+0) 3 / 6 ECTS
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Required Reading:

Laura Neack: The New Foreign Policy. Power Seeking in a Globalized Era, Second Ed., 2008

William Hale: Turkish Foreign Policy 1774 – 2000, 3rd Edition, Routledge 2012

Baskın Oran: Turkish Foreign Policy 1919 – 2006. Facts and Analyses with Documents, Utah University Press, 2011

Additional articles will be provided during the semester

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Course Objective:

This course aims to familiarize students with the basic concepts and principles of Foreign Policy Analysis in order to provide them the means to analyze Turkish Foreign Policy (TFP) in an adequate manner. After providing a theoretical background of foreign policy analysis the main issues of rationality, leadership, decision units, self-image, domestic politics and public opinion & media will be dealt with. Then the course turns to Turkish foreign policy by providing first an overview of some distinguished experts' views of main Turkish foreign policy principles. Then a turn towards the historical background regarding the "common history" will be given. Afterwards some significant foreign relations of Turkey will be provided by choosing the examples of EU, USA, Greece and Cyprus. Then some important aspects of Turkish peculiarities will be given. The course does not and cannot afford to provide a whole picture of Turkish Foreign Policy – this picture goes well beyond a single course for sure. This course is just the beginning of the story and hopes to invite students to much more research in this very area.

Schedule	Topic	Assignment
Week 1	**Introduction: Turkish Foreign Policy Analysis (FPA)** FPA 1: Theoretical Background FPA 2: Rational Actors – National Interests	Introduction
Week 2	FPA 3: Leaders FPA 4: Decision Units FPA 5: Self-Image	

Week 3	FPA 6: Domestic Politics FPA 7: Public Opinion & Media	
Week 4	**TFP – Main Principles**	
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Week 6	**TFP – Main Issues: Historical Background** "Common History"	
Week 7	**TFP – Main Issues: Foreign Relations** EEC/EC/EU: "Associate Member", "Candidate"	
Week 8	USA: "Big Brother", "Strategic Partner"	
Week 9	Greece: "Siamese Twins"	
Week 10	Cyprus: "Lone alone"	
Week 11	**TFP – Main Issues: Turkish Peculiarities** Democracy or not	
Week 12	Islam & Laicism	
Week 13	Culture & Nationalism	
Week 14	Review	

Course Learning Outcomes	**Aligned Program Learning Outcomes**	**Lecture**	**Assessment procedures (Related to <u>all course learning</u>):**
1. Describe and evaluate Ottoman foreign policy.	[1, 7]		Exams
2. Describe and evaluate Turkish foreign policy during World War I, War of Independency and World War II.	[1]		Participation Exams Project
3. List constants and changes of Turkish foreign policy from Ottoman times until today.	[1, 2]		Participation Project Presentations
4. Recite and discuss Turkish foreign policy during the Cold War era and afterwards.	[1, 2]		Participation Project Presentations
5. Describe the main actors in Turkish foreign policy. 6. Explain the foreign policy making process by applying level of analysis.	[1, 2]		Participation Report Presentations

7. Analyze the importance of "westernization" within Turkish foreign policy. 8. Assess and comment on current issues in Turkish foreign policy	[2, 3, 4, 6, 10]		Participation Project Presentations

Planned Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:
Telling/Explaining
Discussions/Debates
Questioning
Reading
Demonstrating
Simulations & Games
Video Presentations
Oral Presentations/Reports
Web Searching

Assessment Methods and Criteria:

Active in-Class Participation	14 weeks	15 %
Mid-term examination	7th week	15 %
Report: Interview with expert from Ministry of Foreign Affairs	9th week	10 %
Presentation 1: Interview with expert from MFA	9th week	5 %
Academic Paper: My Turkish Foreign Policy	13th week	20 %
Presentation 2: My Turkish Foreign Policy	13th week	10 %
Final examination	15th week	25 %

Student Workload:

Lectures	**42** hrs
Course Readings	**32** hrs
Exams/Quizzes	**38** hrs
Assignments/Research/Case Study	**38** hrs
TOTAL	**150** hrs

Students' Assignments:

Active in-Class Participation
- Read the given chapters before coming to class
- Participate in discussions and debates lively
- Make connections between you and international relations
- Think! Think critically!

Mid-term Examination
- Prepare for and participate in the mid-term exam
- Date: Monday, **05 November**, 7th week of class

Report: Interview with expert from Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Get informed about the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Get an appointment with a distinguished expert from within
- Do research on the field of expertise of "your" expert

- Prepare well-thought, elaborated, maybe even critical questions about the field of expertise of the expert
- Do a highly distinguished interview with your expert
- Convince your expert about the need to keep a memoire – that is a tape, a video, ... either audio or even audio-visual
- Prepare a well-written report about your findings and your results
- What have you learned from preparing for, doing and evaluating the interview?
- What, if anything, came as a surprise to you?
- Did you expect to get those answers? Why, why not?
- Deadline: Friday, **18 November 2016**, 9th week of class

Presentation 1: Interview with expert from Ministry of Foreign Affairs

- Prepare an interesting presentation of your findings about your expert's interview
- Please also show us your audio-visual material in class
- Your presentation may not take longer than 5 minutes – that is 3-4 minutes for you plus 1 minute for questions, remarks and comments from class
- Failure to realize your presentation will result in 0 points for this assignment
- Date: Monday, **21 November 2016**, 9th week of class

Academic Paper: My Turkish Foreign Policy

- For your academic paper you have to do some research and decide upon one principle, issue, event, decision-maker, area, time-period, etc. etc. of Turkish Foreign Policy.
- You will need to read at least 7 articles about your topic.
- Your academic paper has to be a real academic paper. Additional information will be provided to you during the semester.
- Academic honesty is of upmost significance!
- Be sure to write 2500 words (max. + 100, not more), including introduction, main text, conclusion and literature, but excluding footnotes.
- You have to hand-over your work in time. Otherwise your reflection paper will not be accepted, thus you will receive no points at all (= 0 points) for this assignment
- Deadline: Friday, **16 November 2016**, 13th week of class

Presentation 2: My Turkish Foreign Policy –
Your Academic Paper, Your Findings

- Prepare an attention-grabbing presentation revealing your personal findings
- Your presentation should be 5 minutes – 4 minutes plus 1 minute Q & A
- Failure to realize your presentation will result in 0 points for this assignment
- Date: Monday, **19 December 2016**, 13th week of class

Final Examination

- Prepare for and participate in the final exam
- Date: First or second week of **January, 2017**