

TED UNIVERSITY

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PSIR 336 – Contemporary Turkish Politics

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1. Course Code and Number: PSIR 336

2. Course Title: Contemporary Turkish Politics

3. Type of course: Must

4. Prerequisites and co-requisites: None

5. Catalog Description

The main objective of this course is to make students familiar with the major political developments, issues and debates in contemporary Turkish politics since the early 1970s. Regarding learning objectives, by focusing on key political issues, movements and actors in contemporary Turkish politics, students will be able to better analyze, evaluate and therefore understand the main features of contemporary Turkish political life.

6. Required and Recommended Reading:

- Zürcher, Erik J. 2004. "Turkey: A Modern History". London: I.B Tauris

7. Course Structure/ ECTS: (3+0+0) 3 TEDU Credits, 6 ECTS Credits

8. Course Requirements:

Research Paper (20%)

Students are expected to prepare a research paper regarding an issue covered in the class. The assignment should be 3000-3500 words in total (%30). I encourage you to discuss your topic with me before you begin your research. You will prepare an abstract (around 200 words) and send me on the 5th week (15.03.22) of the course.

For late submissions, students will be assessed a penalty of 10% per each calendar day. Late submissions will not be accepted after five calendar days. Deadline can be extended only for highly exceptional cases.

Presentation (10%)

You will present your final paper. Prepare an attention-grabbing presentation revealing your personal findings. Presentations should be 7-8 minutes (6-7 minutes plus 1-2 minute Q & A). Failure to realize the presentation will result in 0 points for this assignment. Dates: 13th and 14th weeks of class.

Midterm Exam (30%)

Final Exam (30%)

Attendance and Active In-class Participation (10%)

Throughout, active participation in class will be highly encouraged. You must complete all the assigned reading and be prepared with ideas and/or questions.

9. Extended Course Syllabus:

1. Introduction (15.02.22)

2. The Second Turkish Republic (22.02.22)

- Zürcher, Erik J. 2004. "The Second Turkish Republic, 1960-1980" Turkey: A Modern History. London: I.B Tauris

3. The Third Republic (01.03.22)

- Erik J. Zürcher, "The Third Republic: Turkey since 1980," in Turkey: A Modern History. London, New York: I. B. Tauris, 2004, pp. 278-338.
- Documentary watching

4. Party Politics and Voting Behaviors (08.03.22)

- Sabri Sayarı, "Political Parties," The Routledge Handbook of Modern Turkey. Ed. Metin Heper and Sabri Sayarı, New York: Routledge, 2012.
- Ali Çarkoğlu, "Turkish Party System in Transition: The Connection between Macro-Level Party Connection and Agenda Change in Election Manifestoes," Political Studies, XLVI, 1998, pp. 544-571.
- Pelin Ayan, "Authoritarian Party Structures in Turkey: A Comparison of the Republican People's Party and the Justice and Development Party," Turkish Studies 11, no 2, June 2010, pp. 197-215.
- Aylin Özman and Simten Coşar, "Representation Problem of Social Democracy in Turkey", Journal of Third World Studies, XXV (1) (2008), pp. 233-252.
- Cengiz Erisen, "An Assessment on the Behavioral Foundations of Electoral Decisions in the 2015 General Elections," Turkish Studies 17(1), 2016, 47-57.

5. Secularism, Islam and Politics (15.03.22) – Abstract Submission

- Fuat Keyman, "Modernity, Secularism and Islam: The Case of Turkey." Theory, Culture and Society 24(2), 2007, pp. 215-234.
- Binnaz Toprak, "Islam and Democracy in Turkey." Turkish Studies 6(2), 2005, pp. 167-186.
- Hakan Yavuz, "Political Islam and the Welfare (Refah) Party in Turkey," Comparative Politics 30, No. 1, October 1997, pp. 63-82.
- Birol A. Yeşilada, "The Virtue Party," Turkish Studies 3, no. 1, 2002, pp. 62-81.
- Ersin Kalaycıoğlu, "Justice and Development Party at the Helm: Resurgence of Islam or the Restitution of the Right-of-Center Predominant Party?" Turkish Studies 11(1), 2010, pp.29-44.

6. The Military and Politics (22.03.22)

- Metin Heper, "Civil-Military Relations in Turkey: Toward a Liberal Model?" Turkish Studies 12, no. 2, 2011, pp. 241-252.

- Nilüfer Narlı, "Concordance and Discordance in Turkish Civil-Military Relations, 1980-2002," *Turkish Studies* 12, No. 2, 2011, pp. 215-225.
 - Tanel Demirel, "Soldiers and Civilians: The Dilemma of Turkish Democracy." *Middle Eastern Studies* 40, no. 1, 2004, pp. 127-150.
 - Ümit Cizre, "A New Politics of Engagement: The Turkish Military, Society, and the AKP" In Ahmet T. Kuru and Alfred Stepan (eds.) *Democracy, Islam, Secularism in Turkey*. New York: Columbia University Press, 2012, pp. 122-147.
- 7. Nationalism(s) (29.03.22)**
- Aslı Çırakman, "Flags and Traitors: The Advance of Ethno-Nationalism in the Turkish Self-Image," *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 34(11), 2011, pp. 1894-1912.
 - Berrin Koyuncu-Lorasdağı, "On the Question of Islam and Nationalism in Turkey: Sources and Discourses," In Ayşe Kadioğlu and Fuat Keyman (eds.) *Symbiotic Antagonism: Competing Nationalisms in Turkey*. The University of Utah Press: Michigan, 2011, pp.133-160.
 - Batuman, Bülent. 2010. "The Shape of the Nation: Visual Production of Nationalism Through Maps in Turkey" *Political Geography* (29): 220-234.
 - Küçük, Bülent, and Buket Türkmen. 2020. "Remaking the Public Through the Square: Invention of the New National Cosmology in Turkey." *British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies* 47 (2): 247–63.
- 8. MIDTERM EXAM (05.04.22)**
- 9. Kurdish Issue and Minority Rights (12.04.22)**
- Mesut Yeğen, "Turkish Nationalism and the Kurdish Question," *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 30(1): pp. 119-151.
 - M. Hakan Yavuz, "Five Stages of the Construction of Kurdish Nationalism in Turkey," *Nationalism and Ethnic Politics* 7, No. 3, 2001, pp. 1-24.
 - Zeki Sarigil and Ömer Fazlıoğlu, "Exploring the Roots and Dynamics of Kurdish Ethnonationalism in Turkey," *Nations and Nationalism*, 20, No. 3, 2014, pp. 436-458.
 - Kabir Tambar, "The Aesthetics of Public Visibility: Alevi Semah and the Paradoxes of Pluralism in Turkey", *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, 52(3), 2010, pp. 652-679.
- 10. Gender and Politics (19.04.22)**
- Yeşim Arat "The Project of Modernity and Women in Turkey" in *Rethinking Modernity and National Identity in Turkey*, University of Washington Press, 1997, pp.95-112.
 - Yeşim Arat (2010) *Religion, Politics and Gender Equality in Turkey: implications of a democratic paradox?* *Third World Quarterly*, 31:6, 869-884.
 - Ayata Ayşe, Tütüncü Fatma, *Critical Acts without a Critical Mass: The Substantive Representation of Women in the Turkish Parliament*. "Parliamentary Affairs", 61, (2008).
 - Fatma Umut Beşpınar, "Questioning agency and empowerment: Women's work related strategies and social class in urban Turkey", *Women's Studies International Forum*, 33(6), 2010, pp. 523-532.
- 11. Media, Civil Society, and Social Movements (26.04.22)**
- Raşit Kaya and Barış Çakmur, "Politics and the Mass Media in Turkey," *Turkish Studies* 11, no 4, December 2010, pp. 521-537.
 - Ş. İlgü Özler and Ani Sarkissian, "Stalemate and Stagnation in Turkish Democratization: The Role of Civil Society and Political Parties," *Journal of Civil Society* 7, No. 4, 2011, pp. 363-384.

- Metin Heper and Senem Yıldırım, "Revisiting Civil Society in Turkey", Journal of Southeast European and Black Sea Studies, 2011, 11(1): 1–18.
- Şebnem Yardımcı-Geyikçi, "Gezi Park Protests in Turkey: A Party Politics View," The Political Quarterly 85, No:4, October-December 2014, pp. 445-453.
- Efe Can Gürcan and Efe Peker, "A Class Analytic Approach to the Gezi Park events: Challenging the 'middle class' myth," Capital and Class, 2015, pp. 1-23.

12. National Holiday (03.05.22)

13. Migration (10.05.22)

- Ahmet Icduygu and Damla Aksel, "Turkish Migration Policies: A Critical Historical Retrospective," Perceptions, 18(3), 2013, pp. 167-190.
- Fulya Memisoglu and Asli İlgit, "Syrian Refugees in Turkey: Multifaceted Challenges, Diverse Players and Ambiguous Policies," Mediterranean Politics, 2016, pp.1-22.
- Nazlı Şenses-Özcan, "Rethinking Migration in the Context of Precarity: The Case of Turkey," Critical Sociology, 42(7-8), pp. 975-987.

14. Term Paper Presentations (17.05.22)

15. Term Paper Presentations (24.05.22)

10. Design Content: None

11. Computer Usage: MS Office, Zoom

12. Learning Outcomes:

1. Demonstrate an understanding of Turkish politics and political structure from transition to multi-party politics onwards.
2. Explain and critically assess key issues and related political and academic debates in Turkish politics.
3. Recognize the significance of active citizenship for the establishment and consolidation of democratic politics.
4. Find and use primary sources on Turkish politics.
5. Formulate well-structured and coherent arguments.
6. Demonstrate skills for oral and written communication.

13. Planned Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Telling/Explaining	Discussions/Debates	Questioning
Reading	Demonstrating	Video
Oral Presentations/Reports	Web Searching	

14. Assessment Methods and Criteria:

- Attendance (10%)
- Research Paper (20%) and Presentation (10%)
- Midterm Exam (30%)
- Final Exam (30%)

Academic Ethics: Students are expected to know the consequences of plagiarism as governed by the rules governing code of conduct and discipline at TED University. A student who commits an act of

copying or attempts to do so receives an “F” grade in that assignment. In case student copies someone else’s work, she will get zero from that assignment. Additionally, the student will be subjected to a disciplinary investigation in both cases.

15. Student Workload:

Lectures	40 hrs
Research Paper and Presentation	40 hrs
Midterm Exam	40 hrs
Final Exam	40 hrs
TOTAL	160 hrs

16. Level of Course: BA

17. Semester when the Course is delivered: 2

18. Mode of Delivery: Face-to-face

19. Language of instruction: English