

COURSE OUTLINE

INAF 5409: POLITICAL ECONOMY OF MODERN TURKEY
Spring 2015

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6.05 - 8.55pm, Room 3224 River Building

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I. Course Synopsis

This course will cover the economic and political development of the Turkish Republic from its formation in 1923. The overall theme of the Course is the study of one of the significant [but under-studied] cases of socio-economic transformation of the 20th century. Now an upper-middle income country with an income per capita of US \$15,000 (PPP basis) and a G20 country, Turkey aspire to become one of the top 12 economies in the world by 2023, the centenary anniversary of the Republic.

From 1950, Turkey has been a multi-party democracy in a Muslim-majority country, thanks to Kemalist secularism. Since 2002, the country has been under the rule of the AKP led by PM Erdogan and secularism has been undermined by rising Islamism against the backdrop of wide-ranging structural and economic development.

The course will structured to cover the historical development of the Turkish Republic, its institutional and structural challenges, foreign policy, EU accession, and focus on the political economy of a modernizing country, with a special focus on women and gender equality.

II. Organization

The course will be divided into two Parts: Up to the Mid-Term Exam, it will be based on Seminars/Lectures, using PowerPoint slides, with ample student interaction through discussion and Q&A. After the Mid-term to the end, the course will be based on Student Presentations on prescribed topics and independent research/reading.

III. Grading System

Mid-Term Exam : 30% [in class]

Presentation in class: 20%, [on prescribed dates]

Term-paper: 40% [Due on last class. Pls. note: NO EXCEPTION]

Attendance: 10% [More than three absences means 0].

IV. Office Hours

5-6 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

V. Timetable & Synopsis

The course will run over 6 weeks intensively in 12 sessions, Tuesdays and Thursday, starting on May 5, 2015, and the last class on June 15, 2015. Required Readings for each is as follows. [NOTE: Mid-Term Exam (in class) will be based on these readings, supplemented by additional references]. Students are expected to monitor and utilize current affairs from on-line and other sources.

Session No.	Tuesday	Thursday
1 & 2	May 5: Introductions, Course survey. Seminar I; Kemalism vrs. AKP Islamism (Secularism Debate) Readings: Mehmet 1983; Akyol ch. 8 or Feroz ch.7	May 7: Seminar II: Urbanization, Migration Readings: Weiker, 1981, ch. 3, Hale, 1981,
3 & 4	May 11: Seminar III: Economic Development, Industrialization Readings: Onis, 2010; Mehmet 1990, ch. 6	May 14: Seminar IV: FOREIGN POLICY: EU, CYPRUS AND REGION Readings: Mehmet 2009, ch. 4; B. Yesilada at: http://www.amazon.it/EU-Turkey-Relations-Century-Birol-Yesilada/dp/0415639352
5 & 6	May 19: Seminar V: Status of Women Readings: White, 2003; Gündüz-Hoşgör, Smits, 2008	May 21: Seminar VI: The Headwear Controversy Readings: Laborde, 2009, ch. 2, pgs 44-55 & ch. 3, pgs 56-66; Elver, 2012, pgs 15-29
7 & 8	May 26: MID-TERM EXAM	May 28:PRESENTATIONS I
9 & 10	June 2: PRESENTATIONS II	June 4: PRESENTATIONS III
11 & 12	June 8: PRESENTATIONS IV	June 11: PRESENTATIONS V
	June 15: TERM PAPERS DUE IN CLASS	

V. Readings

A) Benchmark References:

1. Bernard Lewis, *The Emergence of Modern Turkey*, Oxford University Press, 1968

2. Andrew Mango, *Ataturk, The Biography of the Founder of Modern Turkey*, Overlook Press, 1999
3. Feroz Ahmad, *Turkey, The Quest for Identity*, Oneworld Publications, 2003
4. Walter Weiker, *The Modernization of Turkey, From Ataturk to Present Day*, Holmes & Meier, 1981
5. William Hale, *The Political and Economic Development of Modern Turkey*, Croom Helm, 1981
6. Ziya Onis, "Crisis and Transformation in Turkish Political Economy", *Turkish Policy Quarterly*, Fall 2010
7. Serif Mardin, "Center-periphery relations: a key to Turkish politics" *Deadulus*, Winter 1973
8. Ozay Mehmet, *Islamic Identity & Development, Studies of the Islamic Periphery*, Routledge, 1990
9. -----, "Turkey in Crisis: Some Contradictions in the Kemalist Development Strategy" *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, 15, 1983: 47-66
10. Jenny White, State Feminism, Modernization and the Turkish Republican Women," *NSWA Journal*, vol. 15, no.3, Fall 2003
11. Ayse Gunduz, J. Smits, "Variation in Labor Market Participation of Married Women in Turkey" *Women's Studies International Forum*, 31 (2008): 104-117
12. Cecile Laborde, "Official Republicanism, Equality and the Hijab" in *Critical Republicanism: The Hijab Controversy and Political Philosophy* by Cecile Lalonde, Oxford University Online, January 2009
13. Elver Hilal, "The Nature of the Headwear Controversy in Turkey" in *The Headwear Controversy: Secularism and Freedom of Religion*, Oxford University Press, 2012

B) Recent Books, a short-list:

14. Nicole Pope and Hugh Pope, *Turkey Unveiled, A History of Modern Turkey, Revised and Updated*, Overlook Duckworth, 2011
15. Mustafa Akyol, *Islam Without Extremes, A Muslim Case for Liberty*, Norton, 2011
16. Kerem Oktem, *Angry Nation, Turkey since 1989*, Zed Books, 2011
17. Ozay Mehmet, *Sustainability of Microstates*, University of Utah Press, 2009

C) Additional Readings:

Internet sites
 Current affairs from Journals,
 Newspapers [esp. Turkish Daily News]

D) Guidelines for Term Paper

1. Timely selection and approval of topic
2. Presentation in class, using PowerPoint, based on research
3. Finalizing Paper based on feedback and further research
4. Submission in class on 17 June (hard copy only)

5. Target length: 15-25 pages, complete with Bibliography.
6. Due Date (fixed: 15 June. School Penalty Rule applied for late submission).