

Turkish Studies 550 Social Change in Turkey

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Office: FASS 2019 – Office Hour: Wednesday 13:40 – 14:30

This graduate seminar aims to inform students and ignite discussion about social change in Turkey in the last century through foundational and contemporary texts from sociology, anthropology, cultural studies, urban geography, and gender studies from/on Turkey.

Evaluation will be based on students' participation to discussions (20), discussion leadership (20), 2 response papers (20), and a final paper (40).

Week 1 / Oct 4th / Introduction

Week 2 / Oct 11th / The Republican Modernity I

- Sibel Bozdoğan and Resat Kasaba, 1997, *Rethinking Modernity and National Identity*, Uni. Of Washing Press.
 - ◊ Meltem Ahıska, 2010, *Occidentalism in Turkey: Questions of Modernity and National Identity in Turkish Radio Broadcasting*, IB Tauris.

Week 3 / Oct 18th / The Republican Modernity II

- Celia Kerslake, Kerem Oktem, and Philip Robbins, 2010, *Turkey's Engagement with Modernity*, Palgrave.
 - ◊ Serpil Sancar, 2012, *Erkekler Devlet, Kadınlar Aile Kurar: Türk Modernleşmesinin Cinsiyeti, İletişim*.

Week 4 / Oct 25th / Contesting Modernization

- Begum Adalet, 2018, *Hotels and Highways: The Construction of Modernization Theory in Cold War Turkey*, Stanford UP.
 - ◊ Tuncay Birkan, 2019, *Dünya ile Devlet Arasında Türk Muharriri*, Metis.

Week 5 / Nov 1st / Culture and the Everyday

- Deniz Kandiyoti and Ayse Saktanber, 2002, *Fragments of Culture: The Everyday of Modern Turkey*, IB Tauris.
 - ◊ Nurdan Gurbilek, 2010, *The New Cultural Climate in Turkey: Living in a Shop Window*, Zed Books.

Week 6 / Nov 8th / Istanbul after 1980s

- Çağlar Keyder, 2000, *Istanbul: Between the Local and the Global*, Rowman & Littlefield.
 - ◊ Ayfer Bartu Candan and Cenk Özbay, 2014, *Yeni İstanbul Çalışmaları: Sınırlar, Açılımlar, Mücadeleler*, Metis.

Week 7 / Nov 15th / Gender & Class

- Gul Ozyegin, 2000, *Untidy Gender: Domestic Service in Turkey*, Temple UP.
 - ◊ Jenny White, 2004, *Money Makes Us Relatives: Women's Labor in Urban Turkey*, Routledge.

Week 8 / Nov 22nd / Gender & Politics

– Guest Speaker: Zeynep Gülrü Göker –

- Ayata, Ayşe G. and Fatma Tütüncü. 2008. "Critical Acts without a Critical Mass: The Substantive Representation of Women in the Turkish Parliament." *Parliamentary Affairs* 61(3): 461–75.
- Çağatay, Selin. 2018. "Women's Coalitions beyond the Laicism–Islamism Divide in Turkey: Towards an Inclusive Struggle for Gender Equality?" *Social Inclusion* 6(4): 48-58.
- Coşar, Simten, and İnci Özkan-Kerestecioğlu. 2017. "Feminist Politics in Contemporary Turkey: Neoliberal Attacks, Feminist Claims to the Public." *Journal of Women, Politics & Policy* 38(2): 151-174
- Göker, Z.G. 2019. "Memories, Stories and Deliberation: Digital Sisterhood on Feminist Websites in Turkey", *European Journal of Women's Studies* 26(3): 313-28.

Week 9 / Nov 29th / Kurds

- Cenk Saracoglu, 2010, *Kurds of Modern Turkey: Migration, Neoliberalism, and Exclusion in Turkish Society*, IB Tauris.
 - ◊ Ferhat Kentel, Fırat Genç, and Meltem Ahıska, 2007, *Milletin Bölünmez Bütünlüğü: Demokratikleşme Sürecinde Parçalayan Milliyetçilikler*, Tesev.

Week 10 / Dec 6th / Neoliberalism(s)

- Chapters 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, and 11 from Cenk Özbay, Maral Erol, Aysecan Terzioğlu, and Umut Turem, 2016, *The Making of Neoliberal Turkey*, Routledge.
 - ◊ Ebru Deniz Ozan, 2012, *Gülme Sırası Bizde: 12 Eylül'e Giderken Sermaye Sınıfı, Kriz ve Devlet*, Metis.

Week 11 / Dec 13th / Migration & Refugees

– Guest Speakers: Kristen Biehl and Asli İkizoğlu Erensü –

- Readings TBA

Week 12 / Dec 20th / Religion & Secularism

- Yael Navaro, 2002, *Faces of the State: Secularism and Public Life in Turkey*, Princeton UP.
 - ◊ Cihan Tugal, 2009, *Passive Revolution: Absorbing the Islamic Challenge to Capitalism*, Stanford UP.

Week 13 / Dec 27th / Sexualities & the City

- Chapters 2,3, and 4 from Cenk Özbay, 2017, *Queering Sexualities in Turkey: Gay Men, Male Prostitutes, and the City*, IB Tauris.
- Cenk Özbay, 2022, "Living Like a Hetero: Southern Homonormativity in Istanbul," *Sexualities*.

Week 14 / Jan 3rd / Discussion