

HIST 191Y: Principles of Atatürk and the History of the Turkish Revolution I

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Lecture: Fridays 15.40-17.30

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HIST 191Y is a general introduction to the history of the Turkic peoples, the Turkic peoples' movement to and settlement in Anatolia, the foundation of the Ottoman Empire, and developments in the Ottoman Empire up to the beginning of the 20th Century.

- **Grading:** 100% = Final Exam

- **The Lectures** are a complement to the readings, which means that the lectures will not repeat the readings. Instead the lectures will provide an overall framework for the readings and additional information that is meant to help the students understand the general themes emphasized in the term.
- **Virtual Office hours:** Because of the necessity to continue on-line education during this term, and the fact that our lectures will be recorded and then put onto SUCourse+, I will also provide the opportunity for you to ask me questions directly over Zoom, Google Meet, or whatever application you prefer. This the “synchronous” aspect of the course, and you can simply send me a message to request a meeting, and we can arrange a time that is convenient in order to talk.
- **The Exam** will focus on short paragraph writing. The exam will test to what extent the students have taken notes in class, completed the assigned readings carefully, and have attempted to combine the information from both sources into a more comprehensive and more profound understanding of Turkish history.
- **Readings** will be largely from Carter Findley’s *Turkey, Islam, Nationalism, and Modernity*. I strongly recommend that you buy the hardcopy of this book, but a pdf version of this book will be provided.
- **SUCourse+** will be utilized frequently for this course. For that reason, you should familiarize yourself with the SUCourse+ page for this course immediately. The readings for this course will be placed on SUCourse+ and an email will be sent the university email account of each student. This means that there will be no excuses for not completing the readings since all students will be amply informed about each reading assignment. Furthermore, you also need to get used to checking your university email account frequently since all communications from this course will go to your university email account.
- **Attendance: Attendance for the lectures is mandatory.** Attendance will be taken at the beginning of both hours of the lectures. The number of students present will also be compared to the number of signatures.
- **Academic Integrity:** Any attempts to copy answers from notes or from others, or to receive outside help during the exams, will result in a zero for that exam and an automatic failing grade for the term. In regard to the attendance signature pages, signing for someone else in the class is not only unethical and a violation of the rights of the other students in the course, it is also classifiable as a type of fraud, false representation, which is a crime.

WEEKLY READING ASSIGNMENTS: Each week's assignment should be read before the lecture

Week 1 – 9 October: *Class Introduction – Theoretical Approach, Historical Context, Definitions*

Tanner pp. 96-99, 115-117, 135-152, 162-164, 167-178, 201-209

Week 2 – 16 October: *Two Routes to State Power: The Gaznavids and the Seljuks*

Hodgson Vol. 1, pp. 473-483, 485-495; Vol. 2, pp. 6-7, 12-21, 32-36, 39-46, 52-57, 376-378, 391-404, 424-428, 429

Week 3 – 23 October: *The Classical Ottoman System and Its Features*

İnalçık pp. 3-40, 59-69, 76-88

Week 4 – 30 October: *The Ottomans in the 18th Century – First Reactions to a Changing International Situation*

İnalçık pp. 100-118

Finkel pp. 333-357, 361-371

Week 5 – 6 November: *Selim III and the Age of Revolution*

Eric Hobsbawm, *The Age of Revolution*, Chapter 1: "The World in the 1780s," pp. 7-26.

Findley pp. 1-34

Week 6 – 13 November: *Mahmud II, Absolute Monarch*

Findley pp. 34-75

Hobsbawm, *The Age of Revolution*, Chapter 7: "Nationalism," pp. 164-179

Week 7 – 20 November: *Tanzimat I, Abdülmecit*

Findley pp. 75-87

Hobsbawm, *The Age of Capital*, Chapter 1: "The Springtime of Peoples," pp. 9-26

Hobsbawm, *The Age of Capital*, Chapter 7: "Losers," pp. 116-134

Optional reading: Hobsbawm, *The Age of Revolution*, Chapter 8: "Land," pp. 183-206

Week 8 – 27 November: *Tanzimat II, Abdülaziz*

Findley pp. 88-123

Hobsbawm, *The Age of Capital*, Chapter 9: “Changing Society,” pp. 155-169

Week 9 – 4 December: *The Ottomans in the Age of Empire*

Cemal Kafadar, “The Question of Ottoman Decline,” pp. 30-75

Week 10 – 11 December: *Abdülhamit II, the Great Powers, the “Eastern Question,” and Nationalism*

Hobsbawm, *The Age of Empire*, Chapter 1: “The Centenarian Revolution,” pp. 13-33

Zürcher pp. 71-90

Week 11 – 18 December: *Abdülhamit II, the Opposition, Ottoman Society, and Development*

Hobsbawm, *The Age of Empire*, Chapter 3: “The Age of Empire,” pp. 56-83

Hobsbawm, *The Age of Empire*, Chapter 2: “An Economy Changes Gear,” pp. 50-55

Findley pp. 133-150

Week 12 – 25 December: *The Committee of Union and Progress – Emergence, Development, 1902, and Aftermath*

Şükrü Hanioğlu, *The Young Turks in Opposition*, pp. 7-32, Chapter 2: “Ideological Roots of the Young Turks”

Findley pp. 150-165

Week 13 – 1 Ocak: *The CUP, Abdülhamit II, and 1908-1909*

Hanioğlu, *Preparation for a Revolution: The Young Turks, 1902-1908*, pp. 289-311, Chapter 10: “Political Ideas of the Young Turks, 1902-1908”

Findley pp. 165-184

Week 14 – 8 Ocak: *Review*