

HIST 192Y: Principles of Atatürk and the History of the Turkish Revolution II

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Lecture: Fridays 15.40-17.30

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HIST 192Y is a general introduction to the history of the late 19th Century Ottoman Empire, the founding of the Turkish Republic, and of developments in the Turkish Republic to the 21st Century.

- **Grading:** 50% = midterm
50% = final
 - **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 video recorded lectures provided through 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 Exams** 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.
 - **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.
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WEEKLY READING ASSIGNMENTS: Each week's assignment should be read before the lecture

Week 1 – 26 February: *Class Introduction, Historical Context, and Theoretical Approach: The Ottoman Empire and the World in 1908*

Şükrü Hanioglu, *A Brief History of the Late Ottoman Empire*, pp. 150-202 (**required**)

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

Week 2 – 5 March: *The CUP, the 2nd Constitutional Era, and WWI*

Hobsbawm, *The Age of Extremes*, Chapter 1: “The Age of Total War,” pp. 21-53

Week 3 – 12 March: *WWI and the War for Independence*

Carter Findley pp. 192-219

Zürcher pp. 147-175

Week 4 – 19 March: *Politics during the Turkish War for Independence*

Findley, pp. 226-239, 245-246

Şükrü Hanioglu, *Atatürk: An Intellectual Biography*, Chapter 2, “*Das Folk in Waffen*: The Formation of an Ottoman Officer,” and Chapter 3, “The Scientism of the Young Turks,” pp. 31-67

Week 5 – 26 March: *The Foundation of the Turkish Single-Party Regime, 1923-1930*

Findley pp. 247-262

Şükrü Hanioglu, *Atatürk: An Intellectual Biography*, Chapter 8, “Turkey and the West,” pp. 199-225

Week 6 – 2 April: *The Turkish Single-Party Regime in the 1930s*

Findley, pp. 262-291, 303-304

Zürcher pp. 206-218

Week 7 – 9 April: *The Turkish Republic in the “Milli Şef” Era, 1938-1950*

Hobsbawm, *The Age of Extremes*, Chapter 4: “The Fall of Liberalism,” pp. 109-141

Week 8 – 16 April: *The 1945-1950 Transition to Multi-Party Democracy*

Zürcher 221-240

Hobsbawm, *The Age of Capital*, “Chapter 6: The Forces of Democracy,” pp. 98-115

Week 9 – 23 April: *Culture, Democracy, and Economy – the 1950s and the Democrat Party*

Hobsbawm, *The Age of Empire*, Chapter 4: “The Politics of Democracy,” pp. 84-111

Şerif Mardin, “Religion in Modern Turkey,” pp. 225-242

Week 10 – 30 April: *Turkish Democracy in the Cold War, 1950-1971*

Findley, pp. 305-341

Week 11 – 7 May: *Political Disorder and Culture, 1960s-1980s*

Hasan Bülent Kahraman, “From Culture of Politics to Politics of Culture: Reflections on Turkish Modernity” (20 pgs.)

Hasan Bülent Kahraman, “A Journey of Rupture and Conflict: The Culture in Purgatory” (7 pgs.)

Week 12 – 14 May: *Turkish Politics in Rapid Economic and Social Change, 1971-1980*

Hobsbawm, *The Age of Extremes*, Chapter 10: “The Social Revolution, 1945-1990,” pp. 287-319

Week 13 – 21 May: *Turkish Politics in Rapid Economic and Social Change, 1980-2002*

Findley 350-374

Week 14 – 28 May: *Turkish Society and Film – Nuri Bilge Ceylan’s “Kış Uykusu” (“Hibernation”)*

Findley, pp. 374-390, 415-421
