

# CURRENT ISSUES IN TURKISH POLITICS

**POLS 553**

**Wednesdays**

**Class hours: 16:40 – 19:30**

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This course aims at contributing to the ability of students to analyze analytically and critically the diversities and vicissitudes of political institutions, actors, and discourses in Turkey, as well as, “continuities and changes” in Turkish politics. In doing so, the course begins by discussing the question of how to approach methodologically to Turkish politics, and then proceeds by focusing on crucial problem areas, namely those of institutional problems, societal changes and demands, and identity questions. The course attempts to discuss these issues and problems by locating them at the international/the domestic nexus. To achieve its aim, the course involves lectures, class discussions, and class presentations, and requires both active student participation and reading course material before attending the lectures.

## **Text**

E. F. Keyman and Ş. Gümüüşçü, *Democracy, Identity, and Foreign Policy in Turkey: Hegemony Through Transformation*, New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2014.

**(Available at the Information Center [library] Course Reserves)**

All other reading materials, articles, and book chapters selected and required by the instructor for each week are available in PDF on SU COURSE.

Course content, requirements, and policies are subject to change at the discretion of the instructor.

## **Evaluation**

**(20 %) Attendance**

**(30 %) Two in-class presentations** on reading material (each student will choose two weeks, between **WEEK (5) and WEEK (11)**, read analytically the articles of those weeks, prepare **two short analytical papers (2-3 pages each)** and make **two in-class presentations** on those articles.

**(50 %) Term Paper** (the students are expected to choose a topic by consulting with the instructor and to prepare a paper on it **(20-25 pages)**). **(Please bear in mind that PLAGIARISM is not only academically dishonest, but also illegal and subject to disciplinary action.)**

## **TOPICS**

### **WEEK (1) and WEEK (2) Methodological Approaches February 24/March 3**

Ş. Mardin, "Center periphery relations: A key to Turkish politics," in *The Politics of Modern Turkey*, ed. Ali Çarkoğlu and William Hale, vol.1 (London: Routledge, 2008), 96-117.

İ. Sunar, "Populism and Patronage: The Democrat Party and its legacy in Turkey," in *The Politics of Modern Turkey*, ed. Ali Çarkoğlu and William Hale, vol.1 (London: Routledge, 2008), 161-171.

Ç. Keyder, "The Political Economy of Turkish Democracy," in *The Politics of Modern Turkey*, ed. Ali Çarkoğlu and William Hale, vol.1 (London: Routledge, 2008), 118-160.

E.F. Keyman and Ş. Gümüşçü, *Democracy, Identity, and Foreign Policy in Turkey: Hegemony Through Transformation* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2014), chp. 2, 11-28.

### **WEEK (3) The New Turkey in a Global Context March 10**

F. Ahmad, *The Making of Modern Turkey* (London: Routledge, 1993), chp. 4, 52-71, and chp. 5, 72-101.

R. Kasaba, "Kemalist certainties and modern ambiguities," in *The Politics of Modern Turkey*, ed. Ali Çarkoğlu and William Hale, vol.1 (London: Routledge, 2008), 194-212.

S.D. Aydın and E. Fuat Keyman, "The Illiberal Turn in Advanced Democracies", *IPC Policy Brief*, Dec 2017.

### **WEEK (4) Political Party System and Civil-Military Relations March 17**

A. Çarkoğlu, "Turkish Party System in Transition," in *The Politics of Modern Turkey*, ed. Ali Çarkoğlu and William Hale, vol. 2 (London: Routledge, 2008), 99-130.

E. Kalaycıoğlu, "Turkish Party System: leaders, vote and institutionalization," *Southeast European and Black Sea Studies* 13 (2013): 483-502.

W. Hale, "Turkish Politics and the Military: A Comparative Analysis," in *The Politics of Modern Turkey*, ed. Ali Çarkoğlu and William Hale, vol.2 (London: Routledge, 2008), 393-420.

### **WEEK (5) Democracy March 24**

S.A. Düzgit and E.F. Keyman, "EU-Turkey Relations and the Stagnation of Turkish Democracy," in *Global Turkey in Europe*, ed. S.A. Düzgit et al (Rome: Edizioni Nuova Cultura, 2013), 10.

E. Özbudun, “Presidentialism versus Parliamentarism in Turkey,” in *Global Turkey in Europe*, ed. S.A. Düzgit et al (Rome: Edizioni Nuova Cultura, 2013), 165.

J. McCoy, T. Rahman, and M. Somer, “Polarization and the Global Crisis of Democracy”, *American Behavioral Scientist*, 62(1), 2018, 16-42.

**WEEK (6) Foreign Policy and Global Engagement on Democracy March 31**

Galip Dalay, “Turkey-US Relations: A rocky road ahead” *Middle East Eye*, 17 February 2021

M. Kutlay, “The politics of state capitalism in a post-liberal international order: the case of Turkey, *Third World Quarterly*, no: 41, 2020.

E. Fuat Keyman, “Resetting Turkish Foreign Policy in a time of Global Turmoil”, in *Routledge Handbook of Turkish Politics*, edited by Alpaslan Özerdem and Matthew Whiting, 2019.

**WEEK (7) Secularism April 7**

E. F. Keyman and Ş. Gümüşçü, *Democracy, Identity, and Foreign Policy in Turkey: Hegemony Through Transformation* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2014), chp. 8, 116-142.

H. Ertuğ Tombuş and Berfu Aygenç, “(Post-) Kemalist Secularism in Turkey”, *Journal of Balkan and Near Eastern Studies*, 19:1, (2017).

Senem Aydın Düzgit, “*The Islamist-Secularist Divide and Turkey’s Descent into Severe Polarization*”, in *Democracies Divided*, chp.1, 2010.

**WEEK (8) The AKP Experience April 14**

E.F. Keyman and Ş. Gümüşçü, *Democracy, Identity, and Foreign Policy in Turkey: Hegemony Through Transformation* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2014), chp. 3, 29-43.

S. Gümüşçü, “Dominance and democratic backsliding under AKP rule in Turkey”, in Cavatorta et al (eds) *Routledge Handbook on Political Parties in the Middle East and North Africa*, 2020.

E. Fuat Keyman and Andrew O’Donohue, “The Five Challenges to Erdoğan’s Executive Presidential Rule after COVID-19”, *GMF*, 2021.

**WEEK (9) Ethnic Problem April 21**

H. Bozarslan, “Kurds and the Turkish State,” in *The Cambridge History of Turkey*, ed. R. Kasaba, Vol. 4 (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2008), 333-356.

E.F. Keyman and Ş. Gümüşçü, *Democracy, Identity, and Foreign Policy in Turkey: Hegemony Through Transformation* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2014), chp. 7, 96-115.

D.Kurban, "To Europe and Back: The Three Decades of Kurdish Struggle in Turkey," in *Global Turkey in Europe*, ed. S.A. Düzgit et al (Rome: Edizioni Nuova Cultura, 2013), 175.

**WEEK (10) Civil Society and Citizenship April 28**

E.F. Keyman and Ş. Gümüştü, *Democracy, Identity, and Foreign Policy in Turkey: Hegemony Through Transformation* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2014), chp. 9, 143-162.

A. Kadiođlu, "Can we envision Turkish citizenship as non-membership?" in *Citizenship in a Global World*, ed. E.F. Keyman and A. İđduygu (London: Routledge, 2005), 105-123.

N. Soyarik, "Legal and constitutional foundation of Turkish citizenship: changes and continuities," in *Citizenship in a Global World*, ed. E.F. Keyman and A. İđduygu (London: Routledge, 2005), 124-143.

**Week (11) Conclusion: Turkish Politics, Problems and Prospects May 5**

Webinar: 1645-1815: **Prof. Meltem Müftüler Bađ, Prof. Ayşe Kadiođlu, Prof. Ersin Kalayciođlu, moderated by Prof. Fuat Keyman**