

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

Fall 2021

Lecture: Fridays 15.40-17.30, FASS G062

Instructor: Adam McConnel
abmccommel@sabanciuniv.edu

Office: UC 1083/1089

Office Hours: Fridays 12.00-13.00 or by appointment

Teaching Assistants: Ardit Gjeli
Samet Acar

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:** 40% = Midterm Exam
50% = Final Exam
10% = Attendance
- **Virtual Office hours:** Because of the necessity to continue hybrid education during this term, I will provide flexible office hours: you can come to UC 1083/1089 during my office hours, or (because I know those are not ideal hours) you can ask me questions directly over Zoom, Google Meet, or whatever application you prefer. This is another “synchronous” aspect of the course -- 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 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.
- **The Exams** will focus on timelines/chronologies, short paragraph writing, and essays. The exams 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. The exams will also be given *in person, on campus*. Arrangements can be made for those who are not able to come to campus for the exams, but you need to contact me **WELL IN ADVANCE** of the exam in order to make the appropriate arrangements.
- **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. Please ask me about the pdf.
- **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, and both in the classroom and over Zoom. The number of students present will also be compared to the number of signatures.

- **No electronic devices** of any sort will be tolerated ***in the classroom*** during the lectures. That means no cell phones and no computers. The best choice is to simply not bring cell phones to the classroom. At the beginning of each lecture, all telephones will be collected on the desk at the front of the classroom. Notes should be taken by pen/pencil and notebook.
- **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. On the attendance signature pages, signing for someone else in the class is not only unethical, it is 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 – 1 October: *Class Introduction – Theoretical Approach, Historical Context, Definitions; The Early Turkic Pastoral Nomads*

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

Week 2 – 8 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 – 15 October: *The Classical Ottoman System and Its Features*

İnalçık pp. 3-40, 59-69, 76-88

Week 4 – 22 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 – 29 October: *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

→ Turkish National Holiday: Republic Day – No Lecture

Week 6 – 5 November: *Mahmud II, Absolute Monarch*

Findley pp. 34-75
Hobsbawm, *The Age of Revolution*, Chapter 7: "Nationalism," pp. 164-179

Week 7 – 12 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

Hobsbawm, *The Age of Capital*, Chapter 10: “The Land,” pp. 205-227

Week 8 – 19 November: *Tanzimat II, Abdülaziz*

Findley pp. 88-123

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

*******MIDTERM EXAM: 20 November (time TBA)*******

Week 9 – 26 November: *The Ottomans in the Age of Empire*

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

Week 10 – 3 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 – 10 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

Optional reading: Hobsbawm, *The Age of Capital*, Chapter 13: “The Bourgeois World,” pp. 270-293

Week 12 – 17 December: *The Committee of Union and Progress – Emergence, Development, 1902, and Aftermath*

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

Findley pp. 150-165

Week 13 – 24 December: *The CUP, Abdülhamit II, and 1908-1909*

Hanioglu, *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 – 31 December: *Review*

New Year's Eve: No Lecture