

Sabancı University - Spring 2022

GEN 444 Gender and Sexuality in Turkey

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Hybrid Meetings: Tuesday 15:40-16:30 @ FASS G022

Zoom: <https://sabanciuniv.zoom.us/j/92395175538>

Thursday 11:40-13:30 @ FASS G022

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Individual in-person or online meetings with the professor are possible by appointment.

Aim: This course aims to provide students a solid background on the development of feminist, women's, gender, and sexuality studies in Turkey through a social scientific lens. We will explicate how currents of thought, socio-political movements and various representations have evolved from the very end of Ottoman Empire to 2020s, while we will keep a close eye to the construction of identities, communities, sociabilities, bodies, and subjectivities of women, men, transgenders, gays, lesbians, bisexuals, queers and all other "gendered and sexualized citizens" of Turkey.

Grading: 20% Attendance and participation to discussions; 25% Mid-term exam 1; 25% Mid-term exam 2; 30% Final exam.

Course Plan

Week 1 March 1st – 3rd / Introductions

Week 2 March 8th – 10th / Feminism in Turkey I

- Yesim Arat and Sevket Pamuk, 2019, "Women's Call for Democracy," *Turkey between Democracy and Authoritarianism*, Cambridge.
- Jenny White, 2003, "State Feminism, Modernization, and the Turkish Republican Women", *NWSA Journal* 15(3): 145-59.
- Aksu Bora, 2018, "Feminist Antropoloji", *Kultur Denen Sey*, edited by Candan and Özbay, Metis.

Week 3 March 15th – 17th / Feminism in Turkey II

- Cagla Ciner and Sule Toktas, 2010, "Waves of feminism in Turkey: Kemalist, Islamist and Kurdish women's movements in an era of globalization", *Journal of Balkan and Near East Studies* 12: 41-57.

- Esra Sarioglu, 2021, "Misogynist Body Politics under the AKP Rule in Contemporary Turkey", *The Politics of Female Body in Contemporary Turkey*, edited by Hilal Alkan, IB Tauris.

Week 4 March 22nd – 24th / Gender and Politics

- Cenk Özbay and Ozan Soybakis, 2020, "Political Masculinities: Gender, Power, and Change in Turkey", *Social Politics*.
- Zeynep Gülrü Göker, 2016, "The Mourning Mother: Rhetorical Figure or a Political Actor?", *The Making of Neoliberal Turkey*, edited by Ozbay et al. Routledge.

Week 5 March 29th – 31st / Family, Marriage, Kinship

- Nükhet Sirman, 2005, "The Making of a Familial Citizenship in Turkey," *Citizenship in a Global World*, edited by Keyman and Icduygu, Routledge.
- Berna Yazici, 2012, "The return to the family: welfare, state, and politics of the family in Turkey", *Anthropological Quarterly*.

Week 6 April 5th – 7th Mid-term I

Week 7 April 12th – 14th / Gender and Neoliberalism

- Gül Özyeğin, 2015, "Making a New Man: Recognition, Romance, Sex, and Neoliberal Masculinity", *New Desires, New Selves*, NYUP.
- Kursat Cinar and Selin Akyuz, 2021, "Faces and Phases of Women's Empowerment: The Case of Women's Cooperatives in Turkey", *Social Politics*.

Week 8 April 19th – 21st / Gender and Space

- Ferhunde Özbay, 2002, "Gendered Space: A New Look at Turkish Modernization", *Gender & History*.
- Sertac Sehlükoglu, 2021, "Men-Free Exercise", *Working Out Desire*, Syracuse UP.
- Hilal Alkan Zeybek, 2011, "Bir aile Mekanında Cinsiyet, Cinsellik ve Güvenlik", *Neoliberalizm ve Mahremiyet*, der. Özbay et al. Metis.

Week 9 April 26th – 28th / Gender and Islam

- Ayse Saktanber, 2007, "Cultural Dilemmas of Muslim Youth: Negotiating Muslim Identities and Being Young in Turkey", *Turkish Studies*.
- Banu Gokarixsel and Anna Secor, 2017, "Devout Muslim masculinities: the moral geographies and everyday practices of being men in Turkey", *Gender, Place & Culture*.

Week 10 May 3rd – 5th Holidays / No Class

Week 11 May 10th – 12th Mid-term II

Week 12 May 17th [May 19th Bank Holiday / No Class] / Gender and Labor

- Esra Sarioglu, 2016, "New imaginaries of gender in Turkey's service economy", *Women's Studies International Forum*.
- Dilek Cindoglu and Sule Toktas, 2002, "Empowerment and Resistance Strategies of Working Women in Turkey: The Case of 1960–70 Graduates of the Girls' Institutes", *EJWS*.
- Cenk Özbay, 2015, "Men Are Less Manly, Women Are More Feminine: The Shopping Mall as a Site for Gender Crisis in Istanbul", *Gender and Sexuality in Muslim Cultures*, edited by Özyeğin, Routledge.

Week 13 May 24th – 26th / Gender and Class

- Ayca Alemdaroglu, 2015, "Escaping Femininity, claiming respectability: Culture, class and young women in Turkey", *Women's Studies International Forum*.
- Gül Özyeğin, 2001, "Intimate Weapons of the Weak", *Untidy Gender*, Temple UP.
- Cenk Özbay, 2010, "Nocturnal Queers: Rent Boys' Masculinity in Istanbul", *Sexualities*.

Week 14 May 31st – June 2nd / Gendered and Sexual Normativities

- Yagmur Nuhurat, 2022, "Linguistic taboo, ideology, and erasure: Reproducing homophobia as norm and lesbianism as stigma in women's football in Turkey", *American Anthropologist*.
- Cenk Özbay, 2021, "Living Like a Hetero: Southern Homonormativity in Istanbul", *Sexualities*.

Week 15 June 7th – 9th / Trans: Gender, Sexuality, and the State

- Asli Zengin, 2019, "The Afterlife of Gender: Sovereignty, Intimacy, and Muslim Funerals of Transgender People in Turkey", *Cultural Anthropology*.
- Evren Savci, 2021, "Trans Terror, Deep Citizenship, and the Politics of Hate," *Queer in Translation*, Duke UP.

Final Exam TBA