

CURRENT ISSUES IN TURKISH POLITICS

POLS 553

Wednesdays

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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. Gümüşçü, *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 March 2/March 9

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 16

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 23

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.

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

WEEK (5) Democracy March 30

E. Fuat Keyman and Cana Tulus Turk (2022), "Democracy in Turkey," in Alpaslan Ozerdem and A. Erdi Ozturk (eds.), *A Companion to Modern Turkey's Centennial* (Edinburgh University Press, forthcoming)

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 April 6

M. Kutlay and Ziya Oniř, "Turkish foreign policy in a post-western order: strategic autonomy or new forms of dependence", *International Affairs*, (97:4), 2021.

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 13

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

Ahmet Erdi Öztürk, "An alternative reading of religion and authoritarianism: the new logic between religion and state in the AKP's New Turkey", *Southeast European and Black Sea Studies*, no:19, 2019.

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 20

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

S. Gümüřçü, "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 27

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.

MAY 4 – NO CLASS

WEEK (10) Turkish Politics, Problems and Prospects *May 11*

Webinar: 1645-1830: Prof. Meltem Müftüler Baç, Prof. Ayşe Kadioğlu, Prof. Ersin Kalaycıoğlu, moderated by Prof. Fuat Keyman

WEEK (11) Conclusion: Civil Society and Constitution *May 18 or 25*

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

B. E. Öder, “Turkey's Democratic Erosion: On Backsliding and the Constitution”, *Social Research: An International Quarterly*, Volume 88, Number 2, Summer 2021, pp. 473-500