CURRENT ISSUES IN TURKISH POLITICS
POLS 553
Wednesdays
Class hours: 16:40 – 19:30
Classroom: FENS 2019

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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
(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


WEEK (3) The New Turkey in a Global Context March 16


WEEK (4) Political Party System and Civil-Military Relations March 23


WEEK (5) Democracy March 30


WEEK (6) Foreign Policy and Global Engagement on Democracy April 6


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


WEEK (8) The AKP Experience April 20


WEEK (9) Ethnic Problem April 27


MAY 4 – NO CLASS

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

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

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