

Course Profile - Department of International Relations

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| Course Number : POLS 443   | Course Title : Turkish Political Thought   |
| Required / Elective : Elective   | Pre / Co-requisites : None   |
| Catalog Description: Political thought during the Ottoman period; Kemalism; westernization and its discontents. Ideologies in Turkey; the left in Turkey; conservatism in Turkey; Islam and sufism; the intelligentsia; the elite.   | Textbook / Required Material :<br><br>Necmettin Doğan. 2008. <i>Liberalism and Islamism in the Ottoman Empire (1908-1914): A Sociological Perspective</i> . VDM Verlag.<br><br>Additional articles from social science journals. |
| Course Structure / Schedule : (3+0+0) 3 / 5 ECTS   |  |
| Extended Description : The course covers a variety of ideologies that pertain to the Turkish political thought in its historical context. The course begins with the ideological differences between modernist/nationalist elites and conservatives in the late Ottoman years. The course continues with a discussion on Kemalism during the early Republican period of modern Turkey (1923-1945). The political effects of the 1961 Constitution is discussed in the context of the rise of ideological divergence in Turkish society. The emergence of Turkish ultranationalism, traditional conservatism, pro-Islamism, socialism and varieties of Marxism in society is explained with reference to such groups' written documents. The course concludes with a discussion on the conceptual meaning of left-right spectrum in Turkey and the left-right distribution of the Turkish society over years. |  |
| Design content : None  | Computer usage: Basic office word skills for students' term papers   |
| Course Outcomes: [relevant program outcomes in brackets]:<br>By the end of this course, students will be able to:<br>1. Understand the underpinnings of the political culture of Turkish society with respect to the former and existing political cleavages in society [7, 8]<br>2. Become informed about the Ottoman and Turkish intelligentsia that formed the basic schools of thought in contemporary Turkey (Ottomanism, Islamism, Westernism, Socialism) [10, 14]<br>3. Acquire skills for writing reviews of scholarly articles on Turkish political thought. [19, 20, 25]   |  |
| Recommended reading:<br><br>Şerif Mardin. 2000. <i>The Genesis of Young Ottoman Thought: A Study in the Modernization of Turkish Political Ideas</i> . Syracuse University Press.  |  |
| Teaching methods: Lectures   |  |
| Assessment methods:<br>Attendance: 10 %<br>Pop quizzes: 15 %<br>Midterm: 25 %<br>Final Examination: 30 %<br>Term paper: 20 %   |  |

Student workload:

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| Pre-reading .....                   | 40 hrs                                  |
| Lectures .....                      | 42 hrs                                  |
| Exams and Quizzes .....             | 8 hrs                                   |
| Writing term paper assignments..... | 35 hrs                                  |
| <b>TOTAL .....</b>                  | <b>125 hrs .....</b> to match 25x5 ECTS |

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