

Course Profile - Department of International Relations

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 : Necmettin Doğan. 2008. <i>Liberalism and Islamism in the Ottoman Empire (1908-1914): A Sociological Perspective</i> . VDM Verlag. 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]: By the end of this course, students will be able to: 1. Understand the underpinnings of the political culture of Turkish society with respect to the former and existing political cleavages in society [7, 8] 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] 3. Acquire skills for writing reviews of scholarly articles on Turkish political thought. [19, 20, 25]	
Recommended reading: 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: Attendance: 10 % Pop quizzes: 15 % Midterm: 25 % Final Examination: 30 % Term paper: 20 %	

Student workload:

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

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