

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

Modern Turkey: Nationalism Islam and Democracy - 38263

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: Islamic & Middle East Stud.

Academic year: 0

Semester: 2nd Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:

The course examines and analyzes the most significant historical events in modern Turkish history from independence till the present. The course situates these events, both within the West, which Turkey sought to join, and its Middle Eastern heritage. The topics of discussion will pay particular attention to civil-military relations, religion, gender, sport as well as the evolution of Turkey's domestic and foreign policies.

Course/Module aims:

The primary objective of this course is to provide the tools for student to understand contemporary Turkish politics and society. The students will be introduced to the significant themes, ideas, and factors that impact both Turkish citizens and decision makers.

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

Will have a comprehensive understanding on the history and politics of modern Turkey

Attendance requirements(%):

Compulsory
Up to 3 absence

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Frontal lecture

Course/Module Content:

Lecture 1
Analyzing Turkish Self-Perception: The pre-Islamic Turkish History and the Islamic Turkish Empires

Lecture 2: The Tanzimat: Wave of reforms and the struggle between the West and Islam

Lecture 3: Ottoman Empire during the First World War

Lecture 4: Turkish Nationalism and the War of Independence

Lecture 5: The legacy of Mustafa Kemal Atatürk

Lecture 6: Religion state relations in modern Turkey

Lecture 7: Gender and Politics in Turkey

Lecture 8: Army – state relations in modern Turkey

Lecture 9: The Mountain Turks: The Kurdish question in Turkey

Lecture 10: Who are you Recep Tayyip Erdoğan?

Lecture 11: Turkey's relations with the West and NATO

Lecture 12: Cyprus Question

Lecture 13: Israeli-Turkish relations

Required Reading:

Lecture 1:

Soner Çağaptay (2002) "Reconfiguring the Turkish nation in the 1930s, Nationalism and Ethnic Politics", 8:2, 67-82, DOI: 10.1080/13537110208428662

Karen Barkey & George Gavrilis (2016) "The Ottoman Millet System: Non-Territorial Autonomy and its Contemporary Legacy", *Ethnopolitics*, 15:1, 24-42, DOI: 10.1080/17449057.2015.1101845

Lecture 2: Roderic Davison, Turkey (New Jersey, Prentice Hall, 1968) pp. 67-90

Lecture 3: David Kushner, "Self-Perception and Identity in Contemporary Turkey", Journal of Contemporary History 1997 SAGE Publications, London, Thousand Oaks, CA and New Delhi, Vol 32(2), 219-233. [OO22-0094(199704)32:2; 1-2]

Lecture 4: David Kushner, "Self-Perception and Identity in Contemporary Turkey", Journal of Contemporary History 1997 SAGE Publications, London, Thousand Oaks, CA and New Delhi, Vol 32(2), 219-233. [OO22-0094(199704)32:2; 1-2]

Lecture 5:

Suna Kili, *Kemalism* (Istanbul, Menteş Matbaası, 1969) pp. 40-59

Udo Steinbach, *The Impact of Atatürk on Turkey's Political Culture Since World War II*. In: Jacob M. Landau (Ed.) *Atatürk and the Modernization of Turkey* (Boulder,

Westview Press, 1984) pp. 77-87

Lecture 6:

Svante Cornell, "The Naqshbandi-Khalidi Order and Political Islam in Turkey", Hudson Institute, 2015

<https://www.hudson.org/research/11601-the-naqshbandi-khalidi-order-and-political-islam-in-turkey>

M.Hakan Yavuz, "The Gülen Movement". In: M.Hakan Yavuz and John L. Esposito, *Turkish Islam and the Secular State* (New York, Syracuse University Press, 2003) pp.19-47

Lecture 7:

Yeşim Arat, *From Emancipation to Liberation: The Changing Role of Women in Turkey's Public Realm*. In: Ali Çarkoğlu and William Hale (Eds.), *The Politics of Modern Turkey*, Vol. IV (New York, Routledge, 2008) pp.281-292

Yeşim Arat, *Group-Differentiated Rights and the Liberal Democratic State Rethinking the headscarf controversy in Turkey*. In: Ali Çarkoğlu and William Hale (Eds.), *The Politics of Modern Turkey*, Vol. IV (New York, Routledge, 2008) pp.85-98

Lecture 8:

Kemal H. Karpat, "Military Interventions: Army-Civilian Relations in Turkey Before and After 1980". In: Metin Heper and Ahmet Evin (Eds) *State Democracy and the Military* (Berlin, Walter de Gruyter, 1988) pp.137-158

Lecture 9:

Paul White, *Primitive Rebels or Revolutionary Modernizers? The Kurdish National Movement in Turkey* (London, Zed Books, 2000) pp.54-89

Hay Eytan Cohen Yanarocak, "A Tale of Political Consciousness: The Rise of a non-violent Kurdish Political Movement in Turkey". In: Ofra Bengio (ed.), *Kurdish Awakening Nation Building in a Fragmented Homeland* (Austin, Texas University Press, 2014) pp. 137-154

Lecture 10: Soner Çağaptay, *The New Sultan*, (London, Tauris, 2017) pp. 1-13 and 68-77

Lecture 11:

Vecdi Gönül, "Turkey-NATO relations and NATO's new Strategic Concept", *Turkish Policy Quarterly*, Vol.9 Number 1

Yurter Özcan, Turkey as a NATO partner: Reality vs. Rhetoric, Turkish Policy Quarterly, Vol. 10 Number 3

Lecture 12:

H. Ibrahim Salih, Cyprus Ethnic Political Counterpoints (Dallas, University Press of America, 2004) pp. 1-35

Clement H. Dodd, "Cyprus in Turkish Politics and Foreign Policy".In:Ali Çarkoğlu and William Hale (Eds.),The Politics of Modern Turkey, Vol. III (New York, Routledge, 2008) pp.155-168

Lecture 13:

Hay Eytan Cohen Yanarocak, Can a renewed alliance between Israel and Turkey stabilize the Middle East?, Mosaic, June 7, 2022

Seth Frantzman, The complex and often toxic, Israel-Turkey relationship, The Jerusalem Post, May 16, 2018

Additional Reading Material:

Grading Scheme:

Essay / Project / Final Assignment / Home Exam / Referat 80 %
Active Participation / Team Assignment 20 %

Additional information: