

SYLLABUS 2021

Course Code / Name	CIR211 Turkish Politics
Course Date	
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Aim of the Course

One semester course designed to

- 1) demonstrate the historical evolution of Turkish politics,
- 2) teach political life, institutions, and processes in Turkey.
- Requirements: Attendance, participation, applicable homeworks, midterm exam, final exam

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Understand historical evolution of Turkish politics,
- Explain the emergence of the modern Turkish state,
- Understand the key institutions and their role during political crisis,
- Compare general elections due to election systems,
- Explain the evolution of Turkish political thought
- Discuss issues like democracy, civil society, socioeconomic changes in Turkey,
- Explain secularism, nationalism, social democracy, and Islamism in Turkish politics.

Weekly Course Schedule

Week	Topic	
1	The Ottoman Empire at the end of the 18 th century	Zürcher, 2017: 3-14.
2	Modernization of the empire: Sultan Selim III and Sultan Mahmut II	Zürcher, 2017: 15-44.
3	Tanzimat, Islahat, and the New Ottomans	Zürcher, 2017: 44-65; Mardin, 1990: 259-308; Ortaylı, 1987: 261-298.
4	Ottoman Basic Law, Sultan Abdulhamid II and the Young Turks	Zürcher, 2017: 55-87; Keyder, 1987: 71-100; Mardin, 1964.
5	The Second Meşrutiyet, Indirect and Direct CUP Rule	Zürcher, 2017: 91-132; Tunaya, 2003: 121-177.
6	Post-Mudros Period, National Resistance, and Independence War in Anatolia	Zürcher, 2017: 133-166; Demirel, 2020: 45-66.
7	Basis of Grand National Assembly Rule, Government and Opposition	Zürcher, 2017: 167-176; Demirel, 2020: 127-454.
8	MID-TERM EXAM	
9	Reevaluation of Reforms, Cultural Policies of the 1930s, and İnönü's Rule	Zürcher, 2017: 182-207.
10	Transition into Multiparty Politics, Power Struggle between Bureaucrats and Democrats	Zürcher, 2017: 208-220; Timur, 1991.
11	Democratic Party Rule	Zürcher, 2017: 223-243; Kaynar, 2015: 15-38, 177-192.
12	Military Intervention of 27 May, Transition to Democracy, İnönü Governments and Justice Party Rule	Zürcher, 2017: 244-261.
13	Military Ultimatum of 12 March, Politics in the 70s, Military Intervention of 12 Sep., Return to Democracy	Zürcher, 261-280 and 283-290.

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14	Decline of ANAP, Özal's Economic Policies, and Years of Crisis between 1994-2002	Zürcher, 290-318 and 319-337.
	FINAL EXAM	

Evaluation Methods and Tools

Examinations will cover materials presented in the class such as classroom discussions, assignments, group projects, case studies, lectures, Power Point presentations, student experiences/ responses, Additional information provided and mentioned by the instructor during the courses can also be asked in examinations.

Unless announced otherwise, there will be a Midterm Exam, and a Final Exam. The grading will be:

- Midterm: %40
- Final Exam: %60

Course Materials

- Teaching procedures for this course will basically include Power Point presentations, exercises, case studies, class discussions, reading assignments and examinations.
- Power Point presentations in soft form will be given to students.
- Students are strongly advised to take notes during the course.

Main Textbooks:

Eric Jan Zürcher, Turkey: A Modern History. I.B. Tauris, Fourth Edition, 2017.

Recommended Readings:

Ahmet Demirel, Birinci Mecliste Muhalefet: İkinci Grup (Opposition in the First Assembly: The Second Group), İstanbul: İletişim, İkinci Basım, Birinci Baskı: 2020.

Çağlar Keyder, State and Classes in Turkey: A Study in Capitalist Development, London and New York: Verso, 1987.

Feroz Ahmad, The Making of Modern Turkey. Routledge. 1993.

İlber Ortaylı, İmparatorluğun En Uzun Yüzyılı (The Empire's Longest Century), İstanbul: Hil, 1987.

Mete Kaan Kaynar (Haz.), Türkiye'nin 1950'li Yılları (Turkey in the 1950s), İstanbul: İletişim, 2015.

Suavi Aydın and Yüksel Taşkın, 1960'tan Günümüze Türkiye Tarihi (History of Turkey since 1960), İstanbul: İletişim, 2014.

Şerif Mardin, Jön Türklerin Siyasi Fikirleri 1895-1908 (Political Ideas of the Young Turks), Ankara: Türkiye İş Bankası, 1964.

Şerif Mardin, Türkiye'de Toplum ve Siyaset (Society and Politics in Turkey), İstanbul: İletişim, 1990.

Taner Timur, Türkiye'de Çok Partili Hayata Geçiş (Transition into Multiparty Politics in Turkey), Ankara: İmge, 1991.

Tarık Zafer Tunaya, "İkinci Meşrutiyetin Siyasal Hayatımızdaki Yeri", İçinde Türkiye'de Siyasal Gelişmeler 1: Kanun-i Esasi ve Meşrutiyet Dönemi (1876-1918), İstanbul: İstanbul Bilgi Üniversitesi Yayınları, 2003.

Recommended Documentary:

Mehmet Ali Birand, Demirkırat: Bir Demokrasinin Doğuşu, Yapım: TRT, 1991.

Method

The instructor may use studies, lectures, questions and exercises from textbooks and articles. The course is taught in English.

Class Participation

- Students will improve their learning process by asking questions to better understand the concepts.
- Brainstorming, discussing with the instructor and classmates as a part of class participation are also ideal for effective learning. By the help of these activities, students will have a much better grasp of theories, principles and topics.

Attendance Procedures

- According to regulations, course attendance is obligatory. Students have to attend 70% of theoretical courses, 80% of practice, laboratory, workshop and studio works.
- Attendance is a significant and serious indicator of success in the course. Students are responsible for arriving class on time, following the flow of courses carefully and remaining in the class until the end of session.
- Course contents are tightly related, and sessions continue progressively. Thus, missing courses will negatively affect the overall achievement of students.

Note: In case you miss a class, please contact your instructor via e-mail and learn the contents mentioned in class. Also check if you have any assignments due for the Turkish Politics course. Even if you miss a class because of unexpected and involuntary reasons, make sure to cover the topics and catch up with your classmates. Late assignments are not accepted in general. The instructor will only accept late assignments if you have a special case.

Academic Dishonesty

Plagiarism will not be tolerated under any circumstance and no excuse will be accepted. If you ever use a source, cite it properly as seen above. Those quotation marks make a huge difference. Cheating (in Turkish “aldatmak”, “sahtekarlık”, “hile”) known as “kopya” is a serious and punishable act. We strongly recommend that you keep your benign reputation as IR student.

Course Adjustments and Changes

The course syllabus is an overall guide for the Turkish Politics class. Instructor reserves the right to make periodic and specific changes-adjustments to the syllabus, which can cover assignments, group projects, case studies, schedule, examinations, etc.