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POLS 532: TURKISH POLITICS  
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**Reading material:** Photocopiers of all the books are available at Nazar Kırtasiye, which is located in the South Campus (inside the food court, on the ground floor of the First Men’s Dorm)

**Lecture Hours:**

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**Office Hour:** Monday, 15:00-16:00 at the Center for European Studies, K-Park Building, 1st Floor, Room No.118

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS:**  
Book Reviews, Book Presentations, Participation in Debates & Discussions: 50%  
Term Paper: 50% (A comparative and critical review of around five books about a similar issue of Turkish politics; between 10-15 double-spaced pages)

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**  
This course will consist of an overview of political developments in modern Turkey in the second half of the 20th and in the early 21st century, from the end of the Second World War till today. Topics to be covered include the transition to democracy between 1945 and 1950; the “populist democracy” between 1950-1980 and the three military coups (27 May 1960, 12 March 1971, and 12 September 1980); the surge of “identity politics” after the 1980s; the elections of November 2002 and beyond. We will focus on such hotly debated contemporary issues of Turkish politics as the state based on the rule of law, human rights, citizenship, civil society, democratization and westernization. Attention will also be paid to those current issues which generally fall within the general problematique of “identity”, particularly religion, ethnicity and gender.

The first two lectures (on February 29 and March 7) will be devoted to surveying some of the major historical turning points and current issues of Turkish politics. In the remaining sessions, we will read and discuss some recently published books on the various current issues of Turkish politics.

For each of the assigned books for a week’s session, each student will be responsible to prepare a 3-5 pages-long book review and bring his/her printed book review to the class.

At each session, two pre-selected students will make an oral presentation and critical discussion of a Book that is going to be assigned for that session.
The following cover page must be put at the beginning of each book review:

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**ACADEMIC HONESTY**

The Department of Political Science and International Relations has the following rules and regulations regarding academic honesty.

1. Copying work from others or giving and receiving answers/information during exams either in written or oral form constitutes cheating.
2. Submitting take-home exams and papers of others as your own, using sentences or paragraphs from another author without the proper acknowledgement of the original author, insufficient acknowledgement of the consulted works in the bibliography, all constitute plagiarism.
3. Plagiarism and cheating are serious offenses and will result in:
   a) an automatic “F” in the assignment or the exam  
   b) an oral explanation before the Departmental Ethics Committee  
   c) losing the opportunity to request and receive any references from the entire faculty  
   d) losing the opportunity to apply in exchange programs  
   e) losing the prospects of becoming a student assistant or a graduate assistant in the department

The students may further be sent to the University Ethics committee or be subject to disciplinary action.

**MARCH 28: NO CLASS (HY at a conference)**  
**APRIL 18: NO CLASS (HY at a conference)**  
**APRIL 23-27: NO CLASS (SPRING BREAK)**

**LECTURES AND BOOK PRESENTATION SESSIONS:** FEB 29, MARCH 7, MARCH 14, 21; APRIL 4, 11; MAY: 2, 9, 16, 23


**MARCH 7: LECTURE 2) POPULIST DEMOCRACY AND ITS MAJOR ACTORS: THE 1960-1980 PERIOD**


*Lecture on the 27 May 1960 Military Intervention*  
*Lecture on the new bureaucratic political actors*: The military, the National Security Council, the Constitutional Court, the State Planning Organization and the Senate.  
*Lecture on the new civilian political actors*: The Justice Party, the Nationalist Action Party, the National Salvation Party, The Republican People’s Party, the Worker’s Party of Turkey, the YÖN movement, the Revolutionary Youth movement.  
*Lecture on the Rise and Fall of National Developmentalism*

**SESSION: MARCH 14**


**SESSION: MARCH 21**


SESSION: APRIL 4


SESSION: APRIL 11
Brockett, Gavin D. *How happy to call oneself a Turk: provincial newspapers and the negotiation of a Muslim national identity*, Austin, Tex.: University of Texas Press, 2011


SESSION: MAY 2


SESSION: MAY 9


SESSION: MAY 16


SESSION: MAY 23: WRAPPING UP