The course aims to familiarize students with social developments and politics of the Ottoman Empire from 1703 to 1922. While there is an introduction about the early modern era, the emphasis is on the nineteenth-century trends and events. The last decades of the Empire will also be discussed in order to help the students comprehend some of the dynamics of the transition from the Ottoman Empire to the Turkish Republic. In addition to significant historical events and key political figures, different perspectives offered to understand the historical trajectory in question are also discussed and analyzed throughout the semester.

Course Requirements: The course requires continuing preparedness and attention from the students. The weekly reading assignments are mandatory. Attendance will be monitored throughout the semester. The class grade will be based on the following:

- Reaction papers: 30%
- Mid-term exam: 25%
- Final Exam: 40%
- Class participation: 5%
COURSE OUTLINE

Week 1: Introduction to the Course

Week 2: Discussing the ‘Classical Age’: Mode of Production Debates

Halil İnalcık, The Ottoman Empire. The Classical Age, 1300-1600 (London: Weidenfeld and Nicolson, 1973), pp.65-119


Week 3: State Tradition in the Ottoman Empire and Turkey: Myth or Reality?


Demet Dinler, “Türkiye’de Güçlü Devlet Geleneği Tezinin Eleştirisi”, Praksis, no.9 (2003), pp.17-54

Week 4: Malikane, Ayan and Other Stories: A Decentralized Empire?

Salzmann, Ariel, Tocqueville in the Ottoman Empire: rival paths to the modern state (Boston: Brill, 2004), pp.1-30

Dina R. Khoury, State and Provincial Society in the Ottoman Empire: Mosul 1540-1834 (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1997), pp.75-108

Week 5: Ottoman Warfare: External and Internal, 1699-1839


Week 6: Economic and Social History of the Late Ottoman Empire

Donald Quataert, The Ottoman Empire, 1700-1922 (Cambridge, CUP: 2000), pp.54-139
**Week 7: The Tanzimat Era 1839-1876**


**Week 8: Peasants and the Agrarian Question**


**Week 9: The Reign of Abdulhamid II, 1876-1909**


Selim Deringil, “The Invention of Tradition as Public Image in the Late Ottoman Empire, 1808 to 1908”, *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, vol. 35 no. 1 (1993), pp. 3-29

**Week 10: The Revolution of 1908 and the Committee of Union and Progress**

Aykut Kansu, *The Revolution of 1908 in Turkey* (Leiden: Brill, 1997), pp. 73-113


**Week 11: Empire at War, 1911-1918**

Week 12: The Armenian Question


Week 13: The Interregnum, 1918-1923


Week 14: The Antinomies of Nation-Building: The Kurdish Question
