The Objective of the Course

This course surveys the developments in the Turkish political system chronologically since the late-1930 until the transition to democracy in the early 1980s. The major objective is to understand the forces of change and continuity in Turkish politics by tracing its turning points in democratization. The reading material focuses on the process of democratization, political party system, state-society relations, role of the military in politics, the evolution of the major political parties, political leaders, and ideological and constitutional developments drawing on various sources.

Course Material

In addition to the readings to be covered in this course, students are also strongly advised to read the relevant chapters from:


Students are also required to attend the screening of a documentary on Turkish politics (*12 September*) every week on the day and time slot to be announced later.

Course Requirements:

Students are required to attend class sessions and to read the assigned texts of each session beforehand. Evaluation will be based on a mid-term exam, a final exam, a short essay/class presentation, reflection paper, and participation in class. You will choose your essay/presentation topic from the list to be provided. Those students who will make a presentation instead of an essay will present their topic on the week it will be covered in class. Reflection papers to be written by all students are due on the last week of the term.
Breakdown of the Grades for the course:

mid-term exam  30 per cent  
class presentation OR essay on selected topics: 10 per cent  
attendance (class and documentary ) and class participation : 10 per cent (5+5)  
Reflection paper (due at the end of the term): 10 per cent  
final exam : 40 per cent  

No Make-up exams unless in case of serious illness documented by the university medical center.

ADM. 3162 COURSE OUTLINE AND THE READINGS

I.  EARLY REPUBLICAN PERIOD: REFORMS, OPPOSITION AND STATE-SOCIETY DYNAMICS. ( Weeks of  30 september, 7, 14,& 21 October)


II. THE SINGLE-PARTY REGIME: THE CHP AND THE NATIONAL CHIEF PERIOD (28 October, 4 November)


IV: FROM THE FIRST MILITARY INTERVENTION TO THE POLITICS OF RADICALISM, (1960-1980). (weeks of 2,9,6 & 23 December)

a. The Military Intervention of 1960 and the Transition to Democracy


b. Political Parties and Movements


c. Polarization and Instability: Towards the 1980s


V. THE POST-1980 RE-CONSTRUCTION OF THE POLITICAL SYSTEM (30 December and 6 January)


