ADM 3205 – Bureaucracy and Turkish Bureaucracy
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Course description
The aim of this course is to help the students examine bureaucracy in a broader political, social and economic context, and within their probable relationship patterns. To understand bureaucracy means to understand what it is, where it stands in the formulation and implementation of public policies, and what kind of problems it encounters in its operations. In this regard, the course will both focus on theoretical approaches to bureaucracy, and practical implications of its daily functioning in different contexts at the domestic and international levels. The course will also have a special focus on bureaucracy in Turkey, especially reflecting the characteristics and changes it has experienced throughout the 2000s.

The course will majorly be delivered in lecture format. Class discussion around the major topics of the week is strongly encouraged. Throughout the semester, all the students are required to read the course materials, attend the lectures and actively participate in class discussions.

Course Requirements & Grading

Mid-term exam (%25)

Reflection papers (30%)
Each student will prepare three reflection papers throughout the semester on four different articles from the reading materials, as indicated by the instructor. Each reflection paper should be structured around a major concern/question derived from the reading materials, and discuss this concern in an analytical way. Additional guidelines and evaluation criteria for the reflection papers will be provided by the instructor.

All the reflection papers should be uploaded to ODTÜ Class without any exceptions. Late submission of reflection papers cannot be accepted without penalty. 20% per week late will be docked from late submissions. Extensions without penalty will only be provided in the medical circumstances.

Participation (10%)
All the students are expected to actively participate in the in-class discussions. Attendance, comments and questions in the class and consultation with the instructor are considered as different forms of participation.

Final Exam (%35)

Make up for Exams
Make up for exams will only be given in cases of unanticipated and serious medical emergency, upon submission of the official medical report.
Course Outline

The course will be structured as follows:

I. Defining Bureaucracy: Problems and Clarifications

II. Conceptualising Bureaucracy: Approaches, Ideological Premises and Issues
   a. Weberian approach
   b. Marxist approach
   c. Corporatist view
   d. Pluralist/liberal views
   e. New right and New Public Management
   f. Governance and Bureaucracy

III. Bureaucracy in Turkey
   a. ‘Bureaucratic Tradition’ debate in Turkey
   b. Turkish Bureaucracy at present: Current issues

Reading List

I. Defining Bureaucracy: Problems and Clarifications


II.a. Conceptualising Bureaucracy: Weberian approach


II.b. Conceptualising Bureaucracy: Marxist approach


**REFLECTION PAPER #1:**

**II.c. & II.d. Conceptualising Bureaucracy: Corporatist and Pluralist/Liberal views**


**MIDTERM EXAM 25%**

**II.e Conceptualising Bureaucracy: New Right and New Public Management**


**II.f Conceptualising Bureaucracy: Governance**


**REFLECTION PAPER #2:**

**III.a. Bureaucracy in Turkey: Bureaucratic Tradition in Turkey**


**REFLECTION PAPER #3:**

**III.b. Bureaucracy in Turkey: Turkish Bureaucracy at present: Current Issues**


*Regulatory Agencies*


*Regional Development Agencies*


*New Ministries and Deputy Minister*

