

MIDDLE EAST TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY
Department of Political Science and Public Administration

ADM 4146
Turkish Foreign Policy II
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Course Hours: Wednesday 13.40-16.30
Course Venue: F108

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Principle of the course:

Turkish foreign policy (TFP) will be scrutinized in a global and regional perspective. The main objective of the course is to produce pragmatic solutions to the problems of TFP that are analyzed on principles of realpolitik. A rationalist approach will be taken to provide a notion of TFP that helps distinguishing facts and realities from conspiracies.

Focus of the course:

The emergence of an anti-globalist bloc in international arena will be one of the main themes of discussions of this semester. The political change in the USA, the contradictions it created and its impact on the Turkish Foreign Policy will be another topic of discussion. Relatedly, Brexit and problems that EU challenges in terms of being a union will also be included to understand the developments in Western bloc. Within this context, the positions of Russia and China will be given a specific attention during semester. These topics will be discussed to reveal their impact on the Middle East, especially on Syria and Iraq. Other regional actors like Iran, Israel, Egypt will be included to the discussions with their connection to the politics in the Middle East. The objective of the discussions will be to produce rational and pragmatic policies for the future of Turkish Foreign Policy. If needed, our course schedule will be revised according to new developments in TFP and world politics in general. In that case, any revision will be announced beforehand.

Process in the course sessions:

A weekly session is completed in two parts. The first part is reserved for the lecture and the second part to the open discussions. Guest speakers on the topics covered in the lectures may be hosted throughout this semester.

Evaluation of attendance and active participation during open discussions will constitute 40% of overall grade.

The syllabus will not provide a reading list for students. Students are expected to follow developments from news agencies and analyses published in major media organs. They are strongly encouraged to share those pieces.

Students will take one take-home examination at the end of the semester in which they will answer a specific question asked by the lecturer. Papers are expected to be **four pages at maximum (1500 words)**. Evaluation of the paper will constitute 60% of overall grade.