

**Course outline – ADM 4287**  
**“Regional policy and governance”**  
**(2012 - 2013 Fall Semester)**

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**Schedule:**

Monday: 13:40 – 16:30 / FZ 17

**Office hours:**

Monday: 10:40 – 12:30

Tuesday: 14:40 – 15:30

**I - Course Objective**

The aim of this course is to introduce you to the literature on regional policy and governance and to equip you with analytical tools necessary to understand the changing spatiality of the state in Turkey. Throughout the course, the international examples, and especially the case of the European Union countries will be discussed. By investigating the contents of regional policies and the emerging structures of regional governance in the capitalist countries, and the EU in particular, the course aims to give you a perspective on future public policy agenda in Turkey, as well as the trends in the restructuring process of the Turkish administrative system.

**II - Teaching Policy**

A friendly and positive teaching environment is preferred. I would like to promote an atmosphere of mutual trust and vivid intellectual engagement. Cheating is not welcome and in no way accepted. Please try your best to add to the class with your own intellectual capacity. If you need any extra equipment or measure that will facilitate and ease your learning process, please let me know in advance. If you have health problems that will not let you attend the class or any exam, please contact me as soon as possible. Please also note that I personally do not sympathise with giving extensions or make-ups unless there is a very good excuse.

**III- Student Responsibilities and the Marking Scheme**

The course will help you operationalise the above mentioned insights a) by asking you to write three in-class mid-term examinations that will concentrate on the course readings and in-class discussions, b) and to prepare a final report, which will blend the theoretical insights from the course with empirical research, as well as a certain amount of extra literature survey pertinent to the policy field you will have chosen; c) And, your active contribution to the classroom discussions, and thus attendance is crucial! Students are expected to come to the class prepared, meaning that you will have read the assigned materials to be able to follow the lectures and discussions. You are encouraged to participate in the class discussions.

And, here are the assignment and marking details:

**a) Participation - % 10**

- Attendance, preparedness to the classroom discussions, the quality of your engagement

**b) Midterm examinations (three in-class exams: 15% each) - % 45**

- You will take three in-class examinations (Week 5, Week 9, Week 13)
- 2 pages long each
- Will concentrate on course readings and in-class discussions. So, course attendance is essential.

**c) Final Paper - % 45**

- Details to be explained in the classroom (10-12 pages, excluding the bibliography, double spaced)
- Topics introduced and assigned during the 3rd week
- Involves the submission of a one-page research project outline (Week 7)
- Focuses on the Turkish case (or your country's example)
- Submitted at the final date announced by the president's office

**IV - Examination and Presentation Evaluation Policy:**

(the average of three evaluation criteria)

**a) Knowledge of the Literature** : Breadth and Scope of your discussion. Allusion to reading materials, proper citations from the authors.

**b) Insight or In Depth Analysis** : Awareness of main issues, tensions, concepts, and efficiency in their operationalisation.

**c) Engagement** : Well researched / presented, good examples, innovative thinking and original contributions.

**Note:** METU marking scale will be used as the term grades are calculated (no curve method).

## **V - Topics and Readings**

(Instructor might introduce new readings, not listed here, when necessary)

### WEEK 1

#### **Introduction**

### WEEK 2

#### **The question of territoriality: Nation state vs Capitalist state?**

Poulantzas, Nicos (1978) *State Power Socialism*. Verso.

Sack, David (1983) "Human territoriality: A theory", *Annals of the Association of American Geographers*, 73 (1), 55-74 (especially the first ten pages)

Gramsci, Antonio (1978 [1926]) The Southern Question, *Selections from political writings (1921-1926)*, translated and edited by Quintin Hoare. London: Lawrence and Wishart.

### WEEK 3

#### **The geography of capitalist accumulation**

#### **FINAL PAPER TOPICS INTRODUCED (AND ASSIGNED)**

Brenner, Neil (2009) "A thousand leaves", in Rianne Mahon and Roger Keil (eds.), *Leviathan Undone?: Towards a Political Economy of Scale*. UBC Press.

Harvey, David (1985) *The urbanization of capital*. Baltimore, Maryland: The John Hopkins U.P. (chapter TBA)

Smith, Neil (1991) *Uneven development*. Blackwell: Oxford. (chapter TBA)

### WEEK 4

#### **Changing spatiality of state action and public policies: Influences – I (Globalisation)**

Ventriss, Curtis (1994) "Public Administration and the changing nature of space", *American Review of Public Administration*, 24 (1).

Brenner, Neil (1999) "Beyond state-centrism? Space, territoriality, and geographical scale in globalization studies", *Theory and Society* 28: 39-78.

Jessop, Bob (2002) "Time and Space in the Globalization of Capital and Their Implications for State Power", *Rethinking Marxism* 14 (1): 97-117

WEEK 5

**Changing spatiality of state action and public policies: Influences – II (Europeanisation)**

**MIDTERM EXAMINATION – 1 (in class)**

Keating, M. (1998) “Is there a regional level of government in Europe?” in P. LeGales and C. Lequesne (eds) *Regions in Europe*, London and New York: Routledge: 11-29.

Benz, A. and B. Eberlein (1999) “The Europeanization of regional policies: patterns of multi-level governance”, *Journal of European Public Policy* 6 (2): 1350–1763.

Ertugal, Ebru (2011) “Institutional change and Europeanisation: explaining regional policy reform in Turkey”, *Policy & Politics* 39(2): 257-273

WEEK 6

**Regional policies: from “focus of public policies” to “locus of public policy-making” – contradictions and tensions**

Park, Bae-Gyoon (2008) “Uneven Development, Inter-scalar Tensions, and the Politics of Decentralization in South Korea”, *IJURR* 32(1): 40-59.

Cox, Kevin R. (2009) “‘Rescaling the State’ in Question”, *CJRES* 2: 107-121.

Christopoulos, Dimitrios C. (2006) “Governance Capacity and Regionalist Dynamics”, *Regional and Federal Studies* 16(4): 363–383.

WEEK 7

**The new order and structures of policy-making and “regional policies”**

**ONE PAGE OUTLINE OF THE FINAL PAPER SUBMITTED (PLUS THE LITERATURE)**

Keating, M. (1988) “Does Regional Government Work? The experience of Italy, France and Spain”, *Governance*, 1(2): 184-204.

Ansell, Chriss (2000) “The networked polity: Regional Development in Western Europe”, *Governance*, 13 (3): 303-333.

Büchs, Milena (2009) “Examining the interaction between vertical and horizontal dimensions of state transformation”, *CJRES* 2: 35–49

WEEKS 8-9:

**The agency of regions: Regions as policy/polity-makers**

W8

Putnam, R. (1993) *Making Democracy Work, Civic traditions in modern Italy*, Princeton: Princeton U.P.

Ritaine, E. (1998) "The political capacity of southern European Regions" in P. LeGales and C. Lequesne (eds) *Regions in Europe*, London and New York: Routledge, 67-88.

Keating, Michael et al (2009) "Territorial policy communities and devolution in the UK" *CJRES* 2: 51-66.

W9

**MIDTERM EXAMINATION – 2 (in class)**

Genieys, W. (1998) "Autonomous communities and the state in Spain: the role of intermediary elites" in P. LeGales and C. Lequesne (eds) *Regions in Europe*, London and New York: Routledge, 166-180.

Topal, Aylin (2012) "Uneven Access to Local Power: Entrepreneurial Domination in the Design of Local Development in Chihuahua, Mexico" *IJURR* (Forthcoming: First published online: DOI:10.1111/j.1468-2427.2011.01021.x)

Bayırbağ, Mustafa K. (2011) "Pro-Business Local Governance and (Local) Business Associations: The Case of Gaziantep", *Business and Politics* 13(4), Article 6. DOI: 10.2202/1469-3569.1355

WEEKS 10-12:

**Regional policy objectives and cross-policy issues**

W10

*Regional policy and the question of social exclusion - I*

Silver, Hilary (1996) "Culture, Politics and National Discourses of the New Urban Poverty" in Enzo Mingione (ed) *Urban Poverty and the Underclass*. Blackwell: 105-138.

Mohan, John (2000) "Geographies of Welfare and Social Exclusion", *Progress in Human Geography* 24 (2), 291-300.

Gough, Jamie and Aram Eisenschitz (2006) *Spaces of Social Exclusion*. Routledge: 128-168.

W11

Regional policy and the question of social exclusion - II

Rodriguez-Pose, A.S and U. Fratesi (2004) "Between Development and Social Policies: The Impact of European Structural Funds in Obj. 1 Regions", *Regional Studies*, 38 (1): 97–113.

Geddes, M. (2000) "Tackling Social Exclusion in the European Union? The Limits to the New Orthodoxy of Local Partnership", *IJURR* 24 (4): 782-800.

Kearns, A. and R. Forrest (2000) "Social Cohesion and Multilevel Urban Governance" *Urban Studies*, 37 (5-6): 995–1017.

W 12

Regional policy and the question of economic development

Dunford, M. (1998) "Regions and Economic Development" in P. LeGales and C. Lequesne (eds) *Regions in Europe*, London and New York: Routledge, 89-110.

Pike, Andy and John Tomaney (2009) "The state and uneven development: the governance of economic development in England in the post-devolution UK", *CJRES* 2: 13-34.

Bayırbağ, Mustafa K. (2010) "Local entrepreneurialism and state rescaling in Turkey", *Urban Studies* 47(2): 363–385.

WEEKS 13-14:

**Taking a closer look at the case of Turkey**

W 13

**MIDTERM EXAMINATION – 3 (in class)**

Bayramoğlu, S. (2005) "Türkiye’de Bölgesel Politikaların Gelişimi", Menaf Turan (der.) *Bölge Kalkınma Ajansları: Nedir, Ne değildir? İçinde*, 35-120, Ankara: Paragraf.

Dulupçu, Murat A. (2005) "Regionalization for Turkey: An Illusion or a Cure?", *European Urban and Regional Studies* 12(2): 99–115.

Ertugal, Ebru (2010) "Europeanization and multi-level governance in Turkey", *Southeast European and Black Sea Studies* 10(1): 97-110.

W 14

Gündoğdu, İbrahim (2006), "Chapter IV" in *Rescaling of Social Relations Towards Subnational Regional Space: An Investigation of Turkish Case*, Unpublished Master Thesis, ODTU SBE, Ankara: 62-95.

Yüksel, Ayşe S. (2011) "Rescaled Localities and Redefined Class Relations: Neoliberal experience in South-east Turkey", *Journal of Balkan and Near Eastern Studies* 13(4): 433-455.

Erkuş-Öztürk, Hilal and Pieter Terhorst (2012) "Two Micro-models of Tourism Capitalism and the (Re)Scaling of State–Business Relations", *Tourism Geographies* 14(3): 494-523.