Students are expected to make presentations and submit their presentations as term-papers at the end of the term; in addition, every student will have to function as a discussant of someone else’s presentation. There will also be a final (take-home) exam.

Organisation of the Course and the Reading List

I. The Methodological Debate: Positivism, Methodological Individualism, Realism and Beyond.
Williams, R. (1977): Marxism and Literature, Oxford UP.

II. Major Influences on the Contemporary Debates:
a) Liberal/Conservative Tradition(s)
b) Hegel

c) Marx

d) Weber

e) Durkheim

III. Contemporary Debates in Liberal Political Theory and/or Political Economy

A. Statist-Institutionalist Approach
Evans, P., D. Rueschemeyer, and T. Skocpol (1985a): “On the Road Toward a More Adequate Understanding of the State” in P. Evans et al. (eds), Bringing Back the State In, Cambridge UP.
Yalman, G. (2009) Transition to Neoliberalism: The Case of Turkey in the 1980s, İstanbul Bilgi Üniversitesi Yayınları, İstanbul, ss.50-54.

B. Economic Theories of the State


C. Theoretical Roots of the New Right: From Oakeshott to Hayek
Yalman, G. (2009) Transition to Neoliberalism: The Case of Turkey in the 1980s, İstanbul Bilgi Üniversitesi Yayınları, İstanbul, ss.54-80.

D. How to Theorise the State/Civil Society Relations: Liberal Conceptualizations of Civil Society

E. From Liberal-Individualism to Multiculturalism


F. Feminist Contribution to the State Theory


IV. Debates within Marxist Tradition

A. How to Theorise the State/Class Relations


Lenin’s The State and Revolution, [www.marxists.org](http://www.marxists.org).


B. How to Theorise the State/Civil Society Relations: The Question of Hegemony


C. How to Theorise the State/Capital relation

D. From Structuralist Marxism to Post-Marxism

i. Antinomies of Structural Marxism
ii. Post-Marxism


E. Contemporary Attempts for a non-Reductionist Marxist Theory of the State


F. The State Debate Revisited

i) Debate on Globalisation and the State


iii) From Regulation to Governance


Regulators‖, Governance, Vol.18, No.3.


iv. From Developmental State to Neoliberal State


