Content and the Aim of the Course: Turkish foreign policy (TFP) will be dealt with in a global and regional perspective. After clarifying foundations and basic principles, regional dimensions of TFP will be discussed with a special attention on the role of international and regional organizations such as NATO, OSCE, UN and EU. 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.

The Panel: There will be a Panel during the course. In this Panel, we will focus on topics discussed in the prior lectures. The Panel will be directed by moderator or moderators which will be announced in the coming weeks. The students are expected to be prepared for the panels with their own discussion ideas and questions on the topics discussed.

Guest Speakers: Individuals which have a certain expertise on the topics covered in the lectures may be hosted throughout this course.

Method of Evaluation:
1. Mid-term Exam: 35 %
2. Research Paper: 45 %
3. Panel Attendance and Participation: 20 %

Basic Sources for your studies:

- Ministry of Foreign Affairs: www.mfa.gov.tr. Attention! It is important to check this side regularly.
- Sander, Oral (2010). Siyasi Tarih-II. Ankara: İme
- Oran, Baskın (2001). Türk Dış Politikası: Kurtuluş Savaşı’ndan Bugüne Olgular, Belgeler, Yorumlar, Cilt I ve Cilt II. İstanbul: İletişim
Course Outline:

September 27: Introduction of the course syllabus and requirements

October 4: The Foundations of Turkish Foreign Policy-I: Basic parameters and historical background of TFP, in its links with Ottoman period

- Sönmezoğlu Faruk (der) (2004). Türk Dış Politikasının Analizi. Der: İstanbul (related chapters)
- Aydın, Mustafa (2003) “The Determinants of Turkish Foreign Policy, and Turkey’s European Vocation”, The Review of International Affairs, 3:2, 306-331

October 11: The Foundations of Turkish Foreign Policy-II: Diplomacy, foreign policy decision making, basic actors, the relation between domestic and external policies

- The Theory and Practice of Foreign Policy Decision Making by Jonathan Renshon and Stanley A. Renshon.
- Bridging the Gap between Theory and Policy by Joseph S. Nye

October 18: The Foundations of Turkish Foreign Policy-III: TFP after the Cold War. “Zero problem policy” in the light of the debate on “the shift of axis”

- Davutoğlu, Ahmet (2009). Stratejik Derinlik. İstanbul: Kürê Yayınları
- Sözen, Ahmet (2010) “A Paradigm Shift in Turkish Foreign Policy: Transition and Challenges”, Turkish Studies, 11: 1, 103 - 123
- Öniş, Ziya (2011) “Multiple Faces of the “New” Turkish Foreign Policy: Underlying Dynamics and a Critique” in Insight Turkey Vol. 13 / No. 1, pp. 47-65

October 25: The Scarred Region, the Balkans: What is the role of Turkey in Balkans? Which regional and international organizations have a say in this region? Are “old bad days” left behind?

- Greece and Turkey in the Balkans: Cooperation or Rivalry? by Othon Anastasakis.
- Turkey's long and winding road to the EU: implications for the Balkans by Gülnur Aybet.
November 1: *The Frozen Region, the Caucasus*: What is the role of energy (gas and oil) in the relations between Turkey and Caucasus? Which states/organizations are facilitators and which are impediments in the peace processes? What are the possible solutions for “Armenian issue”, “Nagorno Karabakh”, Abkhazia and “South Ossetia” problems?

- *Foucault’s Pendulum: Turkey in Central Asia and the Caucasus* by Mustafa Aydın.

November 8: *Black Sea Region*: What are the basic problems that hinder the development of the region? In the long run, how do the reciprocal relations between Turkey, Russia, and Ukraine affect the future of the region? What is the new role of the Organization of Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC) and the EU in the Black Sea?


November 15: *The Rebirth, Russia*: What are the areas of conflict and cooperation? Are Turkey and Russia partners or rivals? What are the conditions of a long-lasting peace in the region?

- *Turkey and Russia: Axis of the Excluded?* by Fiona Hill and Omer Taspinar.
- *Allies or Partners? An Appraisal Of Turkey’s Ties To Russia, 1991-2007* by Lema K. Yanık

November 22: *Panel Week*

November 29: *Mid-Term Exam*

December 6: *The Aegean Siblings: the Turkish-Greek Relations*: What are the turning points in Turkey’s relation with Greece? What are the new opportunities for approaching a resolution in Cyprus problem? What are the roles of EU and UN in this problem?

- The Europeanization of Turkey and its impact on the Cyprus Problem by Kivanç Ulusoy.
December 13: North Africa: What are the respective roles of the NATO, EU, and the UN in North Africa? Does “Arab Spring” affect Turkey? What will be the repercussions of “Greater Africa” for TFP?

- Protopapas, George (2011). *Turkey’s Geopolitical Interests and Middle East Revolts* in International Affairs
- Uchehara, K. (2008) “Continuity and Change in Turkish Foreign Policy Toward Africa” in *Akademik Bakış*, Cilt 2, Sayı 3
- Sağsen, İlhan (2011) “The Arab Spring, Turkish Foreign Policy, and the Foreign Perception” in *Ortadoğu Analiz*, Cilt 3, sayı 31-32

December 20: The Powder Cake: The Middle East: Is Turkey welcomed or disliked in the Middle East? Is Turkey turning her face from West to Middle East? Is Turkey changing its policy towards Israel in the light of the new developments?

- *Middle Easternization of Turkey’s Foreign Policy: Does Turkey Dissociate from the West?* by Tarık Oguzlu.

December 27: Iran: Is Iran a new partner of Turkey in the Middle East? Is this cooperation durable? Considering Iran’s long lasting support of Syria and Lebanon, are alliances a matter of “sect”? How does this sectarian dimension of relations affect Turkey, positively or negatively? In this respect, what are the regional balances that effect Turco-Farsi relations?

- *Iran and Turkey in Central Asia: Opportunities For Rapprochement In The Post Cold War Era* by Ertan Efegil and Leonard A Stone.

January 3: *Review Week*