PS & INTL 460

Political Development in Modern Turkey

Spring 2013

T&Th 2-4pm @ 511 Urban Center

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This course is designed to prove students with an in depth study of political development literature with a focus on modern Turkey. We will examine the role of political parties in Turkey’s political development, electoral politics, economic development, and the changing dynamics of domestic political scene in modern Turkey. Finally, we will examine challenges facing modern Turkey in the post-Cold War era and evaluate the impact of interest group politics on Turkish foreign policy-making.

Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. An act of academic dishonesty (e.g., cheating, plagiarism, and unauthorized possession of examinations) will automatically result in a grade of “F” for the affected assignment and the case will be referred to university authorities.

Readings:
Readings are available on D2L webpage for the class.

Assignments and Grading Policy:
There will be a midterm examination (30 percent of class grade), a term paper (30 percent of class grade) and a comprehensive final examination (40 percent of class grade). Term Papers are due on June 6, 2013.

Assignments:

Week #1-2: Historical background and Political Development

NOTE: THERE IS NO CLASS ON THURSDAY APRIL 4TH.

Week 3: The Early Republic and Challenges of State Building
- Dankwart Rustow, Dankwart. 1959, "The Army and the Founding of the Turkish Republic" World Politics Vol 11, no. 4 (July):543-552.
Other recommended readings:

- National Geographic Magazine (January 1929) "Turkey Goes to School."

Week 4-6: Challenges of Multiparty Politics, Civil-Military Relations, Electoral Politics

Civil-Military Relations:


Other recommended readings:

- Economist "Turkey and its army Erdogan and his generals" February 2, 2013.

Other Readings in Chronological Order:

1. From the First to the Second Republic:


Other recommended readings:


2. Turbulent Multi-party coalitions period:


3. Post-2000 Period:

- Dagi, Ihsan 2012. "Why Turkey Needs a post-Kemalist Order" Insight Turkey 14:1, pp. 29-36

Other recommended readings:

- Pope, Hugh. Erdogan’s Decade

****MIDTERM EXAM WILL BE ON MAY 7th in CLASS****
Week 7-8: Rise of Political Islam
- Kalaycioglu, Ersin 2010. "Justice and Development Party at the Helm: Resurgence of Islam or Restitution of the Right-of-Center Predominant Party?" Turkish Studies. 11:1, pp. 29-44

Other recommended readings:

Week 9-10: External Relations and Prospects for the Future

Other recommended readings:
- Sayar, Sabri(2011) 'Challenges of Triangular Relations: The US, the EU, and Turkish Accession’, South European Society and Politics, 16: 2, 251 — 263.

****FINAL EXAMINATION, June 10 Monday in Class: 10:15-12:05****