**Course Name/Code**: Turkish Politics – CIR301

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**Aims of the Course**
This course aims to acquaint students with the major issues and developments in Turkish politics. The course consists of three distinct modules. The first module is a historical one and provides a review of the political developments from the first multi-party elections in 1946 to 2000s. The aims of this module is to provide the necessary historical background. Civil-military relations will also be covered in this module.

The second module focuses on the main political currents and political parties in Turkey, examining Turkish nationalism, conservatism-Islamism, left-social democracy and Kurdish nationalism. The third and the final module examines the institutional context within which Turkish politics is played out, with individual lectures on the constitution and regime type, electoral system, and voter behavior.

**Course Outcomes**
Upon completion of this course, the student should:
1. be familiar with the history and major issues of Turkish politics
2. be familiar with the major political parties and currents in Turkey
3. be able to analyze the institutional aspects of Turkish politics with special reference to regimetype, electoral system and voter behavior

**Method**
The instructor may use case studies, lectures, questions and exercises from the textbook, Power Point presentations, and student experiences and responses.

**Textbooks**


There are required and recommended readings assigned for each week. Students are required to come to class having made or at least scanned all the required readings. Students are also encouraged to read recommended pieces.

**Attendance Procedure**

Punctuality and regular attendance in classes is of prime importance for successful completion of this course. Students will be expected to arrive for class on time and to remain in class until the end of the class session.

**Course Changes:**

The course syllabus provides a general plan for the course. The professor reserves the right to make periodic changes to the syllabus, including: assignments, case studies, time table, examinations, etc., in order to accommodate the needs of the class as a whole and fulfill the goals of the course.

**Content of The Course**

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**Evaluation Methods and Tools**

A summary of the grading follows:
- **Midterm Exam:** 30%
- **Final Exam:** 40%
- **Paper:** 20%
- **Attendance:** 10%
There will be a midterm exam and a final exam, and students will get points for attendance and participation. Students are also required to prepare a term paper. Examinations will cover material presented in class and in the textbook.

**Class Participation**
Students are encouraged to ask questions to clarify understanding and to discuss and debate the theories, principles, and concepts from the text, case studies, and lectures. Students will be expected to participate in class and will be called upon on a regular and random basis.

Students are expected to come to class having made all the assigned readings for that session. To be successful in the course, the student should expect to spend a minimum of 3-4 hours per week on readings.

**Academic Dishonesty:**
Academic dishonesty will NOT be tolerated. Any student found to be involved in any verifiable incident of academic dishonesty (copying, cheating, plagiarizing, etc.) will receive a grade of “F” for the class.

**READINGS**

**MODULE I - INTRODUCTION AND CHRONOLOGICAL REVIEW**

**Week 1 - Introduction**

**Week 2 - Multi-Party Elections and the DP Rule**
Eric J. Zürcher, Chs. 12 and 13 “The transition to democracy, 1945-50” and “The rule of the democratic party, 1950-60”
Recommended: 
Feroz Ahmad, Ch. 5 “Towards multiparty politics and democracy, 1938-1960”
Ersin Kalaycıoğlu, Ch. 3 “Democracy at work and at risk (1946-1960)”

**Week 3 - 1960s and 1970s - Political Polarization**
Eric J. Zürcher, Ch. 14 “The second Turkish republic, 1960-1980”
Recommended: 
Feroz Ahmad, Ch. 6 “Military guardians, 1960-1980”
Ersin Kalaycıoğlu, Ch. 4 “The second republic (1961-1980)”

**Week 4 - 1980s and 1990s - ANAP Rule and Coalition Governments**
Eric J. Zürcher, Ch. 15 “The third republic, Turkey since 1980”
Recommended: 
Feroz Ahmad, Ch. 7 “The military, the parties and globalization, 1980-2003”
Reşat Kasaba, Ch. 9 “Politics and political parties in republican Turkey” by Feroz Ahmad
Ersin Kalaycıoğlu, Ch. 5 “The third republic (1980-)”

**Week 5- Civil-Military Relations**
*Turkish Studies,* “Turkish civil–military relations: a Latin American comparison” by David Pion-Berlin, 2011
*Turkish Studies,* “The Turkish military’s autonomy, JDP rule and the EU reform process in the 2000s: an assessment of the Turkish version of democratic control of armed forces (DECAF)” by Şule Toktaş and Ümit Kurt, 2010.
Recommended: 
*Turkish Studies,* “Military coups and Turkish democracy, 1960–1980” by George S. Harris, 2011
*Turkish Studies,* “Civil-military relations in Europe, the Middle East and Turkey” by Nil S. Satana, 2011.
MODULE II - MAIN POLITICAL CURRENTS & PARTIES

Week 6 - Turkish Nationalism
Kadroğlu & Keyman, Chs. 4 and 6: “Nationalist discourses in Turkey” by Tanıl Bora and “The genealogy of Turkish nationalism: from civic and ethnic to conservative nationalism in Turkey” by Umut Uzer
Rubin & Heper, Ch. 3 “The Nationalist Action Party: representing the state, the nation or the nationalists?” by Alev Çınar and Burak Arıkan
Recommended:
Hugh Poulton, Ch. 5 “The grey wolve: the pan-Turkist fringe”.
Kadroğlu & Keyman, Ch. 5 “The changing nature of nationalism in Turkey: actors, discourses and the struggle for hegemony” by Umut Özkürmih

Week 7 - Social Democracy and the Left
Bora & Gültekingil, “Türkiye’de sosyalizm tarihinin ana çizgileri” by Murat Belge.
Rubin & Heper, Ch. 7 “The Republican People’s Party” by Ayşe Güneş Ayata
Özgür Mutlu Ulus, Ch. 9 “Conclusion”
Recommended:

Week 8 - Conservatism & Islamism
Yavuz, Ch. 1 “Islamic social movements”
Kerslake, Öktem & Robins, Ch. 5 “Transformation of sufi-based communities in modern Turkey: the Naksibedis, the Nurcu and the Gülen community” by Elizabeth Özdalga
Ümit Cizre, Ch. 8 “The social bases of the Justice and Development Party” by İbrahim Dalmuş and Ertan Aydı
Recommended:
Yavuz, Chs. 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10: “The matrix of Turkish Islamic movements: the Naksibendi sufi order”, “Print-based Islamic discourse: the Nur movement”, “The neo-Nur movement of Fethullah Gülen”, “The National Outlook movement and the rise of the Refah Party” and “The securitization of Islam and the triumph of the AKP”.
Umut Azak, Chs. 3, 4 and 5 “Turkish Islam contested: the ezan debate and secularism”, “Reactionary Islam as violent threat: the Malatya incident” and “Reactionary Islam as creeping threat: Said Nursi and his disciples”.

Week 9 - Kurdish Nationalism
Reşat Kasaba, Ch. 12 “Kurds and the Turkish state” by Hamit Bozarslan
Nicole F. Watts, Ch.2 “New collective challengers: the institutional trajectory of Turkey’s first pro-Kurdish party”
Ali Kemal Özcan, Ch. 3 “Enter the PKK”
Recommended:
Kadroğlu & Keyman, Chs. 9 and 10 “Does Kurdish nationalism have a navel” by Hakan Özoğlu and “Banditry to disloyalty: Turkish nationalisms and the Kurdish question” by Mesut Yeğen
Nicole F. Watts, “Introduction: other routes of resistance”, and Ch. 1 “Early routes: conditions of Kurdish electoral mobilization”
Ali Kemal Özcan, Ch. 4 “The discourse and objectives of the PKK”
International Crisis Group, Europe Report No. 219, “Turkey, the PKK and a Kurdish settlement”, 11 September 2012.

MODULE III - INSTITUTIONS

Week 10 - Constitution and Regime Type
Ergun Özbudun & Ömer Faruk Gençkaya, Chs. 1 and 6 “The history of constitution making in Turkey” and “The constitutional crisis of 2007-2008 and the search for a new constitution”
Political Science Quarterly, “Parliamentary government with a strong president: the post-1989 Turkish experience” by Metin Heper and Menderes Çınar
Recommended:
Gazi Üniversitesi Hukuk Fakültesi Dergisi, “2007 anayasa değişikliğinin doğduğu tereddütler ve çözüm yolları” by Bülent Yavuz

**Week 11- Electoral System and the Party System**
*Turkish Studies*, “The electoral system and the 2007 elections: effects and debates” by William Hale, 2008
Sayarı & Esmer, Ch.1 “The changing party system” by Sabri Sayarı

Recommended:
*Turkish Studies*, “Extreme instability in electoral system changes: the Turkish case” by Burak Cop, 2011
*Turkish Studies*, “Towards a new Turkish party system?” by Sabri Sayarı, 2007

**Week 12- Voter Behavior**
*Turkish Studies*, “Attitudinal orientation to party organizations in Turkey in the 2000s” by Ersin Kalaycıoğlu, 2008
Kalaycıoğlu & Çarkoğlu, Ch. 7 “Explaining the vote choice in November 2002”

Recommended:
Sayarı & Esmer (Eds.), Chs. 5 and 7 “At the ballot box: determinants of voting behavior” by Yılmaz Esmer and “Ethnic and religious bases of voting” by Ayşe-Güneş Ayata and Sencer Ayata