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A Comparative Analysis of İsmail Cem and Ahmet Davutođlu's Legacies in Turkish Foreign Policies

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İsmail Cem and Ahmet Davutođlu are two important ministers of foreign affairs who have played important roles in shaping Post-Cold War era Turkish foreign policy. The theoretical perspectives through which these two politically and personally different ministers understood foreign affairs, and in particular the different importance they accord to cultural variables in foreign policy making has been decisive in the way Turkish foreign policy was shaped in the last two decades. In essence, one can say that in a scale ranging from the pure realist to the pure utopian as depicted by E. H. Carr, İsmail Cem should be posited closer to the realist end while Ahmet Davutođlu should be posited closer to the utopian one. This difference has led the variables of identity, history and culture (already regarded as significant power elements in the Cem era) to be viewed as power multipliers during the Davutođlu era.

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