**Antalya Bilim University**

**Department of Political Science and International Relations**

**POLS 311 - Turkish Politics**

**Fall 2019**

Class time & Place: Wed 14.00 – 15.30 & Th 11.00 – 12.30 / A1 95

Office hours: T 10.00-12.00

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In this course, Turkish history in the 20th and early 21st centuries will be discussed beginning from the collapse of the Ottoman Empire. Political, economic, social and cultural developments will be analyzed in the light of global developments. In addition, their reflections in contemporary Turkey will be discussed. The course will be conducted on the basis of an interactive learning process in the sense that first the instructor will introduce the subject matter of the week to students and then in-class debate will start. Power point presentations will be offered.

**Course books:**

Stanford Shaw, *History of the Ottoman Empire and Modern Turkey v.2* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2002)

Reşat Kasaba (ed.), *The Cambridge History of Turkey v.4* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2008)

Erik J. Zürcher, *Turkey A Modern History* (Leiden: I.B. Tauris, 2004)

**Developing Graduate Attributes**

Students will be encouraged to develop the following graduate attributes by undertaking the course activities and mastering the course contents. These attributes will be assessed within the assessment tasks:

* skills involved in scholarly enquiry;
* an in-depth engagement with the relevant disciplinary knowledge;
* the capacity for analytical and critical thinking;
* the ability to engage in independent and reflective learning.

**Academic Honesty and Plagiarism**

**I would like to stress that academic honesty and ethics are key characteristics of a higher education. Academic dishonesty, including cheating on exams, plagiarism, and/or signing attendance sheets on behalf of others will not be tolerated and can result in serious consequences for you, ranging from probation to expulsion. Any student engaging in such activities will be dealt with in accordance with university policy. It is your responsibility to know what constitutes plagiarism and to be familiar with all university polices.**

**Assessment Criteria:**

1. **Attendance & Participation (30%)**: Attendance and participation make up 30 % of your overall course grade. Students are expected to read the assigned chapters and other readings before the class. They are expected to participate class discussions and present their views and answer questions. Students are required to exhibit proper discipline, behavior, and responsibility.
2. **Midterm (30%):** Students are responsible for all class materials covered until the midterm exam.
3. **Final exam (40%)**: This exam is cumulative and will focus on all units and topics studied throughout the course, but emphasis will be after midterm.

**Course Schedule**

**WEEK 1 (16-20 Sep) Introduction**

**WEEK 2 (23-27 Sept) An Overview of the 20th Century**

Recommended Reading: Eric Hobsbawm, *The Age of Extremes 1914-1991* (London: Abacus, 1995)

**WEEK 3 (30 Sept-4 Oct) The Disintegration of the Ottoman Empire 1908-1918**

Shaw, 273-334; Kasaba, 62-111. Read also Zürcher, 93-132.

**WEEK 4 (7-11 Oct) War of Independence and the Early Years of the Republic 1918-1930**

**Shaw, 340-369; Kasaba, 112-146. Read also Zürcher, 166-177.**

**WEEK 5 (14-18 Oct) Turkey in the 1930s**

**Shaw, 369-396; Zürcher, 182-203. Read also Kasaba, 147-172.**

**WEEK 6 (21-25 Oct) WWII and Transition to Democracy 1939-1950**

Shaw, 396-405; Zürcher, 203-218. Read also Kasaba, 226-239.

**WEEK 7 (28 Oct-1 Nov) Democrat Party Period 1950-1960**

**Shaw; 405-413; Zürcher, 221-241. Read also Kasaba, 266-300.**

**WEEK 8 (4-8 Nov) Midterm Exam**

**WEEK 9 (11-15 Nov) No course!!!**

**WEEK 10 (18-22 Nov) The First Military Intervention and Its Aftermath: 1960s**

**Shaw, 413-433; Zürcher, 241-258. Read also Kasaba, 301-332.**

**WEEK 11 (25-29 Nov) Turbulent Years: 1970s**

**Zürcher, 258-278.**

**WEEK 12 (2-6 Dec) The Turning Point: Coup d’état in 1980**

**Zürcher, 278-337.**

**WEEK 13 (9-13 Dec) Turkey in the Age of Neoliberalism: 1990s**

**Zürcher, 278-337; Kasaba, 357-380.**

**WEEK 14 (16-20 Dec) Turkey in the New Millennium: JDP Period**