

Antalya Bilim University
Department of Political Science and International Relations
POLS 427/POLS 477
Civil-Military Relations: Theory and Practice
Fall 2023

Class time: Thursday 13.00-15.50
Classroom: A2-93
Office hours: Thursday 09.00-11.00

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Civilian control of armed forces has long been discussed in various fields of social sciences varying from Comparative Politics to Sociology. The nature of the relations between military bureaucracy, civilian bureaucracy and elected political authorities relies on different models in different countries. This course examines the main debates, theories and models of civil-military relations (CMR) with reference to specific cases. The course combines readings on theoretical models of CMR with studies on specific country examples. Wide array of country examples are focused throughout the semester varying from Turkey to Africa, Latin America and Asia.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Upon the successful completion of this course, students are supposed to be able to:

- **Develop** an analytical understanding of what democratic control of armed forces means.
- **Comprehend** several concepts that are central to the study of relations between military and civilians.
- **Develop** an interest in specific cases of civil-military relations.
- **Apply** the theories of CMR to the delineation of country examples.

COURSE STRUCTURE

This course relies on the combination of lectures by the instructor on various topics of CMR on a weekly basis and group presentations by students on country applications.

- 1) **LECTURES:** Lectures are not designed in a classical format. Rather, lecture sessions require an active interaction among students and the instructor. **Students are required to read the lecture material before coming to lectures and contribute to the discussions during the lecture hours.**

2) **GROUP PRESENTATIONS**

Starting from Week 5, there will be group presentations on country examples relevant to that respective week's lecture topic. Throughout the semester, there will be eight group presentations. Each student in the class will give two presentations until the end of the semester. Before the midterm, there will be three presentations. In the post-midterm, there will be eight presentations. All students will present both in pre and post-midterm. Number of the students in groups will be determined based on the class population. Group presentations require group work. Every student in a group is responsible from the all aspects of the presentation topics. Presentations will be followed by a question and answer session, in which students and the instructor will ask questions about the presentation topic and discuss. Presentations will be 20-25 minutes. All students in a group are supposed to assume roles in the oral presentations. A presentation guideline will be provided to students.

COURSE POLICIES

- **ANNOUNCEMENT POLICY:** All information regarding the course will either be announced in class or be sent to your ABU e-mail address. Check your e-mail regularly. It is your responsibility to beware the information announced through e-mail.
- **ATTENDANCE POLICY:** Students are supposed to attend the course regularly. Attendance will be taken and ABU regulations on attendance will be followed.
- **CLASSROOM CONDUCT:** You are expected to act according to the rules of class conduct and courtesy. Any form of hate speech, discriminatory discourse and disruptive behavior are not welcome and tolerated.
- **MOBILE PHONE POLICY:** Make sure that your mobile phones are switched off during class time. Recording the class is not allowed.
- **MAKE-UP POLICY:** Requests for midterm exam make-ups will be considered only for students with a medical condition. Make-up requests are submitted to Dean's Office and decision to grant a make-up is taken by the Faculty Board. If an emergency arises, student needs to contact me before or immediately after the midterm exam.

ACADEMIC HONESTY

There will be zero-tolerance to any form of academic dishonesty. Plagiarism, cheating during exams and any other attempt of academic dishonesty will result in disciplinary action. Please see the Departmental Student Handbook for specific information about academic honesty and plagiarism. Please be reminded that **use of Artificial Intelligence for the production of**

assignment content is an utter violation of academic integrity. Students are responsible for making sure that their assignments do not contain any form of academic dishonesty. Please consult the instructor for situations that you are not certain about your references in your assignments.

SHORT ESSAYS

Students will submit three short essays throughout the semesters. Length of a short essay is 700 to 900 words. These essay assignments will cover thematic debates varying from theoretical frameworks to country analysis. Essays will be written in a short op-ed format. Assignment guidelines will be provided by the instructor. First short essay's grade will be considered as part of the midterm exam. **Students have to submit at least two of the three assignments in order to be eligible to take the final exam and pass the class.**

Short Essay 1 Deadline: 16.11.2023

Short Essay 2 Deadline: 7.12.2023

Short Essay 3 Deadline: 30.12.2023

ASSESSMENT

Midterm: 25%

- Short Essay 1: 5%

Final Exam: 40%

Presentation 1: 7%

Presentation 2: 7%

- Short Essay 2: 5%

- Short Essay 3: 6%

Participation: 5%

Course Schedule

Week 1: Introduction of the Syllabus and Course (5.10.2023)

Material: Course Syllabus

Week 2: Concepts, Debates and the Problematique of CMR (12.10.2023)

Readings:

Finer, S.E. (2002). *The Man on Horseback: The Role of Military in Politics*. Transaction Publishers: London, Ch. 1, Ch.2, Ch.3 (pp. 1-23).

Feaver, P. D. (1996). The civil-military problematique: Huntington, Janowitz, and the question of civilian control. *Armed Forces & Society*, 23(2), 149-178. **(Only pages between 150-158)**.

Week 3: Democratic Control of Armed Forces (19.10.2023)

Readings:

Kohn, R. H. (1997). How democracies control the military. *Journal of Democracy*, 8(4), 140-153.

Feaver, P. D. (1999). Civil-military relations. *Annual Review of Political Science*, 2(1), 211-241.

Week 4: Theories of Civil-Military Relations (26.10.2023)

Readings:

Huntington, S. P. (1957). *The soldier and the state: The theory and politics of civil–military relations*. Harvard University Press., Ch. 4.

Feaver, P. D. (1996). The civil-military problematique: Huntington, Janowitz, and the question of civilian control. *Armed Forces & Society*, 23(2), 149-178.

Burk, J. (2002). Theories of democratic civil-military relations. *Armed Forces & Society*, 29(1), 7-29.

Week 5: Democratic Control in the Developing World (2.11.2023)

Readings:

Powell, J. M., & Thyne, C. L. (2011). Global instances of coups from 1950 to 2010: A new dataset. *Journal of Peace Research*, 48(2), 249-259.

Perlmutter, A. (1969). The praetorian state and the praetorian army: Toward a taxonomy of civil-military relations in developing polities. *Comparative Politics*, 1(3), 382-404.

Presentation 1

- Case relevant to the week to be picked by the group.
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Week 6: Political Economy of CMR and Military-Industrial Complex (9.11.2023)

Readings:

Fallows, J. (2002). The military-industrial complex. *Foreign Policy*, (133), 46-48.

Mani, K. (2011). Militares empresarios: approaches to studying the military as an economic actor. *Bulletin of Latin American Research*, 30(2), 183-197.

Mani, K. (2007). Militaries in business: State-making and entrepreneurship in the developing world. *Armed Forces & Society*, 33(4), 591-611.

Karabelias, G. (2008). Dictating the Upper Tide: Civil–Military Relations in the Post-Özal Decade, 1993–2003. *Turkish Studies*, 9(3), 457-473.

Presentation 2:

- Case relevant to the week to be picked by the group.
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Week 7: CMR and Gender Debates (16.11.2023)

Readings:

Carreiras, H. (2015). Gender and civil-military relations. *Gender and civil-military relations*, (1), 1-18.

Klein, U. (2002). The gender perspective of civil-military relations in Israeli society. *Current Sociology*, 50(5), 669-686.

Klein, U. (1999). "Our Best Boys" The Gendered Nature of Civil-Military Relations in Israel. *Men and Masculinities*, 2(1), 47-65.

Presentation 3:

- Case relevant to the week to be picked by the group.
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Week 8: Midterm Week (23.11.2023)

Week 9: CMR in Turkey-1 (30.11.2023)

Readings:

Sarigil, Z. (2011). Civil-military relations beyond dichotomy: With special reference to Turkey. *Turkish Studies*, 12(2), 265-278.

Narli, N. (2000). Civil-military relations in Turkey. *Turkish Studies*, 1(1), 107-127.

Karaosmanoğlu, A. L. (2011). Transformation of Turkey's civil-military relations culture and international environment. *Turkish Studies*, 12(2), 253-264.

Presentation 4:

- Civil Military Relations in Turkey between 1850s and 1960.
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Week 10: CMR in Turkey-2 (7.12.2023)

Readings:

Güney, A., & Karatekelioğlu, P. (2005). Turkey's EU candidacy and civil-military relations: Challenges and prospects. *Armed Forces & Society*, 31(3), 439-462.

Jenkins, G. (2007). Continuity and change: prospects for civil—military relations in Turkey. *International Affairs*, 83(2), 339-355.

Narli, N. (2011). Concordance and discordance in Turkish civil-military relations, 1980–2002. *Turkish Studies*, 12(2), 215-225.

Karabelias, G. (1999). The evolution of civil-military relations in post-war Turkey, 1980–95. *Middle Eastern Studies*, 35(4), 130-151.

Heper, M. (2011). Civil-Military Relations in Turkey: Toward a Liberal Model?. *Turkish Studies*, 12(2), 241-252.

Cizre, U. (2004). Problems of democratic governance of civil-military relations in Turkey and the European Union enlargement zone. *European Journal of Political Research*, 43(1), 107-125.

Presentation 5:

- Civil Military Relations in Turkey since 1960.
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Week 11: CMR in Africa (14.12.2023)

Readings:

Decalo, Samuel (1990). *Coups and Army Rule in Africa*. USA: Yale University Press, pp.89-132.

Wiking, Staffan (1983). *Military Coups in Sub-Saharan Africa. How to Justify Illegal Assumptions of Power*. Sweden: Scandinavian Institute of African Studies, pp.16-67.

Clark, John (2007): The Decline of the African Military Coup. *Journal of Democracy* 18 (3): 141-155.

Presentation 6:

- An African case to be picked by the presentation group.
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Week 12: CMR in Latin America (21.12.2023)

Readings:

Pion-Berlin, D. (2009). Defense organization and civil—military relations in Latin America. *Armed Forces & Society*, 35(3), 562-586.

Loveman, B. (1991). ¿ Misión Cumplida? Civil Military Relations and the Chilean Political Transition. *Journal of Interamerican Studies and World Affairs*, 33(3), 35-74.

Ruhl, J. M. (1998). Changing civil-military relations in Latin America. Review Essay: *Latin American Research Review*

Presentation 7:

- A Latin American case to be picked by the presentation group
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Week 13: CMR in Asia (28.12.2023)

Readings:

Croissant, A. (2011). Civilian control over the military in East Asia. *The East Asia Institute Fellows Program Working Paper Series*, 31.

Kwok, J. C. (2010). *Explaining civil-military relations in Southeast Asia* (Doctoral dissertation, Massachusetts Institute of Technology), Ch. 3.

Presentation 8:

- An Asian case to be picked by the presentation group
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Week 14: Review of the Semester (4.12.2023)
