

Turkish Foreign Policy and Security Policy
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How does Turkey make her foreign policy? Is Turkey's foreign policy best be described as a rational response to the constraints and opportunities existing in their external environments? Or do factors internal to the state – the mindsets and psychological predispositions of political leaders, public opinion, economic interest groups, political culture, political structures, bureaucratic conflicts, and other factors – play a significant role? How do external and internal factors interact in the processes leading to the foreign policy actions of Turkey? Is the foreign policy-making process in Turkey different in times of crisis than at other times? How do we explain Turkey's foreign policy behavior in some of the leading crises of the 21th century?

This course examines the determinants, mechanisms and dynamics of Turkish foreign and security policy. The goal of the course is to prepare students to both critically evaluate the literature on Turkish foreign policy and to analyze current developments. We will investigate the influence of internal and international environment, leadership, psychology and paradigm in Turkish foreign policy. We will also analyze the current trends in Ankara's foreign policy in order to understand where we are heading and what is likely to be the future place of Turkey in international system.

COURSE TEXTS

There is no single text. No reader. A number of texts will be assigned to each class as readings to be discussed in class which will take the form of a circle. Students are encouraged to ask critical questions and develop interdisciplinary comparative reflections on the different issues.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Assessment/Evaluation:

Attendance & Participation	10%
Surprise Quiz	10%
Mid-term Exam	30%
Term Paper/Essay	20%
Final Exam	30%

Class Preparation

Kindly bring to each class:

1. One (or possibly two or even three) quote(s) from the day's reading that, in your opinion, best represents or indicates a central theme or argument. You should be ready to explain why it is you think this quote is central/crucial. A brief justification for your choice should be written out below the quote.
2. At least two questions or critical comments you have about the day's reading. They could challenge the author's argument or raise an issue unexamined by the author or indicate the need for further clarification of some concept or portion of the text being examined. Please be ready to raise these questions or comments in class.

Term Paper & Essay: Please choose a topic and formulate **an essay topic based on a question** as early as possible. Comparative papers are encouraged. I highly encourage you to approach me to discuss it. It should be between **2000-2500 words. NO MORE, NO LESS.** If required, your presentation will be based on your essay. **DEADLINE 4 DECEMBER.**

Note on Attendance: Attendance will be taken and absences should **not exceed %20 of total class time.** Those exceed the limits without a medical certificate or any other emergency excuse required **Dean's approval** either to take final exam or to be withdrawn from the course. If, for unavoidable reasons, you are unable to make it to a class on time, you are welcome to join us when you are able. However, you should notify me in advance. Habitual lateness is unacceptable. If you are late or miss a class we miss your contribution and presence. We are a group, and I wish students would have this sense of us being an academic "community".

NOTE ON PLAGIARISM

The discovery of any instance of plagiarism will result in an automatic failure for the course with no opportunity for withdrawal from the course. This will be in addition to the filing of a report on the incident with the Academic Integrity Committee, as mandated by university policy. If you are uncertain about the definition of plagiarism, please ask me before submitting work for this course.

COURSE OUTLINE

1st Week:

18 September: Introduction

How to analyze Turkish foreign policy? What do you want to know and why on Turkish foreign policy? Why do we always talk about “foreign” in the both western and the non-western world and what is so “important” about “analyzing” it?

2nd Week: Historical Determinants: the Cold War Era

25 September

Mustafa Aydın. “Determinants of Turkish Foreign Policy: Changing Patterns and Conjunctures during the Cold War”, *Middle East Studies*, vol. 36, no. 1 (January 2000), pp. 103-139.

3rd Week: Changes and Confusion: Post Cold War Era until 2002

2 October

Alan Makovsky, “The New Activism in Turkish Foreign Policy,” *SAIS Review* 19, no. 1 (1999): 92-113.

Muhittin Ataman, "Leadership Change: Ozal Leadership and Restructuring in Turkish Foreign Policy", *Alternatives*, Vol.1, No.1, 2002: 120-153.

4th Week: Intellectual Dimensions: Ideas, Perceptions and Vision

16 October

Kemal Kirişçi “The Transformation of Turkish Foreign Policy: The Rise of the Trading State,” *New Perspectives on Turkey*, 40, 2009: 29-57.

Ahmet Davutoğlu. "Turkey's Foreign Policy Vision: An Assessment of 2007", *Insight Turkey*, vol. 10, no. 1 (2008), pp. 77-96.

Burhanettin Duran, “Understanding AK Party's Identity Politics: A Civilizational Discourse and its Limitations, *Insight Turkey*, Vol.15, No.1, 2013: 91-109.

5th Week: Institutional Dimensions: Who Makes Turkish Foreign Policy?

23 October

İbrahim Kalın, “Turkish foreign policy Framework, values, and mechanisms”, *International Journal*, LXVII.1 (2012): 7-21

Esra Çuhadar-Gürkaynak and Binnur Özkeçeci-Taner, “Decision Making Process Matters: Lessons Learned from Two Turkish Foreign Policy Cases,” *Turkish Studies*, 5 (2), 2004: 43-78.

Gencer Özcan, “Facing Its Waterloo in Diplomacy: Turkey’s Military in the Foreign Policy Making Process,” *New Perspectives on Turkey* (Spring 2009), 83-102.

6th Week: Turkey and the Middle East

30 October

Mehmet Ozkan. "Turkish Activism in the Middle East after 1990s: Towards a Periodization of Three Waves" *Turkish Review of Middle East Studies* 17 (2006): 157-185.

Meliha Benli Altunışık, “Worldviews and Turkish Foreign Policy in the Middle East,” *New Perspectives on Turkey* (Spring 2009), 169-192

7th Week: Turkey and the West

6 November

Saban Kardaş, “Turkish-American Relations in the 2000s: Revisiting the Basic Parameters of Partnership?”, *Perceptions*, Vol XVI, No 3, 2011: 25-52.
John Redmond, “Turkey and the European Union: Troubled European or European Trouble?” *International Affairs*, 83: 2 (2007), 305-317.

8th Week: 13 November – Mid-Term Exam

9th Week: Turkey and the Emerging Powers

27 November

Mehmet Ozkan, “A New Approach to Global Security: Pivotal Middle Powers and Global Politics”, *Perceptions: Journal of International Affairs*, Vol XI, No 1, 2006, pp.77-95.
Text on MIKTA and South-South Dialogue

10th Week: Turkey and Eurasia

4 December

Bülent Aras and Hakan Fidan, “Turkey and Eurasia: Frontiers of a New Geographic Imagination”, *New Perspectives on Turkey*, No. 40 (Fall 2009), pp. 195–217.
Fatih Özbay, “The Relations between Turkey and Russia in the 2000s”, *Perceptions*, Vol XVI, No 3, 2011: 69-92.

11th Week: Turkey and Africa

11 December

Mehmet Ozkan and Birol Akgun, "Turkey's Opening to Africa", *The Journal of Modern African Studies*, 48.4 (2010): 525-546.
Mehmet Ozkan, “Does “Rising Power” Mean “Rising Donor”? Turkey's Development Aid in Africa”, *Africa Review* 5.2 (2013): 139-147.

12th Week: Turkey and Latin America

18 December

Ariel GONZÁLEZ LEVAGGI, “Turkey and Latin America: A New Horizon for a Strategic Relationship”, *Perceptions*, Vol XVIII, No4, 2013, pp. 99-116.
Text on Latin America & the Middle East Comparison

13th Week: Discussion: The Future of Turkish Foreign Policy

25 December

Ziya Öniş and Şuhnaz Yılmaz, “Between Europeanization and Euro-Asianism: Foreign Policy Activism in Turkey During the AKP Era,” *Turkish Studies*, March 2009: 7-24
Tariq Oğuzlu, “Middle Easternization of Turkey’s Foreign Policy: Does Turkey Disassociate from the West?” *Turkish Studies*, 9 (1), 2008: 3-20.

14th Week: 2 January 2015 Final Exam