Ata 551 Foreign Policy of the Republic

Course description:

Analysis of the Turkish Foreign Policy. The goal of the course is to make the students familiar with the problems of the Turkish Foreign Policy as well as with the major developments in the Balkans, Middle East, Caucasus and Central Asia. The course will concentrate its focus on the post-Cold war period with special emphasis on the regional policies of the Turkish Republic.

The basic requirements:

1) required readings in this syllabus,

2) regular attendance and participation in class discussions,

3) Participants will be expected to make a presentation or presentations. There is no final examination. The students will write a research paper (10-15 single spaced pages) on a related topic.

Evaluation:

Grades will be weighted as follows:

Presentation or presentations  40 %
Research paper              60 %
1) Some Aspects of the International Relations


2) Foreign Policy and Modern Diplomacy


3) History of Turkish Foreign Policy

William Hale, “Foreign Relations of the late Ottoman Empire Turkish Foreign Policy,” in William Hale, Turkish Foreign Policy 1774-2000, 2000, pp. 13-43.


William Hale, Turkey and the Second World War, 1939-1945, in William Hale, Turkish Foreign Policy since 1774, pp. 56-77.


4) Turkish Foreign Policy During the Cold War


Yasemin Çelik, “Fluctuations in Cold War Foreign Policy” in Yasemin Çelik, Contemporary Turkish Foreign Policy, 1999, pp. 46-75.

Turkish Foreign Policy after the Cold War

5) Turkey and the West


Nilüfer Karacasulu, İ. Aşkar Karakır, “EU Turkey Relations in the Context of the Middle East after the Arab Spring,” Insight Turkey, Vol. 16, No. 4, 2004, pp. 201-219.


Michael M. Gunter, “Iraq, Syria, ISIS and the Kurds: Geostrategic Concerns for the USA and Turkey,” Middle East Policy, Vol. XXII, no. 1, Spring 2015, pp. 102-111.

6) Turkey, Balkans and the Black Sea Region

William Hale, Turkey and Regional Politics after the Cold War I, in William Hale, Turkish Foreign Policy since 1774, pp. 202-206.


7) Turco-Greek Relations


8) The Cyprus Question


9) Turkey and the Middle East


Mark N. Katz, “The International Relations of the Arab Spring,” Middle East Policy, Vol. xxı, No. 2, Summer 2014, pp. 76-84.


Umut Uzer, “Turkish-Israeli Relations: Their Rise and Fall,” Middle East Policy, 2013, pp. 97-110.


10) Turkey, Caucasus and Central Asia


Ali Alipour, “Turkey’s Stance Towards the Main Developments in the South-Caucasus,” Insight Turkey, Vol.17, No. 1, 2015, pp. 191-211.


11) Towards a New Foreign Policy

Kemal Kirişçi, The Transformation of Turkish Foreign Policy: The Rise of the Trading State, New Perspectives on Turkey, Spring 2009, pp. 29-54.


Baskın Oran, “Preface: A Proactive Policy with many Hunches on the Back,” in K. Öktem, A. Kadıoğlu, M. Karlı, (eds.), Another Empire? A Decade of Turkey’s Foreign Policy under the Justice and Development Party, 2012, pp. XV-XXIII.


Fuat Keyman, “Turkish Foreign Policy in the post-Arab Spring Era: from Proactive to Buffer State, Third World Quarterly, 2016.