



Department of Near Eastern Studies
Islam, Empire, and Modernity: Turkey from the Caliphs to the
21st Century [HA]

Description and Objective:

A seminar begins with ancient civilizations and ends with Turkey in the twenty-first century. It provides an analysis of change and continuity in Turkish society with a strong focus on history. Emphasis will also be on major cultural transformations. The compression of so much history and culture into a six-week seminar necessitates certain choices and omissions, as well as the privileging of trends and analyzes over facts and figures. Students read at least one book on a major subject to be discussed in the course.

Requirements/Grading:

Students will be graded on one oral presentation, two 2-3 page research papers, a 15-20 page final paper, and their performance on the language component.

Arrival:

Weekend of June 21-22, 2008

Settling in

Weekly Daily Schedule, Monday – Thursday:

9:30 – 10:20 am	Language Study
10:30 - 1:00 pm	Seminar
1:00 – 2:00 pm	Lunch
2:00 - 4:00 pm	Lectures, Tuesdays and Thursdays [when scheduled]
8:00 – 10:00 pm	Weekly film evening [5]
Fridays	Community Service [options will be made available once the interests of the students has been established]

Tentative Syllabus

Week 1: Before the Turks: Anatolian Civilizations:

June 23-26

1. Ancient Anatolian Civilizations: Ahmet Ünal, *The Hittites and Anatolian Civilizations* (Istanbul, 1999). 2. The Byzantine World: Nevra Necipoglu, *Byzantine Constantinople: Monuments, Topography, and Everyday Life* (Leiden, 2001). 3. Turks Are Coming! Peter B. Golden, *An Introduction to the History of the Turkic Peoples: Ethnogenesis and State-formation in Medieval and Early modern Eurasia and the Middle East* (Wiesbaden, 1992). 5. The Seljuks: Tamara T. Rice, *The Seljuks in Asia Minor* (London, 1961). 5. A Muslim Roman Empire? M. Fuat Köprülü, *Some Observations on the Influence of Byzantine Institutions on Ottoman Institutions* (Ankara, 1999).

Excursion: Bursa

Week 2: Turkish Art and architecture from Topkapı Palace to Modern

Turkish Architecture:

June 30-July 3

1. Architecture and Ottoman Power: Gülru Necipoglu, *Architecture, Ceremonial, and Power: The Topkapi Palace in the Fifteenth and Sixteenth Centuries* (New York, 1991). 2. Ottoman Provincial Architecture: Heghnar Zeitlian Watenpaugh, *The Image of an Ottoman City: Imperial Architecture and Urban Experience in Aleppo in the 16th and 17th Centuries* (Leiden, 2004). 3. The New Architecture: Zeynep Çelik, *Displaying the Orient: Architecture of Islam at Nineteenth-century World's Fairs* (Berkeley, 1991). 4. Remaking of the Ottoman World: Zeynep Çelik, *The Remaking of Istanbul: Portrait of an Ottoman City in the Nineteenth Century* (Berkeley, 1993). 5. Modern Turkish Architecture: Renata Holod and Ahmet Evin (eds.), *Modern Turkish Architecture* (Philadelphia, 1984).

Excursion: Istanbul Palaces, Topkapı to Dolmabahçe Palace

Week 3: Pax Ottomana: An Empire on Three Continents:

July 7-10

1. Ottoman origins: Cemal Kafadar, *Between Two Worlds: The Construction of the Ottoman State* (Berkeley, 1995). 2. Ottoman establishment: Colin Imber, *The Ottoman Empire: The Structure of Power, 1300-1650* (Cambridge, 2002). 3. Suraiya Faroqhi, *Ottoman Culture: Subjects of the Sultan: Culture and Daily Life in the Ottoman Empire* (London, 2000). 4. Ottoman Social Structure: Halil İnalcık (ed.), *An Economic and Social History of the Ottoman Empire* (Cambridge, 1997). 5. Ottoman Art and Architecture: Gülru Necipoglu, *The Age of Sinan: Architectural Culture in the Ottoman Empire* (Princeton, 2005).

Excursion: Edirne

Week 4:

Sick Man of Europe: Ottoman Reform and Collapse 1789-1918:

July 14-17

1. Ottoman Reform Era: Roderic Davison, *Reform in the Ottoman Empire* (Princeton, 1962). 2. Eastern Question: Anderson, M. S, *The Eastern Question, 1774-1923* (London: MacMillan, 1966). 3. Ottoman Economical Decline and Collapse: Christopher Clay, *Gold for the Sultan: Western Bankers and Ottoman Finance* (London, 2000). 4. Nationalist Movements in the Late Ottoman Empire: M. Sükrü Hanioglu, *A Brief History of the Late Ottoman Empire* (Princeton, 2008) 5. Ottoman Legacy: L. Carl Brown (ed)., *Imperial Legacy: The Ottoman Imprint on the Balkans and the Middle East* (New York: 1996).

Excursion: Selanik [overnight]

Week 5:

Turkey from the Great Savior to Islamists

July 21-24

1. Secularism in a Muslim Society-The Case of Turkey: Yael Navaro-Yashin, *Faces of the State: Secularism and Public Life in Turkey* (Princeton, 2002). 2. Islam in Modern Turkey: M. Hakan Yavuz, *Islamic Political Identity in Turkey* (Oxford, 2005). 3. Turkish Democracy and Citizenship in the Twenty-First Century: E. Fuat Keyman (ed)., *Citizenship in a Global World : European Questions and Turkish Experiences* (London, 2005). 4. Anatolian Tigers-Turkish Economy in the Post-Özal Era: Ziya Önis, *State and Market: The Political Economy of Turkey in Comparative Perspective* (Istanbul, 1998). 5. Kurdish Question and Its Evolution: Henri J. Barkey and Graham E. Fuller, *Turkey's Kurdish Question* (Lanham, MD, 1998).

Excursion; Skopje [overnight]

Week 6:

From Divans to Orhan Pamuk: The Elongated Journey of Turkish Literature

July 28-31

1. A Poetic Culture: Walter G. Andrews, Najaat Black, and Mehmet Kalpaklı (eds)., *Ottoman Lyric Poetry: An Anthology* (Seattle, 2006). 2. Age of Beloveds: Walter G. Andrews and Mehmet Kalpaklı (eds)., *Love and the Beloved in Early-modern Ottoman and European Culture and Society* (Durham, 2005). 3. A Different Culture-The World of Novels: Robert P. Finn, *The Early Turkish Novel, 1872-1900* (Istanbul, 1984). 4. Poetry in a Non-poetical Culture: Talat Sait Halman (ed)., *A Brave New Quest : 100 Modern*

Turkish Poems (Syracuse, 2006). 5. Istanbul through the Lenses of a Nobel Laureate: Orhan Pamuk, *Istanbul: Memories and the City* (New York, 2005).

Farewell Dinner – Boat trip on the Bosphorus

Departure: August 2, 2008

Additional Readings: M. Sükrü Hanioglu, *A Brief History of the Late Ottoman Empire* (Princeton, 1998) Michael E. Meeker, *A Nation of Empire: The Ottoman Legacy of Turkish Modernity* (Berkeley, 2002). Nicole and John Pope, *Turkey Unveiled: Atatürk and After* (London, 1997).



Ayasofya Museum, Istanbul

Faculty Directors

M. Sukru Hanioglu, professor of Near Eastern Studies at Princeton, lectures primarily on late Ottoman political and diplomatic history, late Ottoman history, and Turkish political life. His teaching has taken him to Istanbul and Bosphorus Universities and the Turkish Naval Academy, as well as Columbia University, the University of Wisconsin, the University of Michigan, and the University of Chicago. He is the author of a three-volume work on the history of the Committee of Union and Progress during the period from 1889 to 1908, from its foundation to the Young Turk Revolution. The three volumes were published in 1986, 1992, and 1995. Ph.D. Istanbul University.

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PIIRS Global Seminar in Istanbul

SCHEDULE of Activities

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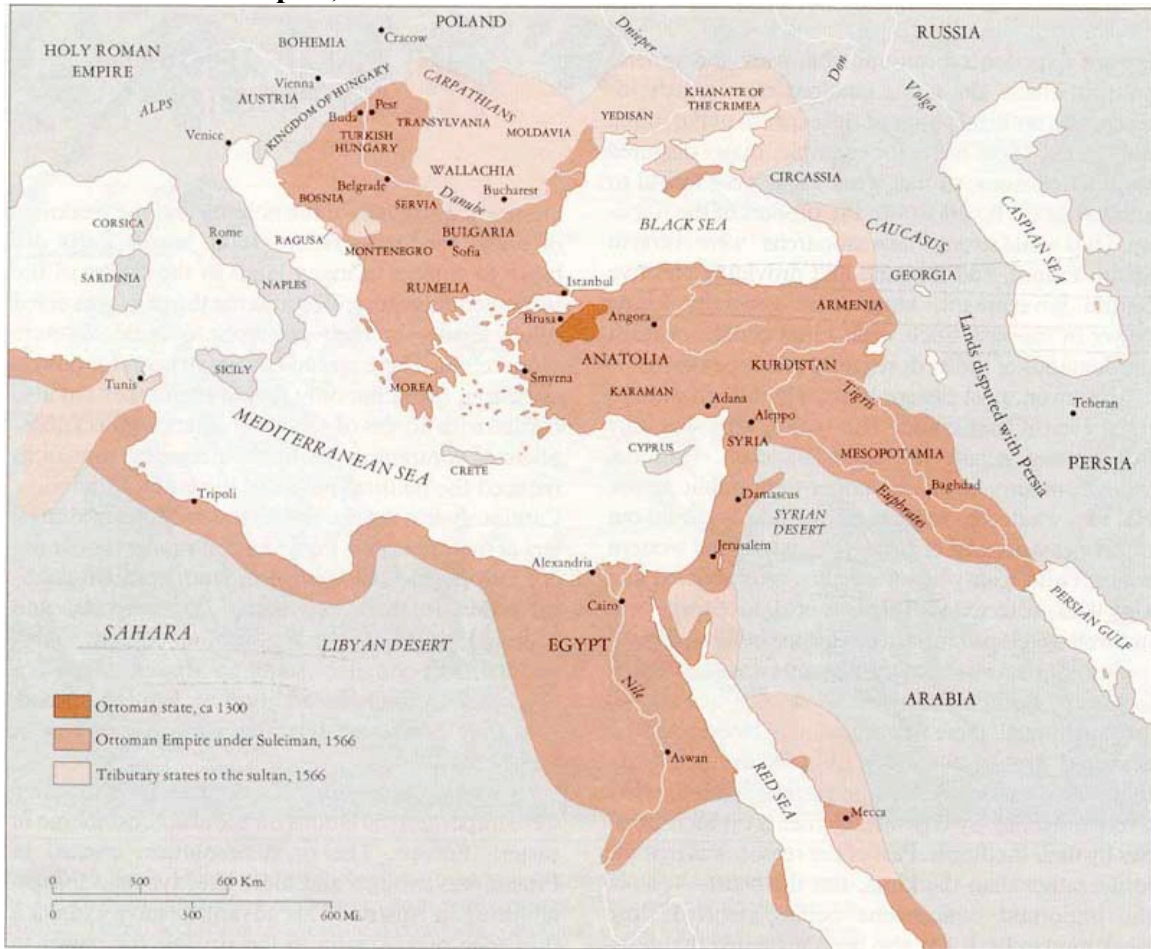
DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	PLACE	CONTACT
June 21-22 weekend	arrival in Istanbul	Settling in the dorms; Joint Dinner	Acclimation . . . Welcome Party?	Erika Gilson Koç Coordinator Suhnaz Yılmaz
June 23, M	9:30-10:20 10:30-1:00	Language Study Seminar	RCAC RCAC	Erika Gilson S.Hanioglu
	1:00 pm	Lunch	RCAC	
June 24, T	9:30-10:20 10:30-1:00	Language Study Seminar	RCAC RCAC	Erika Gilson S.Hanioglu
	1:00 pm	Lunch	RCAC	
	2:00-4:00	Lecture Sight Seeing?	RCAC	
	5:00 -	Orientation: neighborhood	Taksim-Tünel	Erika Gilson Koç Coordinator Suhnaz Yılmaz
June 25, W	9:30-10:20 10:30-1:00	Language Study Seminar	RCAC RCAC	Erika Gilson S.Hanioglu
	1:00 pm	Lunch	RCAC	
June 26, Th	9:30-10:20 10:30-1:00	Language Study Seminar	RCAC RCAC	Erika Gilson S.Hanioglu
	1:00 pm	Lunch	RCAC	
	5:00 -	Orientation: neighborhood	Tophane - Karaköy	Erika Gilson Koç Coordinator Suhnaz Yılmaz
June 27, Fri	?	Community Service		

Maps of the Region to be Studied

1. Eastern Roman Empire



2. The Ottoman Empire, ca. 1566



3. The Area Today



Host Institution Koç University's Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations





Dining Area



Accommodations



Study Area



Room from the Penthouse