**POLS 435 ISSUES IN TURKISH FOREIGN POLICY**

Term: 2020/2021- II

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Schedule: TWW 223 ONLINE via ZOOM

**Please note that the Boğaziçi University administration has been taking some critical decisions to alleviate the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic. Check regularly the academic calendar and notifications for possible new rules, regulations and related changes**

Office hours: Online and/or by appointment

**Please read the following statement carefully and be advised:**

**- New Order: Diffusion of power, designs for the future**.

ACADEMIC HONESTY

The Department of Political Science and International Relations at Boğaziçi University has adopted the following rules and regulations regarding academic honesty:

1. Copying work from others or giving and receiving answers/information during exams either in written, oral or other form constitutes cheating.
2. Submitting any work done by somebody else as your own, using phrases, sentences or sections from the work of an author without the proper citation, insufficient acknowledgement of consulted works, all constitute plagiarism.
3. Plagiarism and cheating are serious academic offenses, and will result in:
4. an automatic “F” for the assignment or the exam
5. an oral explanation before the Departmental Ethics Committee
6. losing the opportunity to request and receive any references from the entire faculty
7. losing the opportunity to apply in exchange programs
8. losing the prospects of becoming a student assistant or a graduate assistant in the department

The students may further be sent to the University Ethics committee or be subject to disciplinary action.

(Nye ch. 8, 9)

This course is designed as a seminar on current issues in Turkey’s foreign relations, focusing on foreign policy priorities of whichever government is currently in power.

The seminar is primarily based on individual research by students organized in working groups, the results of which are going to be presented and discussed in class throughout the semester. Each group is going to be assigned a topic from a list of priority areas in Turkish foreign policy as discussed and adopted by the class, to be presented according to the schedule below.

Every other week, students will submit and distribute a one-page editorial (6 in total), on a topic related to either one of the issues to be discussed in the two-week period. A scholarly paper on the assigned topic is expected from each student at the end of the semester. Grading will be based on the editorials (20%), individual presentation material and sources (30%), and a final paper (50 %).

Extensive reading is required for a succesful coursework. Naturally, a comprehensive scrutiny of current issues should be based on closely monitoring the media, the web sites of relevant foreign ministries and other official agencies, think tanks, and academic journals and other sources, which must be reflected in the appendix of presentations and the bibliography of the final paper.

**Introductory reading material consist of the following:**

Allison, Graham. "Conceptual Models and the Cuban Missile Crisis". *American Political Science Review* (1969) 63 (3), 689-718.

Hudson, Valerie M. “Foreign Policy Analysis: Actor-Specific Theory and the Ground of International Relations”, *Foreign Policy Analysis* (2005) 1, 1-30.

Alons, Gerry C. “Predicting a State’s Foreign Policy: State Preferences between Domestic and International Constraints”, *Foreign Policy Analysis* (2007) 3, 211-232.

Ozkececi-Taner, Binnur. “The Impact of Institutionalized Ideas in Coalition Foreign Policy Making: Turkey as an Example, 1991-2002”, *Foreign Policy Analysis* (2005) 1, 249- 278.

Kennedy, Ryan. “Turkish Foreign Policy and Public Opinion in the AKP Era”, *Foreign Policy Analysis* (2013) 9, 171-188.

Çuhadar, E., J. Karbo, B. Kesgin and B. Özkeçeci-Taner, “Turkish leaders and their foreign policy decision-making style: a comparative and multi-method perspective”, *Turkish Studies,* (Feb. 2020) DOI: 10.1080/14683849.2020.1724511

**Suggested readings:**

Allison, Graham and Zelikow, Phillip. *Essence of Decision: Explaining the Cuban Missile Crisis*, 2ed. New York, Longman: 1999.

Oran, Baskın ed., *Turkish Foreign Policy 1919-2006*: *Facts and Analyses with Documents* . Salt Lake City, The University of Utah Press: 2010.

Hale, William. *Turkish Foreign Policy, 1774-2000.* London, Frank Cass: 2002.

**Briefing topics:**

To be arranged