

**MIDDLE EAST TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY  
DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS  
SPRING SEMESTER  
IR 3140218 TRANSITION FROM THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE TO THE TURKISH REPUBLIC  
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***3140218 Course Description***

The course intends to outline administrative structure of the Ottoman Empire and concentrates on the Tanzimat Reforms, the intellectual discussions of the time; the Ottomanism, Islamism and Turkism. The collapse of the Ottoman Empire and the establishment of nation states in the place of the Ottoman Empire are discussed. The double revolution; the National Liberation Movement of 1919-1923 and the establishment of republican regime, the İzmir Economic Congress and the following economic policies of the republican regime are looked through. Intellectuals of the time, such as Ziya Gökalp, Yusuf Akçura, Ahmet Ağaoğlu, Ahmet Hamdi Başar and the Kadro Movement, and their arguments regarding the economic development policies as well as nationalism, are included among the topics. As to the foreign policy of the republican regime, the territorial settlements of the period from 1919 to 1923, the Mosul Question, the Straits Question, the foreign policy approach of the republican regime, with particular references to the regional pacts such as the Balkan Pact of 1934 and the Saadabad Pact of 1937, are examined.

**Requirements of the Course**

Students are expected to take an active part in class discussions. There will be one mid-term (40%) and one final (60%) exams. However, students are encouraged to prepare a term paper instead of taking the final exam.

## **Course Schedule\***

**Week 1: Introduction**

**Week 2: Global Context; the Ottoman Empire in the Age of Empires**

**Week 3: XIX Century Global Context; Expansion of Capitalism and the Ottoman Empire's Responses: Defensive Modernization, Adjustment and Failure**

**Week 4: The Great War, Catastrophe and the Dismemberment of the Ottoman Empire**

**Week 5: A European Hegemonic Project, Mapping of the Near East and the Question of Turkey**

**Week 6: Formation of a Counter-Turkish Hegemonic Project: the War of Independence**

**Week 7: A Double Revolution and Contested Hegemonic Projects in Domestic Politics**

**Week 8: Ideological Tendencies**

**Week 9: Mid-Term Exam**

**Week 10: The Political Parties**

**Week 11: Development Strategy I: Transition from Liberal to Protectionist Policies**

**Week 12: Development Strategy II: Formation of a Historic Bloc and Implementation of Étatist Development Strategy**

**Week 13: A Comparative Analysis of Liberal, Pragmatic and Radical Étatisms**

**Week 14: The Turkish Foreign Policy between the two World Wars: The Balkans and the Straits Question and the Montreux Convention**

**Week 15: The Turkish Foreign Policy between the two World Wars: The Middle East**

**A reading list is given at the first meeting in class.**