

ATA 594

STATE AND SOCIETY IN THE NINETEENTH-CENTURY OTTOMAN EMPIRE

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course aims to provide the students with an in-depth knowledge of nineteenth-century Ottoman history in its global context. It also aims to introduce to the students new perspectives and paradigms in studying the nineteenth-century history. Throughout the semester we take certain problems from the late Ottoman context and examine them in their own temporality. In addition to theoretical readings we examine works on different regions of the globe, Japan, Russia and Germany in particular. This helps us to situate Ottoman Empire into a comparative perspective and as such to avoid approaches that conceptualize it as a mere particularity. Our aim is not to construct a narrative for Ottoman modernization, or to represent Ottoman nineteenth century as an alternative path to modernity. Rather, through a study of society and politics at various moments, we aim to investigate how power and inequality was constructed at different temporalities of history.

FORMAT:

We meet once a week for three hours. Fourteen sessions will be used to discuss common readings for each week. Optional readings are marked by *.

ASSIGNMENTS:

Class Participation: Each student is expected to participate in the weekly discussions. (50%)

Research Proposal: Throughout the semester students are expected to formulate a research topic, prepare a short bibliography and write a research proposal (5 pages). The research project could be on any time period of modern Turkish history. (20%)

Final Exam: At the end of the semester there will be a final exam. Final exam covers the assigned readings and the two textbooks. (30%)

GENERAL READINGS:

Blanning, T.C.W. *Short Oxford History of Europe: The Nineteenth Century*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2000.

Shaw, Stanford J., and Ezel Kural Shaw. *History of the Ottoman Empire and Modern Turkey: Reform, Revolution, and Republic. The Rise of Modern Turkey, 1808-1975*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1988.

Karpat, Kemal H. "The Transformation of the Ottoman State, 1789-1908." *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 3, no. 3 (1972): 243-81.

I - OTTOMAN HISTORY AS WORLD HISTORY:

- Harootyan, Harry. "All the Names of History." In *Overcome by Modernity: History, Culture, and Community in Interwar Japan*, ix-xxxii. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2000.
- Dirlik, Arif. "Modernity as History: Post-Revolutionary China, Globalization and the Question of Modernity." *Social History* 27, no. 1 (2002): 16-39.
- Makdisi, Ussama. "Ottoman Orientalism." *American Historical Review* 107, no. 3: 768-96.
- Maier, Charles S. "Consigning the Twentieth Century to History: Alternative Narratives for the Modern Era." *American Historical Review* 105, no. 3 (2000).
- * Özbek, Nadir. "Modernite, Tarih ve İdeoloji: İkinci Abdülhamid Dönemi Tarihçiliği Üzerine Bir Değerlendirme." *Literatür*, no. 3 (2004).
- * Pomper, Philip. "World History and Its Critics." *History and Theory* 34, no. 2 (1995): 1-7.

II - LOCATING THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE IN EARLY MODERNITY:

- Salzman, Ariel. "An Ancient Regime Revisited: Privatization and Political Economy in the 18th century Ottoman Empire." *Politics and Society* 21 (1993).
- Aksan, Virginia. "Locating the Ottomans Among Early Modern Empires." *Journal of Early Modern History* 3 (1999): 21-39.
- Rifa'at A. Abou-El-Haj, *Formation of the Modern State: The Ottoman Empire Sixteenth to Eighteenth Centuries*. Albany: State University of New York Press, 1991, pp.61-72.
- Pamuk, Şevket. "Institutional Change and the Longevity of the Ottoman Empire, 1500-1800." *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 35 (2004): 225-47.
- * Eldem, Edhem. *French Trade in Istanbul in the Eighteenth Century*. Leiden: Brill, 1999. pp.1-12; 227-59; 284-94.

III - THE STATE AND MILITARY IN THE EARLY NINETEENTH-CENTURY:

- Aksan, Virginia. "Ottoman Military Recruitment Strategies in the Late Eighteenth Century." In *Arming the State: Military Conscription in the Middle East and Central Asia, 1775-1925*, edited by Erik Zürcher, 21-39. New York: I. B. Tauris, 1999.
- Shaw, Stanford J. "The Origins of Ottoman Military Reform: The Nizam-ı Cedid Army of Sultan Selim III." *The Journal of Modern History* 37, no. 3 (1965): 291-306.
- Levy, Avigdor. "Military Reform and the Problem of Centralization in the Ottoman Empire in the Eighteenth Century." *Middle Eastern Studies* 18 (1982): 227-49.
- Levy, Avigdor. "The Officer Corps in Sultan Mahmud II's New Ottoman Army, 1826-39." *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 2, no. 1 (1971): 21-39.
- * Erdem, Hakan. "Recruitment for the "Victorious Soldiers of Muhammad" in the Arab Provinces, 1826-1828." In *Histories of the Modern Middle East: New Directions*, edited by Israel Gershoni, Hakan Erdem and Ursula Woköck, 189-206. London: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2002.
- * Çadırcı, Musa. "Yenileşme Sürecinde Osmanlı Ordusu." In *Türkler*, 804-11. Ankara: Yeni Türkiye Yayınları, 2002.

IV - STATE AND SOCIETY IN THE EARLY NINETEENTH-CENTURY:

- Quataert, Donald. "Clothing Laws, State, and Society in the Ottoman Empire, 1720-1829." *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 29, no. 3 (1997): 403-25.
- Kırlı, Cengiz. "Coffeehouses: Public Opinion in the Nineteenth Century Ottoman Empire." In *Public Islam and the Common Good*, edited by Armando Salvatore and Dale F. Eickelman, 75-97. Leiden: Brill, 2004.
- Özcan, Abdülkadir. "II. Mahmud'un Memleket Gezileri." In *Prof. Dr. Bekir Kütükoğlu'na Armağan*, 361-79. İstanbul: İstanbul Üniversitesi Edebiyat Fakültesi Tarih Araştırma Merkezi, 1991.
- Wortman, Richard. "Rule by Sentiment: Alexander II's Journeys through the Russian Empire." *The American Historical Review* 95/3 (June 1990): 745-771.
- * Kırlı, Cengiz. "A Profile of the Labor Force in Early Nineteenth-Century Istanbul." *International Labor and Working-Class History*, no. 60 (2001): 125-40.

V - THE TANZIMAT STATE:

- Çadırcı, Musa. "Tanzimat." In *Osmanlı*, 183-210. Ankara: Yeni Türkiye Yayınları, 1999.
- Shaw, Stanford J. "The Central Legislative Councils in the Nineteenth Century Ottoman Reform Movement before 1876." In *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, 51-84, 1970.
- Davison, Roderic H. "Provincial Government: Midhat Paşa and the Vilayet System of 1864 and 1867." In *Reform in the Ottoman Empire: 1856-1876*, 136-71. New Jersey: Princeton University Press, 1963.
- Shaw, Stanford J. "The Nineteenth-Century Ottoman Tax Reforms and Revenue System." *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 6, no. 4 (1975): 421-59.

VI - STATE TRANSFORMATION AND PRIVATE PROPERTY:

- Cuno, Kenneth. "The Origins of Private Land Ownership in Egypt: A Reappraisal." *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 12, no. 3 (1980): 245-75.
- Haj, Samira. "Land, Power, and Commercialization." In *The Making of Iraq, 1900-1963: Capital, Power, and Ideology*, 9-39. Albany: State University of New York Press, 1997.
- İslamoğlu, Huri. "Property as a Contested Domain: A Reevaluation of the Ottoman Land Code of 1858." In *New Perspectives on Property and Land*, edited by Roger Owen and Martin P. Bunton, 3-61. Cambridge MA: Harvard University Press, 2001.
- * İslamoğlu, Huri. "Modernities Compared: State Transformations and Constitutions of Property in the Qing and Ottoman Empires." *Journal of Early Modern History* 5, no. 4 (2001): 353-86.

VII - STATE MAKING, COMMERCIALIZATION AND SOCIAL RESISTANCE - I:

- Thompson, E. P. "The Moral Economy of the English Crowd in the Eighteenth Century." In *Customs in Common*, 185-258. New York: The New Press, 1993.
- Thompson, E. P. "The Moral Economy Reviewed." In *Customs in Common*, 259-351. New York: The New Press, 1993.
- Cole, Juan R. I. "Colonial Boundaries: Of Crowds and Empires: Afro-Asian Riots and European Expansion." *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 31, no. 1 (1989): 106-33.

VIII - STATE MAKING, COMMERCIALIZATION AND SOCIAL RESISTANCE - II:

- İnalçık, Halil. "Application of the Tanzimat and its Social Effects." *Archivum Ottomanicum*, no. 5 (1973): 99-127.
- Quataert, Donald. "Rural Unrest in the Ottoman Empire, 1830-1914." In *Peasants and Politics in the Modern Middle East*, edited by Farhad Kazemi and John Waterbury, 38-49. Miami: Florida International University Press, 1991.
- Masters, Bruce. "The 1850 Events in Aleppo: An Aftershock of Syria's Incorporation into the Capitalist World System." *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 22, no. 1 (1990): 3-20.
- Schatkowski Schilcher, Linda. "Violence in Rural Syria in the 1880s and 1890s: State Centralization, Rural Integration, and the World Market." In *Peasants and Politics in the Modern Middle East*, edited by Farhad Kazemi and John Waterbury, 50-84. Miami: Florida International University Press, 1991.
- Terzibaşoğlu, Yücel. "Landlords, Refugees, and Nomads: Struggles for Nomads around Late-Nineteenth-Century Ayvalık." *New Perspectives on Turkey*, no. 24 (2001): 51-82.
- * Uzun, Ahmet. *Tanzimat ve Sosyal Direnişler*. İstanbul: Eren Yayınları, 2002.
- * Bıyıklı, Mustafa. "Şam Vak'ası (1831) ve Sonuçları." In *Türkler*, 730-40. Ankara: Yeni Türkiye Yayınları, 2002.

IX - STATE AND POLITICS IN THE NINETEENTH-CENTURY: A COMPARATIVE FRAMEWORK:

- Lüdtke, Alf. "State Domination in the Transition to Industrial Capitalism." In *Police and State in Prussia, 1815-1850*, 1-16. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1989.
- Blackbourn, David. "Economy and Society: A Silent Bourgeois Revolution." In *The Peculiarities of German History*, 176-205. New York: Oxford University Press, 1984.
- Mayer, Arno J. "Political Society and the Governing Classes: Linchpin of the Old Regime." In *The Persistence of the Old Regime: Europe to the Great War*, 129-87. New York: Pantheon Books, 1981.

X - MONARCHY AS A FORM OF MODERN STATE - I: COMPARATIVE FRAMEWORK:

- Barchlay, David E. "Ritual, Ceremonial, and the 'Invention' of a Monarchical Tradition in Nineteenth-Century Prussia." In *European Monarchy: Its Evolution and Practice from Roman Antiquity to Modern Times*, ed. Heinz Duchhardt, Richard A. Jackson and David Sturdy, 207-220. Stuttgart: Franz Steiner Verlag, 1992.
- Fujitani, T. *Splendid Monarchy, Power and Pageantry in Modern Japan*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1998, pp.1-28, 95-104, 155-171.
- Lieven, Dominic. *Nicholas II, Twilight of the Empire*. New York: St. Martin's Press, 1993. pp.102-131.

XI - MONARCHY AS A FORM OF MODERN STATE - II: OTTOMAN EMPIRE:

- Tavakoli-Targhi, Mohammad. "From Patriotism to Matriotism: A Tropological Study of Iranian Nationalism, 1870-1909." *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 34 (2002): 217-38.
- Deringil, Selim. "Legitimacy Structures in the Ottoman State: The Reign of Abdülhamit II (1876-1909)." *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 23 (1991): 345-359.
- Özbek, Nadir. "Philanthropic Activity, Ottoman Patriotism and the Hamidian Regime, 1876-1909." *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 37, no. 1 (2005): 59-81.

XII - STATE AND SOCIETY DURING THE LATE-NINETEENTH-CENTURY OTTOMAN EMPIRE:

- Fortna, J. Benjamin. *Imperial Classroom: Islam, the State, and Education in the Late Ottoman Empire*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2002, pp.1-42
- Deringil, Selim. "Chapter 4: Education: the Answer to all Evil?," in Deringil, Selim. *The Well-Protected Domains, Ideology and the Legitimation of Power in the Ottoman Empire, 1876-1909*. New York: I.B.Tauris, 1998, pp.93-111.
- Frierson, Elizabeth B., "Unimagined Communities: Women and Education in the Late-Ottoman Empire, 1876-1909." *Critical Matrix*, The Princeton Journal of Women, Gender, and Culture 9, no. 2 (1995): 55-90.
- Özbek, Nadir. "Osmanlı İmparatorluğu'nda İç Güvenlik, Siyaset ve Devlet, 1876-1909." *Türklük Araştırmaları Dergisi*, no. 16 (2005): 1-42.
- * Frierson, Elizabeth B., "Mirrors out, Mirrors in, Domestication and Rejection of the Foreign in Late-Ottoman Women's Magazines (1875-1908)." In *Women, Patronage, and Self-Representation in Islamic Societies*, edited by D.Fairchild Ruggles, 177-204. Albany: State University of New York Press, 2000.
- * Somel, Selçuk Akşin. *The Modernization of Public Education in the Ottoman Empire, 1839-1908: Islamization, Autocracy, and Discipline*. Leiden: Brill Academic Publishers, 2001, pp.1-13, 166-204, 271-277.

XIII - UNIFYING THE EMPIRE: OTTOMAN POLICY IN THE PERIPHERY - I:

Duguid, Stephen. "The Politics of Unity: Hamidian Policy in Eastern Anatolia," *Middle Eastern Studies*, 9 (1973): 139-155.

Rogan, Eugene. "Introduction." In *Frontiers of the State in the Late Ottoman Empire: Transjordan, 1850-1921*, 1-20. New York: Cambridge University Press, 1999.

Zeidner, Robert Farrer. "Britain and the Launching of the Armenian Question." *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 7 (1976): 465-83.

Özoğlu, Hakan. "'Nationalism' and Kurdish Notables in the Late Ottoman-Early Republican Era." *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 33 (2001): 383-409.

XIV - UNIFYING THE EMPIRE: OTTOMAN POLICY IN THE PERIPHERY - II:

Çetinsaya, Gökhan. "II.Abdülhamid Döneminde Kuzey Irak'da Tarikat, Aşiret ve Siyaset." *Dîvân* 4/7 (1999): 153-168.

Selim Deringil, "The Struggle Against Shi'ism in Hamidian Iraq." *Die Welt des Islams* 30 (1990): 45-62.

Deringil, Selim. "The Ottoman Twilight Zone of the Middle East." In *Reluctant Neighbor, Turkey's Role in the Middle East*, edited by Henri J. Barkey, 13-23. Washington D.C.: U.S. Institute of Peace Press, 1996.

Klein, Janet. "The Hamidiye and the Agrarian Question." In *Power in the Periphery: The Hamidiye Light Cavalry and the Struggle Over Ottoman Kurdistan, 1880-1914*, 256-340, 2002.

* Rogan, Eugene L. "Asiret Mektebi: Abdulhamid II's School for Tribes (1892-1907)." *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 28, no. 1 (1996): 83-107.

* Deringil, Selim. "'They Live in a State of Nomadism and Savagery': The Late Ottoman Empire and the Post-Colonial Debate." *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 45, no. 2 (2003): 311-42.