

ATA 685

**Spring 2009
Tentative Syllabus**

ANTHROPOLOGY of TURKEY

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This course focuses on selected anthropological analyses of Turkey. Our readings include both village and urban studies and classical and recent works. We will explore the shifting theoretical frameworks/questions and units/topics of analysis that have guided these studies. At the same time, we will discuss what, how, and to what extent these studies reveal different aspects of social life, politics and culture in/of Turkey.

Course Requirements

1. You are expected to do all assigned readings before the scheduled date of discussion. During each class, you are expected to engage actively in the discussion as it proceeds. This is a vital responsibility of each class member. Performance in classroom participation counts for 35 % of the final course grade.
2. You are required to write three (4-5) page-long papers on the weekly readings. These are **not** intended to be brief reaction papers. Rather, together they will substitute for a term paper. The aim is to focus closely on the primary/assigned reading and discuss the central argument of the theorist(s) through a close reading of the assigned material. More guidelines will be offered. The papers will be due the date of that week's class. At least one paper is to be submitted before the end of the sixth week. Second paper is due before the end of the 10th week. Papers count for 30 % of the final course grade.
3. Final Essay. 35 %

WEEK ONE

Introduction

WEEK TWO

The Establishment of Anthropology in Turkey

Anthropology and Debates on Nation, Race and History: Past and Present

Suavi Aydın. 2001. "Cumhuriyet'in İdeolojik Şekillenmesinde Antropolojinin Rolü: Irkçı Paradigmanın Yükselişi ve Düşüşü." *Modern Türkiye'de Siyasi Düşünce*. Cilt II: Kemalizm (der. T.Bora, M. Gültegingil, Ahmet İnsel). İstanbul: İletişim Yayınları. Ss. 344-369.

Suavi Aydın. 1998. "Ekşigil'in Yazısı Vesilesiyle Türkiye'de Antropolojinin Eni-Boyu Üzerine." *Toplum ve Bilim*. 77: 196-201.

Nazan Maksudyan. *Türklüğü Ölçmek: Bilimkurgusal Antropoloji ve Türk Milliyetçiliğinin Irkçı Çehresi*. (Selection

Discussion Pieces

"Orta Asya'dan Göç Etme bir Efsanedir" *Sabah*, 10 Aralık 2007.

Hasan Celal Güzel. "Siz, Hitit, Frig, Urartu ya da İyonyalı mısınız?" *Radikal*, 23 Aralık 2007.

Ömer Gökçümen. "Genetik Miras: Türkiye'de Sadece Orta Asya'dan Gelen ve Türk Irkına Mensup Kişiler Yaşamıyor." *Radikal İki*, 23 Aralık 2007

Serdar Sabri Özkubulay. "Türkiye'nin Genetik Zenginliği." *Radikal İki*, 30 Aralık 2007

WEEK THREE

The Establishment of the Fieldwork Tradition in Turkey:

Village and Town Ethnographies

Magnarella, Paul and Orhan Türkdoğan. 1976. "The Development of Turkish Social Anthropology." *Current Anthropology*. 17 (2): 263-274.)

"Niyazi Berkes" ve "Behice Boran." *60 Yıllık Gelenek: DTCF'de Uygulamalı Sosyoloji*. (der: Aytül Kasapoğlu). Ankara: Ümit Ofset Matbaacılık. Pp:

Behice Boran. 1945. *Toplumsal Yapı Araştırmaları*. Ankara Üniversitesi Dil ve Tarih-Coğrafya Fakültesi Enstitüsü Sosyoloji Serisi 3. (Giriş).

Fatma Mansur. 1972. *Bodrum: a Town in the Aegan*. Leiden: Brill. (Selection)

Table of Contents and Introduction from the Following:

Niyazi Berkes. *Bazı Ankara Köyleri Üzerine Bir Araştırma*.

Behice Boran. *Toplumsal Yapı Araştırmaları*.

İbrahim Yasa. 1957. *Hasanoğlan: Socio-Economic Structure of a Turkish Village*.

Paul Stirling. *The Turkish Village*.

Evans-Pritchard. *The Nuer*.

Mübeccel Kiray. 1964. *Ereğli: Ağır Sanayiden Önce Bir sahil Kasabası*. Ankara: DPT

Peter Benedict. 1974. *Ula: an Anatolian Town*. Leiden.

WEEK FOUR

Connecting the Past and Present, Town and State, History and Anthropology:

A case study in the eastern Black Sea coast

Michael Meeker. 2002. *A Nation of Empire: The Ottoman Legacy of Turkish Modernity*.

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Michael Meeker. 2002. *A Nation of Empire: The Ottoman Legacy of Turkish Modernity*.

WEEK SIX

Tribe, Tradition and Politics and Gender: Studies and Representations of Kurds

Lale Yalçın-Heckmann. 1990. "Kurdish Tribal Organization and Local Political Processes." In *Turkish State, Turkish Society*. Eds. Nükhet Sirman and Andrew Finkel. Pp: 289-310.

Lale Yalçın-Heckmann. 2002. *Kürtlerde Aşiret ve Akrabalık İlişkileri*. İstanbul: İletişim. (Selection).

Dicle Kogacioglu. 2007. "Gelenek Söylemleri ve İktidarın Doğallaşması: Namus Cinayetleri Örneği." *Feminist Yaklaşımlar*, Sayı 3.

WEEK SEVEN

Gender: Village Studies

Carol Delaney. 1991. *The Seed and the Soil: Gender and Cosmology in Turkish Society*. (Selection).

Nükhet Sirman. 1990. "State, Village and Gender in Western Turkey." In *Turkish State, Turkish Society*. Eds. Nükhet Sirman and Andrew Finkel. Pp: 21-51.

WEEK EIGHT:

Gender and Class: Urban Studies

Öykü Pötüoğlu-Cook. 2006. "Beyond the Glitter: Belly Dance and Neoliberal Gentrification in Istanbul." *Cultural Anthropology*. 21 (4): 633-660.

Deniz Yüksek. 2004. "Trust and Gender in a Transnational Marketplace: The Public Culture of Laleli, İstanbul." *Public Culture*, volume 16, no. 1, pp. 47-65.

Gül Özyeğin. 2002. "The doorkeeper, the maid and the tenant: troubling encounters in the Turkish urban landscape." In *Fragments of Culture: The Everyday of Modern Turkey*. Eds. Deniz Kandiyoti and Ayşe Saktanber.

Ayşe Akalın. 2007. "Hired as a Caregiver, Demanded as a Housewife: Becoming a Migrant Domestic Worker in Turkey." *European Journal of Women's Studies* 14 (3): 209-225.

WEEK NINE:

Gender: State-Making and Militarism

Altınay, Aysegul. *The Myth of the Military Nation: Militarism, Gender and Education in Turkey*. (Selection).

WEEK TEN

Secularism and Islamism

Navaro-Yashin, Yael. 2002. *Faces of the State. Secularism and Public Life in Turkey*. (Selection).

Ayşe Saktanber. 2002. *Living Islam: Women, Religion and Politicization of Culture in Turkey*. (Selection)

Recommended:

Jenny White. 2002. *Islamist Mobilization in Turkey: A Study in Vernacular Politics*.

WEEK ELEVEN

The Past as a Site of Social Analysis and Political Struggle

Ayfer Bartu Candan. 2001. "Rethinking Heritage Politics in a Global Context: A View from Istanbul." In N. AlSayyad (ed.) *Hybrid Urbanism: On Identity Discourse and the Built Environment*. Praeger Publishers/Greenwood Press.

Esra Özyürek. 2006. *Nostalgia for the Modern: State Secularism and Everyday Politics in Turkey*. (Selection).

Leyla Neyzi. 2004. "Ben Kimim?" *Türkiye'de Sözlü Tarih, Kimlik ve Öznellik*. İstanbul: İletişim. (Selection).

Recommended:

Berna Yazıcı. "Discovering Our Past": Are "We" Breaking Taboos? Reconstructing Atatürkism and the Past in Contemporary Turkey." *New Perspectives on Turkey*, Fall 2001.

WEEK TWELVE

Immigration to/from Turkey or Rethinking Units/Objects of Anthropological Analysis the Age of "Globalization" and "Transnationalism"

Ayşe Parla. 2006. "Longing, Belonging and Locations of Homeland among Turkish Immigrants from Bulgaria." *Journal of Southeast European and Black Sea Studies* 6(4).

Yael-Navaro-Yashin. 2003. "'Life is Dead Here': Sensing the Political in No Man's Land" *Anthropological Theory*. 3(1): 107-125.

Ayşe Çağlar. 2002. "A Table in Two Hands." In *Fragments of Culture: The Everyday of Modern Turkey*. Eds. Deniz Kandiyoti and Ayşe Saktanber.

Levent Soysal. 2001. "Diversity of Experience, Experience of Diversity: Turkish Migrant Youth Culture in Berlin" *Cultural Dynamics* Vol. 13, No. 1, 5-28