

Ata 589 Selected Topics in Turkish Political Thought: Experimenting With Population in Early Republican Turkey

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The interest in population issues has never been a contemporary issue of our times. From around the late 19th century through the interwar years, deep concern for population issues can widely be observed in many parts of the world. Indeed, these issues became almost an obsession of public, political and academic debates all around the world. In the age of nationalist rivalry, imperialism, alarming decline of women's fertility in certain countries and the population catastrophe that World War I imposed made elites all over the world took up population issues and integrated them as essential parts of their social and political projects. During the war, some 15 million people, mostly men, perished. In France, for example, one in ten males died during the war. In the crisis atmosphere of the postwar era when revolutions, insurrections, civil wars, forced migrations, labor unrests and, above all, the dissolution of state authorities swept most parts of the globe while disease, epidemics, famine, the increasing rate of male suicides led to unprecedented social catastrophes, not to mention the Spanish influenza of 1918 killing around 50 million people, more than three times caused by the war.

This course focuses on population related issues in early Republican Turkey within a comparative perspective. Just like the cases elsewhere, by the turn of the 20th century, the Turkish elites were obsessed with the improvement of the quality and quantity of their populations. In this respect, we will focus on policies both on quantitative (demographic) and qualitative (eugenics) levels.

Students with Ottoman reading skills are especially encouraged.

The grade in this course will be based on

a) Term paper	40%	b) Participation	30%
c) Final Exam	30%		

As for the reading materials, please first check the Bođaziđi Bookstore just across the university library. Many of the reading materials will be available at Yunus Copy located on Nispetiye caddesi (street), Hilal Pasajı No:37/6 Rumelihisarı (Phone: 212-263 65 30 or yunuscopy@ttmail.com). You may also take a look at the university library and ATA web site as well.

Paper Assignment:

Paper assignment will be announced later.

LEC #	TOPICS	READINGS
Week 1 Sept 25	Introduction	Video: <i>The Joy of Stats</i> by Hans Rosling, BBC, 2013. Video: <i>Tales from the Jungle: Margaret Mead</i> , BBC, 2006.
Week 2 Oct 2	Population as a "Problem"	T. Robert Malthus, <i>An Essay on the Principle of Population</i> (London, 1798): 1-11, 23-31, 49-68, 110-125. Mark Mazower, "Healthy Bodies, Sick Bodies," in <i>Dark Continent: Europe's 20th Century</i> (London, 1998): 77-105. Baran Tuncer, "Nüfus Alanında Eğilimler," <i>Radikal</i> , February 7, 2010. <i>The Economist</i> , "The Tale of Three Islands," October 22, 2011. "BM yaşlı nüfusun artışına karşı uyarıyor," BBC, October 1, 2012. "Ruslar Putin'i Dinledi," <i>Sabah</i> , September 21, 2012. M. Asım Karaömerlioğlu, "Nüfus Mühendisliğinden Gezi Parkı Direnişine," <i>T24</i> , July 19, 2013.
Week 3 Oct 9	The Politics of Population I	Maria Sophie Quine, <i>Population Politics in Twentieth Century Europe: Fascist Dictatorships and Liberal Democracies</i> (London, 2003).
Week 4 Oct 16	The Politics of Population II	Matthew Connelly, <i>Fatal Misconception: The Struggle to Control World Population</i> (Harvard, 2008): 1-236. The Mike Wallace Interview with Margaret Sanger
Week 5 Oct 23	The Rise of Eugenics I	Daniel J. Kevles, <i>In the Name of Eugenics, Genetics and the Uses of Human Heredity</i> (New York, 1985): 3-211. Video: <i>A Science Odyssey: Origins</i> , PBS, 2005.
Week 6 Oct 30	No Class	Video: <i>What Darwin Didn't Know</i> , BBC, 2009. Video: <i>How Many People Can Live on Planet Earth</i> , David Attenborough, BBC 2009.
Week 7 Nov 6	The Rise of Eugenics II	Diane B. Paul, "Darwin, Social Darwinism and Eugenics," <i>Cambridge Companion to Darwin</i> (Londra, 2003) ed. Jonathan Hodge and Gregory Radick: 214-239. Diane Paul, "Eugenics and the Left," <i>Journal of the History of Ideas</i> , V. 45, No. 4 (Oct. - Dec., 1984): 567-590. Roger Griffin, "Tunnel Visions and Mysterious Trees: Modernist Projects of National and Racial Degeneration, 1880-1939," in <i>Blood and Homeland: Eugenics and Racial Nationalism in Central and Southeast Europe</i> : 417-456. Loren R. Graham, "Science and Values: The Eugenics Movement in Germany and Russia in the 1920s," <i>American Historical Review</i> 82 (1977): 1135-64. Video: <i>Racism, A History: Fatal Impacts</i> , BBC, 2007.

<p>Week 8 Nov 13</p>	<p>Demographical developments in the Ottoman Empire & Turkey</p>	<p>Osman Nuri, "Türkiye'de Nüfus İşleri", <i>İstanbul Şehremaneti Mecmuası</i>, Aralık 1926, 28, 225-227.</p> <p>C., "İstatistik İhtiyacını Tatminde Gecikiyoruz," <i>Hayat</i>, vol. 1, no 25, Ankara 19 May 1927: 486-487.</p> <p>Camille Jakar, "Tahrir-i Nüfus Servet-i Umumiyyenin Muhâsesidir," <i>İstanbul Şehremaneti Mecmuası</i>, no. 32, April 1927: 463-465.</p> <p>Adnan Güriz, <i>Türkiye'de Nüfus Politikası ve Hukuk Düzeni</i> (Ankara, 1975).</p>
<p>Week 9 Nov 20</p>	<p>Population Policy and Censuses</p>	<p>Başvekalet İstatistik Umum Müdürlüğü, <i>Nüfus Meselesi ve Nüfus Sayımı Hakkında Fikirler</i> (Ankara, 1941): 1-53,62-89,97-115,156-164,199-203,218-232,241-254,263-267. (135 pages)</p> <p>Kamil, Jakar, "Nüfus Tahriri Hakkında," <i>Hayat</i>, vol 1, no 12, 17 February 1927, 13-14.</p> <p>Kamil Jakar, "Tahrir-i Nüfus ve İçtimaiyat," <i>Felsefe ve İçtimâiyât Mecmuası</i>, vol. 1, no 5, October 1927.</p> <p>Aytül Tamer & Alanur Cavlin Bozbeyoglu, "1927 Nüfus Sayımının Türkiye'de Ulus Devlet İnşasındaki Yeri: Basında Yansımaları," <i>Nüfusbilim Dergisi</i>, 26 (2004,): 73-88.</p>
<p>Week 10 Nov 27</p>	<p>Readings on Turkish Population</p>	<p>Cem Behar & Alan Duben, <i>Istanbul Households: Marriage, Family and Fertility, 1880-1940</i> (Cambridge, 2002): 194-248.</p> <p>Ratip Yüceuluğ, <i>Savaş Sonu Nüfus Meseleleri: Türkiye Nüfusu Üzerinde İncelemeler ve Fikirler</i>, (Ankara, 1944): 11-48.</p> <p>Frederic C. Shorter The Population of Turkey after the War of Independence <i>International Journal of Middle East Studies</i>, Vol. 17, No. 4 (Nov., 1985): 417-441.</p> <p>Frederic C. Shorter, "Information on Fertility, Mortality, and Population Growth in Turkey," <i>Population Index</i>, Vol. 34, No. 1 (Jan. - Mar., 1968): 3-21.</p> <p>A. Pallis, " The Population of Turkey in 1935," <i>The Geographical Journal</i>, Vol. 91, No. 5 (May, 1938): 439-445.</p> <p>Irene B. Taeuber, "Population and Modernization in Turkey," <i>Population Index</i>, Vol. 24, No. 2 (Apr., 1958): 101-122.</p>
<p>Week 11 Dec 4</p>	<p>Eugenics in Turkey I</p>	<p>Fahredden Kerim Gökay, "İrk Hıfzıssıhhasında İrsiyetin Rolü ve Nesli Tereddiden Korumak Çareleri", CHP Konferanslar Dizisi, Kitap: 12, 1940: 11-15.</p> <p>Mahzar Osman Uzman, "Cumhuriyetin Sıhhat Siyaseti," <i>Sıhhat Almanası</i>, İstanbul, 1933: 35-45.</p> <p>Ömer Celal Saraç, "Avrupa'nın ve Türkiye'nin Nüfus Meseleleri,": 51-68.</p> <p>Ayça Alemdaroğlu, "Eugenics, Modernity and Nationalism", in <i>Social Histories of Disability and Deformity</i>, ed. by David Turner and Kevin Stagg (London, 2006): 126-141.</p>

		Murat Ergin, "Biometrics and Anthropometrics: the Twins of Turkish Modernity," <i>Patterns of Prejudice</i> 42(3), 2008: 281-304.
Week 12 Dec 11	Eugenics in Turkey II	<p>Dr. Perihan Çambel, <i>Ögenik (Eugenics) Hakkında Düşünceler</i> (İstanbul: 1946).</p> <p>Sabiha Zekeriya, "Çocuk Yapmak Kanunen Men' Edilebilir mi ?" (in Ottoman Turkish) <i>Resimli Ay</i>, v. 5, no.57/9, November 1928.</p> <p>Dr. Tevfik Remzi, "Türk Irkının Hıfssıssıhası ve Milli Şuur," (Ottoman Turkish) <i>Hayat</i>, v.3, no. 75, 3 May 1928: 19.</p> <p>Mahzar Osman Uzman, "Öjenik," <i>CHP Konferanslar Serisi</i>, 2. Kitap (Ankara: 1939): 3-12.</p> <p>Sadi Irmak, "Milletlerin "Terreddi" ve "İstifa" sı," <i>CHP Konferanslar Serisi</i>, 12. Kitap: 19-35.</p> <p>Sadi Irmak, <i>Kendimize Doğru, Memleketimizin Bazı Meseleleri</i> (İstanbul: Foto Magazin Basımevi, 1943): 60-99.</p>
Week 13 Dec 18	Work on your papers!	