Perspectives on Equality and Difference  
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This course has three objectives. It is intended as an introduction to the debates on the meaning and significance of equality in its relationship with equity, justice and citizenship. It seeks to highlight the tension between equality and difference as it is reflected in the approaches to class, gender, disability, ethnicity or sexual preference. It encourages the student to pursue the questions that emerge in these areas with special reference to socioeconomic and political relations in Turkey.

Course evaluation is based on a paper based on empirical research on Turkish society (around 15 pages) and a take-home final examination. Contribution to class discussions around the required readings is important.

Office hours: Wednesday 14.30- 16.30, Social Policy Forum (north campus, parking lot building, 1st floor)

**COURSE OUTLINE**

(Week 1) **Introduction**

(Week 2) **Inequality Accepted, Inequality Questioned: What is Natural about Slavery?**


(Week 3) **On Equality and Distributive Justice**


(Week 4) **Class and Citizenship**


(Week 5) **Welfare State and Inequality: Beyond Class Difference**


(Week 6) **Beyond the Dichotomy between Equality and Difference**

R. Lister, Citizenship: Feminist Perspectives, Palgrave MacMillan, 2003, pp. 93-116 (Ch. 4)


(Week 7) **Culture and Equality**


(Week 8) **A General Discussion around Facts and Figures on Economic Inequality: Turkey and Beyond**


(Week 9) **Inequalities in Turkey: Class, Gender and Ethnicity**


(Weeks 10-11-12) **Student presentations**

(Week 13) **Universalism and Economic Equality: Is there a Tension between Redistribution and Recognition?**
