

CLA 3930-EUS 3930
Greece and Turkey
Parallel Crossings of the Other
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OFFICE HOURS: 11-12 MWF OR BY APPOINTMENT

COURSE CONTENT: A legacy of animosity between Greeks and Turks exists for a variety of reasons both historically and culturally rooted. Despite their geographical proximity and cultural congruence, it is surprising to note how little interaction exists between the two neighbouring countries. This broad interdisciplinary course aims at providing a first examination of the areas of friction between Greece and Turkey and a discussion of the reasons why these problems have become so entrenched. During the semester we will examine the impact these tensions have had on both Greece and Turkey. On the other hand, we will also highlight the surprising degree of similarity of both cultures' portrayal of the other.

We hope that this course will provide to the students a better understanding of the two countries and their interaction during the 20th century as well as will help dispel existing myths and misconceptions.

COURSE OBJECTIVES/LEARNING OUTCOMES:

- To become familiar with the major aspects (historical, political and social) of the animosity between Greece and Turkey
- To become familiar with the significant elements of both cultures as well as their similarities and differences.
- To become familiar with the role of religion and its political influence in Greece and the effect of this influence in Greek-Turkish relationships.
- To become familiar with the modernization efforts in both Greece and Turkey, the popular secularism in Turkey, and the rapid changes in the Greek and Turkish political arena.
- To become familiar with Greece and Turkey's position within the EU, Turkey's application for EU membership and the prospects of Turkey's membership for both countries.

TEXT: There is no specific text assigned to this course. The lecture powerpoints will be posted online in a timely fashion.

Secondary material will be distributed during the semester and will be also posted on line.

GRADING POLICY:

- Mid-Term 1, 25 points (*February 6*)

- Mid-Term 2, 25 points (*March 13*)
- Final, 25 points (*April 22*)
- Quizzes, assignments , 20 points
- Attendance, 5 points

Please note that all readings, written assignments and exams must be completed by or on the date indicated on the syllabus and will not be rescheduled or accepted late. Requests of any special accommodations must be made to the course instructor in writing and in advance of the class or exam time.

You are more than welcome to discuss any of these requirements or assignments with the professor.

ATTENDANCE: Note that class attendance is required for this course and constitutes **5%** of your grade. You will be permitted 3 unexcused absences, after which you lose your attendance points. We will regularly circulate an attendance sheet, which you should sign. Signing for others is considered academic dishonesty. Repeated absences may affect your performance on final exam and quizzes since they will be based on the class lectures. Also missing class means possibly missing quizzes (unannounced quizzes etc) and late submission of homework assignments.

According to the Office of the University Registrar, “acceptable reasons for absence from class include illness, serious family emergencies, special curricular requirements (e.g., judging trips, field trips, professional conferences), military obligation, severe weather conditions, religious holidays and participation in official university activities such as music performances, athletic competition or debate. Absences from class for court-imposed legal obligations (e.g., jury duty or subpoena) must be excused.”

For further information about the University of Florida’s attendance policy, please see the current Undergraduate Catalogue (<http://www.registrar.ufl.edu/catalog/policies/regulationattendance.html>).

QUIZZES: There will be quizzes during the semester based on course readings and class discussion and lectures. The format will be multiple-choice questions. These will not be difficult, but will be intended to test whether you have done the readings and are prepared for class.

Together with attendance and other assignments these quizzes will constitute **25%** of your grade.

ACADEMIC HONESTY

Academic dishonesty, including cheating on exams and plagiarism, will not be tolerated. Any student engaging in such activities will be dealt with in accordance with University policy. It is your responsibility to know what constitutes plagiarism, and what the university policies are. If you have doubts, we would be happy to discuss with you. Please refer to the current

Undergraduate Catalog for more information on the Student Honor code (<http://www.registrar.ufl.edu/catalog/policies/students.html>). If you have questions about these policies, we would be happy to discuss them with you.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

If you have a disability that may affect your performance in this class, you should contact the Dean of Students Office (www.dso.ufl.edu/drp/) so that special arrangements can be made to accommodate you. It is your responsibility to do so at the beginning of the semester.

GRADING SCALE:

A	94-100
A-	90-93
B+	85-89
B	80-84
B-	75-79
C+	70-74
C	65-69
C-	60-64
D+	56-59
D	52-55
D-	48-51
E	47 or below

Course Schedule

Week 1

Introduction

1. Syllabus, discussion of course objectives, requirements, exams format, important course dates etc.
2. Greece and Turkey: General Background.

Readings: Lecture notes

Week 2

Ottoman Empire

3. The Fall of Constantinople: The Significance of the Year 1453
4. Organisation of the State in the Ottoman Empire, Religious Freedoms and Tensions, Status of Minorities

Readings: Lecture notes,

- Arnold Joseph Toymbee, *The Ottoman Empire in World History, Proceedings of the American Philosophical Society*, Vol. 99, No. 3 (Jun. 15, 1955), pp. 119-126

- Vamik D. Volkan and Norman Itzkowitz, *Turks and Greeks : Neighbours in Conflict*, Huntingdon : Eothen Press, 1994, pp. 53-69 (Chapter 6: The Ottoman Empire).

Week 3

Wars of Independence

5. The Greek War of Independence (1821-8) and the Creation of Greek National Consciousness

6. The Turkish “War of Independence” (1919-23)
Construction of Popular Mindsets and Prejudices

Readings: Lecture notes,

- Allan Cunningham, The Philhellenes, Canning and Greek Independence, *Middle Eastern Studies*, Vol. 14, No. 2 (May, 1978), pp. 151-181
- Hercules Millas, *The Imagined ‘Other’ as National Identity*, Ankara : CSDP, 2004, pp. 18-31.
- Çağlar Keyder, ‘The Consequences of the Exchange of Populations for Turkey’, in Renée Hirschon (ed.), *Crossing the Aegean: an appraisal of the 1923 compulsory population exchange between Greece and Turkey*, New York : Berghahn Books, 2004, pp. 39-52.

Week 4

Modernization and Development

7. American Involvement in Greece and Turkey After the End of WWII: NATO and the Western Alliance

Turkey & Greece in NATO: Allies, but Enemies?

8. Emigration as a ‘Solution’ to Social, Economic and Political Problems of Post War Greece and Turkey

Readings: Lecture notes,

- Joseph C. Satterthwaite, The Truman Doctrine: Turkey, *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, Vol. 401, America and the Middle East (May, 1972), pp. 74-84
- Alice Scourby, Three Generations of Greek Americans: A Study in Ethnicity, *International Migration Review*, Vol. 14, No. 1 (Spring, 1980), pp. 43-52
- Ergun Özbudun, 'The Nature of the Kemalist Political Regime', in A.Kazancıgil & E. Özbudun, (eds.), *Atatürk, Founder of a Modern State*, London: C. Hurst, 1997, pp. 79-102

Week 5

Nationalism in Greece and Turkey

9. Introduction: General Trends

Specific nationalist sentiments toward the ‘other’

10. Ordinary versus institutional Perspectives of the 'other' - the street versus military perspectives

Readings: Lecture notes,

- Çağlar Keyder, 'A History and Geography of Turkish Nationalism', in Faruk Birtek and Thalia Dragonas (eds.), *Citizenship and the nation-state in Greece and Turkey*, London : Routledge, 2005, pp. 3-17.
- Panayote E. Dimitras, Greece: A New Danger, *Foreign Policy*, No. 58 (Spring, 1985), pp. 134-150
- Umut Ozkirimli & Spyros A. Sofos, *Tormented by History : Nationalism in Greece and Turkey*, London : Hurst & Company, 2008, pp. 15-42.

Week 6

11. Review

12. First Mid-Term Examination

Week 7

The Problem of Cyprus

13. Introduction: Chronology of Events

14. Perceptions: Greeks versus Turks, Greek Cypriots versus Turkish Cypriots Present state of Affairs

Readings: Lecture notes

- William M. Hale, *Turkish Foreign Policy 1774-2000*, Portland, OR : Frank Cass, 2000, pp. 130-133, 146-162.
- Ahmet Sözen, 'A Model of Power-Sharing in Cyprus: From 1959 London-Zurich Agreements to the Annan Plan', in Ali Çarkoğlu, Barry Rubin (eds.), *Greek-Turkish Relations in an era of Détente*, London: NY : Routledge, 2005, pp. 61-77.

Week 8

Greece, Turkey: Parallel Cultures

15. Discovering the cultural similarities of both countries

16. An introduction to Greek and Turkish Popular Culture: Music, Food and Entertainment Movie Showing: 'Politiki Kouzina'

Readings: Lecture notes,

- Elleni Kallimopoulou, Come Years, Come Time, It Will Be Ours Once More...Cultural Intimacy and the Construction of Deference Across the Aegean, *Concerence on Music in the World of Islam*, Assilah, 8-13 August 2007
- Umut Ozkirimli & Spyros A. Sofos, *Tormented by History : Nationalism in Greece and Turkey*, London : Hurst & Company, 2008, pp. 43-75.
- Elçin Macar, 'A Victim of Reciprocity: The Greek Patriarchate of Istanbul', in Samim Akgönül (ed.), *Reciprocity: Greek and Turkish Minorities Law, Religion and Politics*, Istanbul: İstanbul Bilgi Üniversitesi, 2008, pp. 143-50.

Week 9

Religion and its impact in Greek-Turkish Relationships

16. The Role of the Greek Church in the construction of Modern Greek Identity
Church and Politics in Greece

17. The Role of State and Popular Secularism in Turkey: the Status of the Patriarch and Religious schools

Readings: Lecture notes

- Şerif Mardin, 'Religion and Secularism in Turkey', in A.Kazancıgil & E. Özbudun, (eds.), *Atatürk, Founder of a Modern State*, London: C. Hurst, 1997, pp. 191-220.
- Charalambos Papastathis, Church and State in Greece in 2000, *European Journal for Church and State Research*, vol. 8 (2001), pp. 95-118

Week 11

18. Review

19. Second Mid Term Examination

Week 12

Political Landscape of Greece and Turkey in the post Cold War Era I

20. Introduction: The modern political arenas of Greece and Turkey
The Status of Minorities

21. Earthquake Diplomacy and Rapprochement

Readings: Lecture notes,

- James Ker-Lindsay , *Crisis and Conciliation : A Year of Rapprochement Between Greece and Turkey*, London : I. B. Tauris, c2007, pp. 11-43.
- Nancy Bermeo, Classification and Consolidation: Some Lessons from the Greek Dictatorship, *Political Science Quarterly*, Vol. 110, No. 3 (Autumn, 1995), pp. 435-452

Week 13

Political Landscape of Greece and Turkey in the post Cold War Era II

22. The Changing nature of Global Order

23. Greece and Turkey's position vis a vis one another

Readings: Lecture notes,

- Paul Kubicek, 'The Earthquake, Europe, and Prospects for Political Change in Turkey', *MERIA*, Vol. 5, No. 2, pp. 34-47.
- Mustafa Aydın, 'Contemporary Turkish-Greek Relations: Constraints and Opportunities', in Mustafa Aydın, Kostas Ifantis (eds.), *Turkish-Greek relations: the security Dilemma in the Aegean*, London And New York: Routledge, 2004, pp. 21-52.
- William Wallace, From the Atlantic to the Bug, from the Arctic to the Tigris? The Transformation of the EU and NATO, *International Affairs (Royal Institute of International Affairs 1944-)*, Vol. 76, No. 3, Europe: Where Does It Begin and End? (Jul., 2000), pp. 475-493

Week 14

The European Union: Greece and Turkey I

24. European Union: An Introduction

From the European Economic Community to European Union

25. European Union Enlargement

Membership Requirements

Readings: Lecture notes,

- John McCormick, *Understanding the European Union: a concise introduction*, Palgrave, 2002, Chapters 3 & 4.
- Milica Uvalic, Regional Cooperation and the Enlargement of the European Union: Lessons Learned, *International Political Science Review / Revue internationale de science politique*, Vol. 23, No. 3, Enlarging the European Union: Challenges to and from Central and Eastern Europe. L'élargissement de l'Union européenne (Jul., 2002), pp. 319-333
- Heather Grabbe, European Union Conditionality and the "Acquis Communautaire", *International Political Science Review / Revue internationale de science politique*, Vol. 23, No. 3, Enlarging the European Union: Challenges to and from Central and Eastern Europe. L'élargissement de l'Union européenne (Jul., 2002), pp. 249-268

Week 15

The European Union: Greece and Turkey II

26. Greece and Turkey's position within the EU

27. The EU and the Greek debt crisis

Week 16

The European Union: Greece and Turkey III

28. The implications of Turkish Membership
Bilateral Problems: The status of the Aegean, space & Continental Shelf

29. The Future of Greece and Turkey
Obstacles and Challenges

Readings: Lecture notes,

- James Ker-Lindsay , *Crisis and Conciliation : A Year of Rapprochement Between Greece and Turkey*, London : I. B. Tauris, c2007, pp. 73-101.
- Özlem Elgün and Erik R. Tillman, Exposure to European Union Policies and Support for Membership in the Candidate Countries, *Political Research Quarterly*, Vol. 60, No. 3 (Sep., 2007), pp. 391-400
- Michael Haynes, European Union and Its Periphery: Inclusion and Exclusion, *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. 33, No. 35 (Aug. 29 - Sep. 4, 1998), pp. PE87-PE97

Final Week

30. Final Examination

- Peter Loizos, ‘Bicommunal Initiatives and their Contribution to Improved Relations between Turkish and Greek Cypriots’, in Dimitrios Theodossopoulos (ed.), *When Greeks think about Turks: The view from Anthropology*, London; New York : Routledge, 2007, pp. 177-192.
- Dimitrios Theodossopoulos, ‘Politics of Friendship, worldviews of Mistrust: The Greek-Turkish rapprochement in local Conversation’, in Dimitrios Theodossopoulos (ed.), *When Greeks think about Turks: The view from Anthropology*, London; New York : Routledge, 2007, pp. 193-210.
- Excerpts from ‘Turkish-Greek Civic Dialogue Project’ carried out between 2002-2005