

ATA 510
ECONOMIC & SOCIAL HISTORY OF TURKEY
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Course Description:

Changing world-contexts for the Turkish economy from the Tanzimat era to the present, and within that matrix, the unfolding connections of economic growth, structural change, income distribution, and social transformation. The emergence of new social groups and strata during the 19th and 20th centuries.

This seminar course aims to provide students with a comprehensive survey of the economic and social history of the Ottoman Empire and Turkey by focusing on themes such as capital accumulation, social justice, inequality, social welfare, income distribution, wealth and poverty, and taxation. For each theme, the readings and discussions will cover the recent theoretical debates as well as historical and contemporary studies. The course provides a platform for students to develop critical and analytical perspective to the economic and social history of Ottoman and Turkey.

Course Delivery Methods:

During the first part of the semester, shared readings will provide students with conceptual tools and help them formulate their own research agendas and questions as to Ottoman/Turkish history and contemporary society. As part of course requirements students are expected to carry out one small research project or an in-class book report, both should be related to the general issues that we will be discussing throughout the first part of the semester. Research topics and books for reports may be on historical issues, as well as on contemporary social problems.

Assignments:

Weekly Readings: This seminar is organized around common readings as the basis for weekly discussions (55%).

Research project/ book report (25%) and its presentation (20%).

Selected Readings

This course will be conducted through discussions based on a weekly reading list.

- Goncalves, Guilherme Leite, ve Sergio Costa. 2020. "From Primitive Accumulation to Entangled Accumulation: Decentring Marxist Theory of Capitalist Expansion." *European Journal of Social Theory* 23 (2): 146–164.
- Piketty, Thomas. 2015. "Putting Distribution Back at the Center of Economics: Reflections on Capital in the Twenty-First Century." *Journal of Economic Perspectives* 29 (1): 67–88.
- Kuran, Timur. 2005. "The Logic of Financial Westernization in the Middle East." *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization* 56 (4): 593–614
- Pamuk, Şevket, ve Kıvanç Karaman. "Ottoman State Finances in Comparative Perspective."
- Salzmänn, Ariel. 1993. "An Ancien Régime Revisited: Privatization and Political Economy in the 18th Century Ottoman Empire." *Politics & Society* 21 (4): 392–423.
- Quataert, Donald. 1993. "Women, Households and Textile Manufacturing, 1800-1914." İçinde *The Modern Middle East*, editörler Albert Hourani, Philip S. Khoury ve Mary C. Wilson, 255–270. London: I.B. Tauris.
- Yayıcıoğlu, Ali. 2019. "Perdenin Arkasındakiler: Osmanlı İmparatorluğu'nda Sarraflar ve Finans Ağları Üzerine Bir Deneme." *Journal of Turkish Studies* 51: 299–324.
- Özbek, Nadir. 2024. "İktisadi Düşünce Tarihçiliği, Modern Kamu Maliyesi ve Osmanlı Maliyecileri, 1876-1908." *Tarih ve Toplum: Yeni Yaklaşımlar*, sayı 23: 72–95.
- Alff, Kristen. 2026. *Violent Interests: Capitalism and Social Transformation in the Eastern Mediterranean, 1830s–1940s*. Stanford: Stanford University Press.
- Pamuk, Şevket. 2014. *Türkiye'nin 200 Yıllık İktisadi Tarihi: Büyüme, Kurumlar ve Bölüşüm*. İstanbul: Türkiye İş Bankası Kültür Yayınları.
- Boratav, Korkut, Çağlar Keyder, ve Şevket Pamuk. 1987. *Kriz, Gelir Dağılımı ve Türkiye'nin Alternatif Sorunu*. İstanbul: Kaynak Yayınları.
- Boratav, Korkut. 1982. "Anadolu Köyünde Savaş ve Yıkım." *Toplum ve Bilim*, sayı 15-16: 61–75.