

ATA 547

**WOMEN AND GENDER IN MODERN TURKEY**

**Spring 2016**

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This course will introduce the student to some major theoretical questions in women's history writing such as public and private spheres, women's emancipation, women's agency, imperialism, nationalism, family, motherhood etc. It will provide a critical analysis of women and gender studies in late Ottoman and early Republican Turkey but will also focus on some contemporary theoretical developments such as the equality-difference debate, feminist citizenship and social citizenship.

**Course Requirements:** The course will be held in a discussion format where each week two students will be expected to lead the discussion while the instructor and the rest of the group brings up important questions and comments. The students are expected to write two take home essays and one term paper. All of these will make up the final grade. [Take Home Essays (20 %)+ Term Paper (40 %)+ Attendance, Participation/Presentations (20%)].

**OUTLINE**

**Feb. 8 Introduction.**

Gisela Bock, "Women's History and Gender History, Aspects of an International Debate," in *The Feminist History Reader*, ed. Sue Morgan, Routledge, 2006, 104-147.

Kathleen Canning, "Gender History, Meanings, Methods and Metanarratives," in K. Canning, *Gender History in Practice, Historical Perspectives on Bodies, Class, Citizenship*, Cornell University Press, 2006, pp. 3-62.

**Febr. 15 Theoretical and Methodological Questions.**

Belinda Davis, "Reconsidering Habermas, Gender and the Public Sphere: The Case of Wilhelmine Germany", in G. Eley (ed.), *Society, Culture and the State in Germany 1870-1930*, University of Michigan Press, 1996.

E. Thompson, "Public and Private in Middle Eastern Women's History," *Journal of Women's History*, Spring, Vol. 15, No. 1.

**Feb. 22 European Women and Modernity, a Historical Overview:**

"Women in Industrializing, Liberalizing, and Imperializing Europe, Overview 1750-1890", 113-163.

“Women in the Era of the Interventionist State, Overview, 1890 to the Present”, 214-265 in *Connecting Spheres, European Women in a Globalizing World, 1500 to the Present* (eds.) M.Boxer and J.H Quatert, Oxford University Press, 2000 (2<sup>nd</sup> ed.).

**Feb 29      Women, Empire and the Orient**

Billie Melman, *Women's Orients, English Women and the Middle East, Sexuality, Religion and Work, 1718-1918*, Macmillan 1995 (2<sup>nd</sup> ed. ), pp. 99-162.

Duygu Köksal, “From a Critique of the Orient to a Critique of Modernity: A Greek-Ottoman-American Writer, Demetra Vaka (1877-1946), in Köksal and Falierou (eds.), *A Social History of Late Ottoman Empire*, Brill, 2013, 281-296.

Nancy Micklewright, “Public and Private for Ottoman Women of the Nineteenth Century,” in *Women, Patronage, and Self-Representation in Islamic Societies* (ed. D. Fairchild Ruggles), SUNY Press, 2000, 155-176.

**March 7      Colonialism, Nationalism and Citizenship: the Ottoman Empire and the Middle East:**

Ellen Fleischmann, “The Other “Awakening”: The Emergence of Women’s Movements in the Modern Middle East,” 1900-1940, in *A Social History of Women and Gender in the Modern Middle East* , M. L. Meriwether & J. Tucker (eds.), Westview, 1999, pp. 89-139.

Mervat Hatem, “Modernization, the State, and the Family in Middle East Women’s Studies,” in *A Social History of Women and Gender in the Modern Middle East* , M. L. Meriwether & J. Tucker (eds.), Westview, 1999, pp. 63-85.

**March 14      The New Women in the Ottoman Empire/ the Middle East**

Z. Toprak, “The Family, Feminism and the State during the Young Turk Period, 1908-1918”, in *Premiere Rencontre Internationale sur l’Empire Ottoman et la Turquie Moderne* (Istanbul-Paris: Editions ISIS, 1991).

Omnia Shakry, “Schooled Mothers and Structured Play: Child Rearing in Turn-of-the-Century Egypt,” in *Remaking Women: Feminism and Modernity in the Middle East* edited by Lila Abu-Lughod. Princeton: Princeton University Press (1998), 127-170.

**March 21      Women’s Labor in the Ottoman Empire:**

D. Quatert, Ottoman Women, Households, and Textile Manufacturing, 1800-1914 in *The Modern Middle East: A Reader*, (eds.) Hourani, Khoury, Wilson, IB Tauris, 1993, pp. 255-269.

Emine Tutku Vardağlı, “Searching for Women’s Agency in the Tobacco Workshops: Female Tobacco Workers of the Province of Selanik, ), in Köksal and Falierou (eds.), *A Social History of Late Ottoman Empire*, Brill, 2013, 47-64.

E. B. Frierson, "Cheap and Easy: The Creation of Consumer Culture in Late Ottoman Society", in D. Quatert (ed.), *Consumption Studies and the History of the Ottoman Empire, 1550-1922*, State University of New York Press, 2000.

**March 28 Women in the Arts and Writing:**

Hasmik Khalapyan, "Theater as Career for Ottoman Armenian Women, 1850-1910," in Köksal and Falierou (eds.), *A Social History of Late Ottoman Empire*, Brill, 2013, 31-46.

Burcu Pelvanoglu, "Painting the Late Ottoman Women: Portraits of Mihri Müşfik Hanım," in Köksal and Falierou (eds.), *A Social History of Late Ottoman Empire*, Brill, 2013, 155-172.

Özlem Altan-Olcay, "Gendered Projects of National Identity Formation: the Case of Turkey," *National Identities*, Vol. 11, No. 2, June 2009, 165-186.

**Apr. 4 From Empire to Republic:**

Yaprak Zihnioglu, *Kadınsız İnkılap : Nezihe Muhiddin, Kadınlar Halk Fırkası, Kadın Birliği*, Metis, 2003, selected parts.

Kathryn Libal, "Staging Turkish Women's Emancipation: İstanbul, 1935, *J. of Middle East Women's Studies*, Vol. 4, Number 1, Winter 2008, 31-52.

**Apr. 11 From Girlhood to Womanhood**

Elif Ekin Akşit, *Kızların Sessizliği: Kız Enstitülerinin Uzun Tarihi*, İletişim Y., 2006, selected parts.

Ferhunde Özbay, "Gendered Space: A New Look at Turkish Modernisation", *Gender and History*, Vol. 11, Nov. 1999, 555-568.

**April 18 No Class (Spring Break)**

**Apr. 25 The State and the Women's Movement in Turkey**

Gül Aldıkaçtı Marshall, "Before the Helsinki Summit, The State's Gender Regime in Turkey," in *Shaping Gender Policy in Turkey*, SUNY Press 2013, 37-60.

Nermin A. Unat, "The Impact of Legal and Educational Reforms on Turkish Women," in N. Keddie, B. Baron (eds.) *Women in Middle Eastern History*, Yale, 1991, 177-194.

**May 2 Citizenship and the Women's Movement**

Simel Esim and Dilek Cindoğlu, "Women's Organizations in 1990s Turkey: Predicaments and Prospects," *Middle Eastern Studies* Jan, 1999; 35,1, 178-188.

Gül Aldıkaçtı Marshall, chapter 4, “Active Citizenship, Women’s Collective Response to the State’s Gender Regime in Turkey,” 61-81; and chapter 5 “Aftermath of the 1999 Helsinki Summit, The Role of the EU and the Turkish State in Changing Gender Policies in Turkey,” in *Shaping Gender Policy in Turkey*, SUNY Press 2013, 83-107.

**May 9 Continued.**

Gül Aldıkaçtı Marshall, chapter 6, “Women’s Grassroots Activism in Changing Gender Policies after the 1999 Helsinki Summit,” and “Conclusion,” in *Shaping Gender Policy in Turkey*, SUNY Press 2013, 109-148.

Ayşe Buğra, “The Changing Welfare Regime of Turkey: Neoliberalism, Cultural Conservatism and Social Solidarity Redefined,” in *Gender and Society in Turkey: The Impact of Neo-Liberal Policies, Political Islam and EU Accession*, Saniye Dedeoğlu ve Adem Yavuz Elveren (eds.), IB Tauris, London ve New York, 2012.

**May 16 Recent Debates**

Martin van Bruinessen, “Adile Hanim’dan Leyla Zana’ya: Kürt Tarihinde Siyasi Liderler Olarak Kadınlar,” ve Heidi Wedel, “İstanbul’a Göç Eden Kürt Kadınlar,” *Devletsiz Ulusun Kadınları*, Shahrzad Mojab, Avesta, 2005, 131-182.

Ayşe Buğra, “Revisiting the Wollstonecraft Dilemma in the Context of Conservative Liberalism: The Case of Female Employment in Turkey,” *Social Politics*, Vol.0, Number 0, 1-19.

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Recommended Reading:

Geoff Eley, “Nations, Publics and Political Cultures: Placing Habermas in the Nineteenth Century” in C. Calhoun, *Habermas and the Public Sphere*.

Fatmagül Berktaş, “Kendine Ait Bir Tarih”, *Tarih ve Toplum*, Mart 1999, sayı: 183, 47-55.

Serpil Çakır, “Tarih Yazımında Kadın Deneyimlerine Ulaşma Yolları”, *Toplumsal Tarih*, Mart 2002, 28-35.

Elizabeth Brown Frierson, "Mirrors Out, Mirrors In: Domestication and Rejection of the Foreign in Late-Ottoman Women's Magazines (1875-1908)." In *Women, Patronage, and Self-Representation in Islamic Societies*, edited by Fairchild D. Ruggles, 177-204. Albany: State University of New York Press, 2000.

Efi Avdela, “Class, Ethnicity and Gender in Post-Ottoman Thessaloniki”, in *Borderlines*, ed. Billie Melman, N:Y and London: Routledge, 421-438.

Nicole A.N.M. Van Os, “Osmanlı Kadın Dernekleri, Geçmişten Gelen Kaynakları Gelecek için Kaynaklar,” *Toplumsal Tarih*, Mart 2002, 7-14.

Şehmus Güzel, “ Tanzimat’tan Cumhuriyet’e, Toplumsal Değişim ve Kadın, *Cumhuriyet Dönemi Türkiye Ansiklopedisi*, İletişim Y., 858-875.

Serpil Çakır, “Feminism and Feminist History Writing in Turkey: The Discovery of Ottoman Feminism, *Aspasia*, vol. 1, 2007, 61-83.

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