

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?

L. Dumont, "Caste, Racism and 'Stratification': Reflections of a Social Anthropologist" in A. Bétaille (ed.), *Inequality*, Baltimore, Md: Penguin Books, 1974

A. Bétaille, "The Decline of Social Inequality?" in A. Bétaille (ed.), *Inequality*, Baltimore, Md: Penguin Books, 1974

B. Williams, "Necessary Identities" in B. Williams, *Shame and Necessity*, University of California Press, 1993, pp. 103-129.

(Week 3) On Equality and Distributive Justice

J. Locke (1690), *Second Treatise of Government*, Mentor Book from New American Library, 1965, para. 54, p. 346.

M. Deutsch, "Equity, Equality, and Need: What Determines Which Value Will Be Used as the Basis of Distributive Justice?", *Journal of Social Issues*, 31: 3, 1975, pp. 137- 149.

J. Rawls, *A Theory of Social Justice*: Cambridge Mass: The Belknap press of Harvard University Press, revised ed. 1999, pp. 47-56; 81-93; 102-105; 118-123.

A. Sen, *The Idea of Justice*, The Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 2009, pp. 52-74; 253-268; 291-320 (chs. 2, 12 and 14).

(Week 4) Class and Citizenship

A.Marshall (1873), " The Future of the Working Class" in A.C.Pigou (ed.), *The Memorials of Alfred Marshall*, Augustus M. Kelly Publishers, 1966, pp. 101-118.

T.H. Marshall, "Citizenship and Social Class" in *Class, Citizenship and Social Development: Essays by T.H. Marshall*, Anchor Books, 1965, pp. 71-134.

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

G. Esping-Andersen, *The Three Worlds of Welfare Capitalism*, Polity Press, 1990, pp. 1 -5 ; 55- 77 (Introduction and ch. 3).

C. Pateman, "The Patriarchal Welfare State" in A. Guttman (ed.), *Democracy and the Welfare State*, Princeton University Press, 1988, pp. 231-260.

(Week 6) Beyond the Dichotomy between Equality and Difference

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

N. Fraser, "From Redistribution to Recognition? Dilemmas of Justice in a 'Post-Socialist' Age", *New Left Review*, 212, 1995.

J. Squires, "Intersecting Inequalities: Reflections on the Subjects and Objects of Inequality", *Political Quarterly*, v. 79, n.1, 2008.

(Week 7) Culture and Equality

Z. Bauman, *Community*, Polity Press, 2001, pp.74-109 (chs. 6 and 7).

B. Barry, *Culture and Equality*, Harvard University Press, 2001, pp. 292-328 (ch. 8)

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

OECD, *Growing Unequal*, 2008, chs. 1 and 11

R. Wilkinson and K. Pickett, *The Spirit Level: Why Is Equality Better for Everyone*, Penguin, 2009 (slides pptx from the Equality Trust: <http://www.equalitytrust.org.uk/>)

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

A. Buğra, “Revisiting the Wollstonecraft Dilemma in the Context of Conservative Liberalism: The Case of Female Employment in Turkey”, *Social Politics*, 2013.

V. Yılmaz and İ. Göçmen, “Denied Citizens of Turkey: Experiences of Discrimination Among LGBT Individuals in Employment, Housing and Health Care”, *Gender, Work and Organization*, 2016, doi:10.1111/gwao: 12122

B. Ekim Akkan, M.B. Deniz, M. Ertan, *Poverty and Social Exclusion of Roma in Turkey*, Istanbul: Edirne Roma Association, Bogazici University Social Policy Forum and Anadolu Kültür, 2011.

(Weeks 10-11-12) Student presentations

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

T.Gitlin, “The Left’s Lost Universalism” in A.M.Melzer, J. Weinberger and M.R.Zinman (eds.), *Politics at the Turn of Century*, New York: Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, Inc., 2001.

A. Phillips, *Which Equalities Matter*, Cambridge: Polity Press, 1999, pp. 1- 96 (chs. 1-4).