

ATA 596: 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 aims to motivate the students 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- 16.00, 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, Freedom and Distributive Justice

Declaration of Human and Civic Rights of 26 August 1789

http://www.conseil-constitutionnel.fr/conseil-constitutionnel/root/bank_mm/anglais/cst2.pdf

J. Locke (1690), *Second Treatise of Government*, Mentor Book from New American Library, 1965, para. 4, p.309 and 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 Inequality and Equal 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 and pp. 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.

M. Wollstonecraft, *A Vindication of the Rights of Women*, Penguin Classics, 2004 (originally published 1792): Dedication and Introduction (pp. 3-7 and 11-16); “Observations on the state of degradation to which woman is reduced for various causes” (chapter IV, pp. 68-98); “On national education” (chapter XII, pp. 196-22).

(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

S. Moller Okin, *Is Multiculturalism Bad for Women?*, Princeton University Press, 1999, pp. 9-24

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) Examples from Inequalities in Turkey: Class, Gender, Ethnicity and Disability

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*, 23:5, 2016, pp. 447-534.

B. Ekim Akkan, M.B. Deniz, M. Ertan, "The Romanization of Poverty: Spatial Stigmatization of Roma Neighborhoods in Turkey", *Romani Studies*, 27:1, 2017, pp. 73-93.

A. Buğra, "Revisiting the Wollstonecraft Dilemma in the Context of Conservative Liberalism: The Case of Female Employment in Turkey", *Social Politics*, 22:1, 2014, pp. 148-166.

D. Bezmez and S. Yardımcı, “In Search of Disability Rights: Citizenship and Turkish Disability Organizations”, *Disability and Society*, 25:5, 2010, pp. 603-615.

(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).