

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, ethnicity, sexual preference and disability. 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

## **COURSE OUTLINE**

(week 1) Introduction

(week 2) What is Natural about Slavery?

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.

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).

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.

(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

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) Gender and Equality: Wollstonecraft Dilemma and Beyond (I)

M. Wollstonecraft (1792), *A Vindication of the Rights of Woman*, Penguin Classics, 2004, pp. 3-7; 28-98; 223-242 (chs. 2, 3,4, 13).

(week 7) Gender and Equality: Wollstonecraft Dilemma and Beyond (II)

I. Illich, *Gender*, Open Forum Marion Boyars, 1983, pp. 3-21 (ch. 1)

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

(week 8) 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. 252- 291 (ch. 7).

(week 9) Disability, Gay Rights and the “Tyranny of the Normal”

A.Silvers, “ ‘Defective’ Agents: Equality, Difference and the Tyranny of the Normal”, *Journal of Social Philosophy*, 1994, pp. 154-175.

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

L. Concannon, “Citizenship, Sexual Identity and Social Exclusion: Exploring Issues in British and American Social Policy”, *International Journal of Sociology*, 28: 9/10, 2008, pp. 326-339.

J. Cock, “Engendering Gay and Lesbian Rights: The Equality Clause in the South African Constitution”, *Women’s Studies International Forum*, 26:1, 2003, pp. 35-45.

V. Yılmaz and S. Birdal, “LGBT Rights in Turkey: The Long Road to Tolerance”, <http://www.e-ir.info/2012/12/14/lgbt-rights-in-turkey-the-long-road-to-tolerance/>

(week 10) Is There a Tension between Redistribution and Recognition?

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

(week 11) Debating Equality in Turkey

Ş. Mardin, “Turkey: The Transformation of an Economic Code” in E. Özbudun and A. Ulusan (eds.), *The Political Economy of Income Distribution in Turkey*, Holmes & Meier Publishers, Inc., 1980, p.. 23-54.

M. Yeğen, “The Kurdish Question in Turkey: Denial to Recognition” in M. Caslier and J. Jongerden (eds.), *Nationalism and Political Islam in Turkey*, Routledge, 2010.

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

A. Candaş and V. Yılmaz, *Türkiye’de Eşitsizlikler: Kalıcı Eşitsizliklere Genel bir Bakış*, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, 2012.

(weeks 12-13) Student presentations

The students will be asked to suggest to the class one reading on the topic of their paper at least a week before their presentation.