

Course Description					
Name	Code	Semester	T+A Hour	Credit	ECTS
RELIGION and POLITICS in TURKEY	SKY3249990	Spring Semester	3+0	3	5
Prerequisites Courses					
Recommended Elective Courses					
Language of Instruction	Turkish				
Course Level	First Cycle (Bachelor's Degree)				
Course Type	Elective				
Course Coordinator	Prof.Dr. Bekir Berat ÖZİPEK				
Name of Lecturer(s)	Prof.Dr. Bekir Berat ÖZİPEK				
Assistant(s)					
Aim	The purposes are to show the relation between religion and politics by its theoretical and practical dimensions, to explain which form this relation take in different cultures and places from past to present and to try to understand the relation between religion and politics in Turkey by arguing it with various dimensions.				
Course Content	This course contains; Historical background: Main characteristics of religion, society and state relations in different societies from past to present Models, theories and approaches which explain religion-state relation, Islam, history and state: principal periods, currents of thought and practices form first period to present ,Religion-state relation in Ottoman-Turkish history: Islam, Byzantine state tradition and religion-state relations, Philosophical and sociological dimensions of discussions on Islamic and secular state: Political economy of values tensions, ,Religion, society and state relations in one-party period, Society-state relations from multi-party period to present, Religion in state structure in Turkey: Presidency of Religious Affairs, Religious authoritarianism, anti-democratic religious regimes and anti-religious anti-democratic mentalities and regimes, Conceptualize discriminatory prejudice against Muslims: Islamophobia, anti-Islam, Muslim hostility and others, Continental European laicism, Anglo-american secularism and discussions on limits of liberty I: to define traditions and materialize boundary conflicts, Continental European laicism, Anglo-american secularism and discussions on limits of liberty II: Examples and regulations worth to analyze with regard to freedom of thought and faith, Freedom of religion and conscience: Problems in Turkey, Freedom of religion and conscience: Discussions for solutions, Freedom of religion and conscience: Constitutional framework debate.				
Course Learning Outcomes			Teaching Methods	Assessment Methods	
1. Students analyze the main regulations, different models and current debates regarding the relationship between religion and state in today's world.			16, 9	A	
2. Students gain knowledge about religion-state relations from past to present.			16, 9	A	
3. Students gain a basic perspective on how the religion-state relationship was shaped in Turkey from past to present, in which periods there were ruptures, today's understanding of human rights, and how Turkey's practice can be addressed in terms of freedom of religion and conscience in this context.			16, 9	A	
4. Students gain knowledge about the formation of religion-state relations in different religious and cultural geographies.			16, 9	A	
5. Students make detailed evaluations about freedom of religion and conscience.			16, 9	A	
Teaching Methods	16: Question - Answer Technique, 9: Lecture Method				
Assessment Methods	A: Traditional Written Exam				
Lecture Schedule					
Sequence	Topics	Preliminary Preparation			
1	Historical background: Main characteristics of religion, society and state relations in different societies from past to present Models, theories and approaches which explain religion-state relation	Reading texts			
2	Islam, history and state: principal periods, currents of thought and practices form first period to present	Reading texts			
3	Religion-state relation in Ottoman-Turkish history: Islam, Byzantine state tradition and religion-state relations	Reading texts			
4	Philosophical and sociological dimensions of discussions on Islamic and secular state: Political economy of values tensions.	Reading texts			
5	Religion, society and state relations in one-party period	Reading texts			
6	Society-state relations from multi-party period to present	Reading texts			
7	Religion in state structure in Turkey: Presidency of Religious Affairs	Reading texts			
8	Religious authoritarianism, anti-democratic religious regimes and anti-religious anti-democratic mentalities and regimes	Reading texts			
9	Conceptualize discriminatory prejudice against Muslims: Islamophobia, anti-Islam, Muslim hostility and others	Reading texts			
10	Continental European laicism, Anglo-american secularism and discussions on limits of liberty I: to define traditions and materialize boundary conflicts	Reading texts			
11	Continental European laicism, Anglo-american secularism and discussions on limits of liberty II: Examples and regulations worth to analyze with regard to freedom of thought and faith	Reading texts			
12	Freedom of religion and conscience: Problems in Turkey	Reading texts			
13	Freedom of religion and conscience: Discussions for solutions	Reading texts			
14	Freedom of religion and conscience: Constitutional framework debate	Reading texts			
Evaluation Methods		Weight(%)			
Midterm Exam		40			
General Exam		60			

Resources

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