

SPL 582: Social Policy in Turkey



A photograph from 1900s taken in TEKEL Cibali Tobacco Factory.
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Course overview

This is a master's level social science course on the social policy scholarship on Turkey covering a wide range of policy domains and disciplinary perspectives. The course introduces students to key debates in the social policy scholarship on Turkey, while equipping them with a human-rights based social policy perspective to critically engage with pressing social and economic problems in Turkey.

Organization of classes

I will deliver a lecture around 40 minutes in the beginning of the class to set the scene. Then each week, two of you will present one individual reading (that I will assign to you in the first week of the course) in 10 minutes. Then we will give a short break. After the break, we will discuss together the approach and the method used in common readings of each week.

Requirements

I expect you to **read each week's common readings** before the class. You are expected to write **a memo on each week's common readings**. In these memos, I expect you to summarize the main argument of one of the assigned readings, write what you find most thought-provoking (including criticisms and/or appraisals) in the reading and come up with a couple of discussion questions that you would like to discuss in the class. Average length of these memos should be around 500 words only (around one A4 page with single-space). Longer memos are not better memos. I expect you to send them to me by email until each Wednesday night (12:00 at the latest). On Thursdays, I will compile them into one document, write some additional comments on them and send to all participants of the class. I expect you to go over this document before coming to class. Fulfilling these two requirements on time are key to ensure the quality of class discussions. Late memos are not accepted, as they will not be useful in facilitating class discussion anymore. Even if you will not be attending one particular class for some reason, you are still expected to hand in a memo on time. Failing to hand in memos will affect your

grade. I will read these memos, but will not grade them for "quality". Memos will constitute 5 per cent of your final grade (55 points in total).

In addition to writing memos, each of you will make **three 10-min presentations** of individual readings that I will assign to you in the beginning of the class. You will get 5 points for each of these presentations (15 points in total).

Term paper will constitute 35 per cent of your final grade. All students are expected to write a critical review of the social policy scholarship on Turkey in one of the domains covered in this course. All students should discuss their final paper topics with me and are expected to prepare a 2-3 page long final paper proposal with a list of empirical sources that they will cover and a bibliography by May 5. Papers are due May 31. Average expected length of papers will be 5000 words.

Grading scale: 90-100: AA; 80-89 BA; 75-79 BB; 70-74 CB; 65-69 CC; 60-64 DC; 55-59 DD; 50-54 F; 49-0

Reading List

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| Feb 10 | Introduction |
| Feb 17 | <p>Social policies in Republican Turkey: A historical overview</p> <p>Common readings:</p> <p>Özbek, Nadir. "Osmanlı'dan Günümüze Türkiye'de Sosyal Devlet." <i>Toplum ve Bilim</i> 92 (2002): 7-33.</p> <p>Buğra, Ayşe. "Poverty and citizenship: An overview of the social-policy environment in republican Turkey." <i>International Journal of Middle East Studies</i> 39.01 (2007): 33-52.</p> <p>Individual readings:</p> <p>Talas, Cahit. <i>Türkiye'nin Açıklamalı Sosyal Politika Tarihi</i>. Ankara: Bilgi Yayınevi, (1992).</p> <p>Özbek, Nadir. <i>Cumhuriyet Türkiye'sinde sosyal güvenlik ve sosyal politikalar</i>. İstanbul: Tarih Vakfı, (2006).</p> <p>Optional readings:</p> <p>Makal, Ahmet. "Ameleden İşçiye." İstanbul: İletişim Yayınları (2007).</p> <p>Buğra, Ayşe. <i>Kapitalizm, Yoksulluk ve Türkiye'de Sosyal Politika</i>, İstanbul: İletişim Yayınları, (2008).</p> <p>Koray, Meryem. <i>Sosyal Politika</i>. Ankara: İmge Yayınevi, (2008).</p> |

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| <p>Feb 24</p> | <p>Social Policies in Contemporary Turkey</p> <p>Common readings:</p> <p>Ferrera, M. 'The "Southern Model" of Welfare in Social Europe', <i>Journal of European Social Policy</i> 6(1), (1996): 17–37.</p> <p>Buğra, Ayşe, and Çağlar Keyder. "The Turkish welfare regime in transformation." <i>Journal of European social policy</i> 16.3 (2006): 211-228.</p> <p>Gal, John. "Is there an extended family of Mediterranean welfare states?." <i>Journal of European Social Policy</i> 20.4 (2010): 283-300.</p> <p>Eder, Mine. "Deepening neoliberalisation and a changing welfare regime in Turkey Mutations of a populist, "sub-optimal" democracy" In Rodriguez, Carmen, et al. (eds.) <i>Turkey's democratization process</i>. Routledge, (2013): 195-220.</p> <p>Individual readings:</p> <p>Boratav, Korkut, Erinç Yeldan, and Ahmet Köse. "Globalization, distribution and social policy: Turkey, 1980-1998." <i>CEPA and The New School for Social Research, Working Paper Series</i> 20 (2000): 113-114.</p> <p>Buğra, Ayşe; Yılmaz, Volkan; Birelma, Alpkan; Gürsoy, Burçak; Taşkın, Yasemin; Dodurka, Zeynep Berra; Ekim Akkan, Başak; Göçmen, İpek. UNDP Case Study on Income and Social Inequalities in Turkey, (2016).</p> <p>Optional readings:</p> <p>Yakut-Cakar, Burcu. (2007) 'Turkey', in B. Deacon and P. Stubbs (eds) <i>Social Policy and International Interventions in South East Europe</i>. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar.</p> <p>Candaş, Ayşen & Yılmaz, Volkan. Türkiye'de Eşitsizlikler. İstanbul: Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (2012).</p> <p>Uzel, İlhan & Duru, Bülent. (2013) <i>AKP Kitabı: Bir Dönüşümün Bilançosu</i>. Phoenix .</p> <p>Koray, Meryem & Çelik, Aziz. (2015) <i>Himmet, Fıtrat, Piyasa: AKP Döneminde Sosyal Politika</i>. İletişim Yayınları.</p> |
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| <p style="text-align: center;">Mar 3</p> | <p>Labour market</p> <p>Common readings:</p> <p>Koçer, Rüya Gökhan, and Jelle Visser. "The Role of the State in Balancing the Minimum Wage in Turkey and the USA." <i>British journal of industrial relations</i> 47.2 (2009): 349-370.</p> <p>Dedeoğlu, Saniye. "Visible hands–invisible women: Garment production in Turkey." <i>Feminist Economics</i> 16.4 (2010): 1-32.</p> <p>Individual readings:</p> <p>Buğra, Ayşe, and Burcu Yakut-Cakar. "Structural change, the social policy environment and female employment in Turkey." <i>Development and change</i> 41.3 (2010): 517-538.</p> <p>Özveri, Murat. <i>İşçi Sağlığı, İş Güvenliği ve İş Cinayetleri</i>. İstanbul: Birleşik Metal-İş Yayınları, (2015): 179-221.</p> <p>Optional readings:</p> <p>İlkaracan, İpek. "Why so few women in the labor market in Turkey?." <i>Feminist Economics</i> 18.1 (2012): 1-37.</p> <p>Bağımsız Sosyal Bilimciler. <i>AKP'li Yıllarda Emeğin Durumu</i>. İstanbul: Yordam Kitap, (2015): 46-105.</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Mar 10</p> | <p>Industrial relations</p> <p>Common readings:</p> <p>Bolukbasi, H. Tolga, and Ebru Ertugal. "Europeanisation of employment policy in Turkey: tracing domestic change through institutions, ideas and interests." <i>South European Society and Politics</i> 18.2 (2013): 237-257.</p> <p>Çelik, Aziz. "AKP Döneminde Sendikal Haklar: Sendikasız-Grevsiz Kaynaşmış Bir Kitleyiz!." <i>Himmet, Fitrat, Piyasa AKP Döneminde Sosyal Politika, Derleyenler: Meryem Koray, Aziz Çelik, İletişim Yayınları 1</i> (2015): 157-193.</p> <p>Individual readings:</p> <p>Adaman, Fikret, Ayşe Buğra, and Ahmet Insel. "Societal Context of Labor Union Strategy The Case of Turkey." <i>Labor Studies Journal</i> 34.2 (2009): 168-188.</p> <p>Koçak, Hakan & Lordoğlu, Kuvvet. "AKP Döneminde İstihdam, İşgücü ve İşsizlik" <i>Himmet, Fitrat, Piyasa AKP Döneminde Sosyal Politika, Derleyenler: Meryem Koray, Aziz Çelik, İletişim Yayınları 1</i> (2015).</p> |

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| | <p>Optional readings:</p> <p>Makal, Ahmet. "Cumhuriyetten 21. Yüzyıla Türkiye’de Çalışma İlişkileri” In (ed.) Ceylan Ataman, Berrin. <i>Cahit Talas Anısına: Güncel Sosyal Politika Tartışmaları</i>, Ankara: Ankara Üniversitesi, (2007): 511-543.</p> <p>Özveri, Murat. <i>Türkiye’de Toplu İş Sözleşmesi Yetki Sistemi ve Sendikasılaştırma (1963-2009)</i>, Ankara: Ankara Üniversitesi, (2007): 297-371.</p> |
| Mar 17 | <p>Pensions</p> <p>Common readings:</p> <p>Elveren, Adem Y. "Social security reform in turkey: A critical perspective." <i>Review of Radical Political Economics</i> 40.2 (2008): 212-232.</p> <p>Güleç, Aslı. "The politics of pension reform in Greece and Turkey: International institutions as external determinants of adjustments." <i>Global Social Policy</i> 14.1 (2014): 72-90.</p> <p>Individual readings:</p> <p>Kılıç, Azer. "The gender dimension of social policy reform in Turkey: towards equal citizenship?." <i>Social Policy & Administration</i> 42.5 (2008): 487-503.</p> <p>Cosar, Simten, and Metin Yegenoglu. "The neoliberal restructuring of Turkey's social security system." <i>Monthly Review</i> 60.11 (2009): 36-49.</p> <p>Optional readings:</p> <p>Aysan, Mehmet Fatih. "Reforms and challenges: the Turkish pension regime revisited." <i>Emerging Markets Finance and Trade</i> 49.sup5 (2013): 148-162.</p> |
| Mar 24 | <p>Healthcare</p> <p>Common readings:</p> <p>Yilmaz, Volkan. "Changing origins of inequalities in access to healthcare services in Turkey: from occupational status to income." <i>New Perspectives on Turkey</i> 48 (2013): 55-77.</p> <p>Agartan, Tuba I. "Explaining large-scale policy change in the Turkish health care system: Ideas, institutions, and political actors." <i>Journal of health politics, policy and law</i> 40.5 (2015): 971-999.</p> |

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| | <p>Individual readings:</p> <p>Yoltar, Çağrı. "When the poor need health care: ethnography of state and citizenship in Turkey." <i>Middle Eastern Studies</i> 45.5 (2009): 769-782.</p> <p>Kılıçaslan, Alaz & Kılıçaslan, Zeki. "Aşırı Tanı ve Tedavi" In Elbek, Osman (ed.) - <i>Kapitalizm Sağlığa Zararlıdır</i>, İstanbul: Hayy Kitap, (2013): 177-192.</p> <p>Optional readings:</p> <p>Sönmez, Mustafa. <i>Paran Kadar Sağlık: Türkiye’de Sağlıkın Ticarileşmesi</i>. İstanbul: Yordam Kitap, (2011).</p> |
| <p>Mar 31</p> | <p>Housing, spatial segregation, rescaling</p> <p>Common readings:</p> <p>Kuyucu, Tuna, and Özlem Ünsal. "'Urban Transformation' as State-led Property Transfer: An Analysis of Two Cases of Urban Renewal in Istanbul." <i>Urban Studies</i> (2010).</p> <p>Akkan, Başak Ekim, Mehmet Baki Deniz, and Mehmet Ertan. "Sosyal Dışlanmanın Roman Halleri." İstanbul: Boğaziçi Üniversitesi Sosyal Politika Forumu (2011).</p> <p>Individual readings:</p> <p>Candan, Ayfer Bartu, and Biray Kolluoğlu. "Emerging spaces of neoliberalism: A gated town and a public housing project in Istanbul." <i>New Perspectives on Turkey</i> 39 (2008): 5-46.</p> <p>Bayirbağ, Mustafa Kemal. "Continuity and change in public policy: redistribution, exclusion and state rescaling in Turkey." <i>International Journal of Urban and Regional Research</i> 37.4 (2013): 1123-1146.</p> <p>Optional readings:</p> <p>Öncü, Ayşe. "The politics of the urban land market in Turkey: 1950–1980." <i>International Journal of Urban and Regional Research</i> 12.1 (1988): 38-64.</p> <p>Buğra, Ayşe. "The immoral economy of housing in Turkey." <i>International Journal of Urban and Regional Research</i> 22.2 (1998): 303-307.</p> <p>Keyder, Çağlar, and Nazan Üstündağ. "Doğu ve Güneydoğu Anadolu’nun Kalkınmasında Sosyal Politikalar." <i>İçinde Doğu ve Güneydoğu Anadolu’da Sosyal ve Ekonomik Öncelikler, Birleşmiş Milletler Kalkınma Programı ve Türkiye Ekonomik ve Sosyal Etüdler Vakfı</i> (2006).</p> |

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| | <p>Birelma, Alpkan. "Türkiye'de Evsizlik: Genel bir Değerlendirme" in (eds.) Akkuş, Pinar & Başpınar Aktütün, Özgür. <i>Sosyal Hizmet ve Öteki: Disiplinlerarası Yaklaşım</i>. İstanbul: Bağlam Yayıncılık, (2014): 291-321.</p> |
| Apr 7 | <p>Income inequality and poverty</p> <p>Common readings:</p> <p>Pinarcioğlu, Melih, and Oğuz Işık. "Not only helpless but also hopeless: Changing dynamics of urban poverty in Turkey, the case of Sultanbeyli, İstanbul." <i>European Planning Studies</i> 16.10 (2008): 1353-1370.</p> <p>Eroğlu, Şebnem. "Informal finance and the urban poor: an investigation of rotating savings and credit associations in Turkey." <i>Journal of Social Policy</i> 39.03 (2010): 461-481.</p> <p>Individual readings:</p> <p>Boratav, Korkut, Erinç Yeldan, and Ahmet Köse. "Globalization, distribution and social policy: Turkey, 1980-1998." <i>CEPA and The New School for Social Research, Working Paper Series</i> 20 (2000): 113-114.</p> <p>Yılmaz, Bediz. "Türkiye'de sınıf-altı: nöbetleşe yoksulluktan müebbet yoksulluğa." <i>Toplum ve bilim</i> 113 (2008): 127-145.</p> <p>Optional readings:</p> <p>Erdoğan, Necmi. "Yoksulluk Halleri: Türkiye'de Yoksulluğun Toplumsal Görünümleri." <i>İstanbul: İletişim Yayınları</i> (2002).</p> |
| Apr 14 | <p>Social assistance</p> <p>Common readings:</p> <p>Göçmen, Ipek. "Religion, politics and social assistance in Turkey: The rise of religiously motivated associations." <i>Journal of European Social Policy</i> 24.1 (2014): 92-103.</p> <p>Murakami, Kaoru. "Moral Language and the Politics of Need Interpretation: The Urban Poor and Social Assistance in Turkey." <i>Turkish Studies</i> 15.2 (2014): 181-194.</p> <p>Individual readings:</p> <p>Buğra, Ayşe, and N. Tolga Sınmazdemir. "Yoksullukla Mücadelede İnsani ve Etkin Bir Yöntem: Nakit Gelir Desteği." In (eds.) Buğra, Ayşe & Keyder, Çağlar. <i>Bir Temel Hak Olarak Vatandaşlık Gelirine Doğru</i>, İstanbul: İletişim Yayınları, (2007): 85-114.</p> |

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| | <p>Yörük, Erdem. "Welfare provision as political containment: The politics of social assistance and the Kurdish conflict in Turkey." <i>Politics & Society</i> 40.4 (2012): 517-547.</p> <p>Optional readings:</p> <p>Yakut-Cakar, Burcu, Burcay Erus, and Fikret Adaman. "An inquiry on introducing a minimum income scheme in Turkey: Alternating between cost efficiency and poverty reduction." <i>Journal of European Social Policy</i> 22.3 (2012): 305-318.</p> <p>Kutlu, Denizcan. <i>Türkiye’de Sosyal Yardım Rejiminin Oluşumu: Birikim, Denetim, Disiplin</i>. Ankara: Notabene Yayınları, (2015).</p> |
| <p>May 5</p> | <p>Gender, sexual orientation, gender identity</p> <p>Common readings:</p> <p>Özar, Şemsa, and Burcu Yakut-Cakar. "Unfolding the invisibility of women without men in the case of Turkey." <i>Women's Studies International Forum</i>. Vol. 41. (2013): 24-44.</p> <p>Yılmaz, Volkan, and İpek Göçmen. "Denied Citizens of Turkey: Experiences of Discrimination Among LGBT Individuals in Employment, Housing and Health Care." <i>Gender, Work and Organization</i> 23.5 (2016): 470-488.</p> <p>Individual readings:</p> <p>Acar, Feride, and Gülbanu Altunok. "The ‘politics of intimate’ at the intersection of neo-liberalism and neo-conservatism in contemporary Turkey." <i>Women's Studies International Forum</i>. Vol. 41. (2013): 14-23.</p> <p>Candas, Aysen, and Yildiz Silier. "Quietly reverting public matters into private troubles: Gendered and class-based consequences of care policies in Turkey." <i>Social Politics: International Studies in Gender, State & Society</i> 21.1 (2014): 103-123.</p> <p>Optional readings:</p> <p>Yazici, Berna. "The return to the family: welfare, state, and politics of the family in Turkey." <i>Anthropological Quarterly</i> (2012): 103-140.</p> <p>Ecevit, Yıldız. "Gendering social policy and welfare state in Turkey." <i>Women's Studies International Forum</i>. No. 41. (2013): 1-6.</p> <p>Dedeoglu, Saniye. "Veiled Europeanisation of welfare state in Turkey: Gender and social policy in the 2000s." <i>Women's Studies International Forum</i>. Vol. 41. (2013): 7-13.</p> |

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| | <p>Gül, Songül Sallan. "The role of the State in protecting women against domestic violence and women's shelters in Turkey." <i>Women's Studies International Forum</i>. Vol. 38. (2013): 107-116.</p> |
| <p>May 12</p> | <p>Children & Youth</p> <p>Common readings:</p> <p>Karatay, Abdullah, Pınar Uyan Semerci, and Serra Müderrisoğlu. "Eşitsiz Bir Toplumda Çocukluk: Çocuğun İyi Olma Halini Anlamak." <i>Istanbul: İstanbul: Bilgi Üniversitesi Yayınları</i> (2012).</p> <p>Çelik, Kezban. "'My state is my father': youth unemployment experiences under the weak state welfare provisions of Turkey." <i>Journal of Youth Studies</i> 11.4 (2008): 429-444.</p> <p>Individual readings:</p> <p>Akkuş, Pınar & Başpınar Aktütün, Özgür. "Sosyal Hizmet Mevzuatı Çerçevesinde Çocuk Hakları ve Uygulama Sorunları" in (eds.) Akkuş, Pınar & Başpınar Aktütün, Özgür. <i>Sosyal Hizmet ve Öteki: Disiplinlerarası Yaklaşım</i>. İstanbul: Bağlam Yayıncılık, (2014): 145-172.</p> <p>Yılmaz, Volkan. "Youth welfare policy in Turkey in comparative perspective: a case of 'Denied Youth Citizenship'." <i>Southeast European and Black Sea Studies</i> (2016): 1-15.</p> <p>Optional readings:</p> <p>Altuntaş, Betül. "Mendile, Simite, Boyaya, Çöpe..." <i>Ankara Sokaklarında Çalışan Çocuklar</i>, İstanbul: İletişim Yayınları (2003).</p> <p>Yazıcı, Berna. "Social work and social exclusion in Turkey: An overview." <i>New Perspectives on Turkey</i> 38.2 (2008): 107-34.</p> <p>Değirmencioglu, Serdar M., Hakan Acar, and Yüksel Baykara Acar. "Extreme forms of child labour in Turkey." <i>Children & Society</i> 22.3 (2008): 191-200.</p> <p>Çelik, Kezban, and Demet Lüküslü. "Spotlighting a Silent Category of Young Females: The Life Experiences of "House Girls" in Turkey." <i>Youth & Society</i> 44.1 (2012): 28-48.</p> <p>Karatay, Abdullah. Kamuda Dönüşüm ve Çocuk Koruma Politikasında Değişim Eğilimleri In (ed.) Altuntaş, Betül. <i>Dezavantajlı Gruplar ve Sosyal Politika</i>. Ankara: Nobel yayınları, (2014): 13-32.</p> <p>Dayioğlu, Meltem, and Sirma Demir Şeker. "Social Policy and the Dynamics of Early Childhood Poverty in Turkey." <i>Journal of Human Development and Capabilities</i> 17.4 (2016): 540-557.</p> |