

ATA 685

ANTHROPOLOGY of TURKEY
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This course focuses on selected anthropological analyses of Turkey. Our readings include both village and urban studies and classical and recent works. We will explore the shifting theoretical frameworks/questions and units/topics of analysis that have guided these studies. At the same time, we will discuss what, how, and to what extent these studies reveal different aspects of social life, politics and culture in/of Turkey.

Course Requirements

1. You are expected to do all assigned readings before the scheduled date of discussion. During each class, you are expected to engage actively in the discussion as it proceeds. This is a vital responsibility of each class member.
2. You are required to write three (4-5) page-long papers on the weekly readings. These are **not** intended to be brief reaction papers. Rather, together they will substitute for a term paper. The aim is to focus closely on the primary/assigned reading and discuss the central argument of the theorist(s) through a close reading of the assigned material. More guidelines will be offered. The papers will be due the date of that week's class. At least one paper is to be submitted before the end of the 6th week. Second paper is due before the end of the 10th week.
3. Final Paper.

WEEK ONE

Introduction

Recommended Reading:

Eriksen, Thomas. H. [1995] 2001. “*Small Places, Large Issues: An Introduction to Social and Cultural Anthropology*. London: Pluto Press. (Selection)
Martin Hammersley and Paul Atkinson. 2007. *Ethnography: Principles in Practice*. Routledge. (Selection).

WEEK TWO

The Establishment of Anthropology in Turkey

Anthropology and Debates on Nation, Race and History: Past and Present

Afet İnan. 1947. *Türkiye Halkının Antropolojik Karakterleri ve Türkiye Tarihi*. (1-11, 67-79)

Suavi Aydın. 2001. “Cumhuriyet’in İdeolojik Şekillenmesinde Antropolojinin Rolü: Irkçı Paradigmanın Yükselişi ve Düşüşü.” *Modern Türkiye’de Siyasi Düşünce*. Cilt II: Kemalizm (der. T.Bora, M. Gülteginil, Ahmet İnel). İstanbul: İletişim Yayınları. Ss. 344-369.

Zafer Toprak. 2012. *Darwin’den Dersim’e Cumhuriyet ve Antropoloji*. İstanbul: Doğan Kitap. (selection)

Metin Özbek. “Cumhuriyetle Başlayan Antropoloji.” *Hacettepe Üniversitesi Edebiyat Fakültesi Dergisi, Cumhuriyetimizin 75. Yılı Özel Sayısı*. 105-106.

Sibel Özbudun-Demirer. 2011. “Anthropology as a Nation-Building Rhetoric: The Shaping of Turkish Anthropology (from 1850s to 1940s)”. *Dialectical Anthropology*. 35:111-129.

Recommended Reading

Nazan Maksudyan. *Türklüğü Ölçmek: Bilimkurgusal Antropoloji ve Türk Milliyetçiliğinin Irkçı Çehresi*. (Selection)

Suavi Aydın. 2005. “Nazan Maksudyan’ın Kitabı Türklüğü Ölçmek Üzerine.” *Tarih ve Toplum Yeni Yaklaşımlar*. 2: 155-184.

Discussion Pieces

“Orta Asya’dan Göç Etme bir Efsanedir” *Sabah*, 10 Aralık 2007.
Hasan Celal Güzel. “Siz, Hitit, Frig, Urartu ya da İyonyalı mısınız?” *Radikal*, 23 Aralık 2007.

Ömer Gökçümen. "Genetik Miras: Türkiye'de Sadece Orta Asya'dan Gelen ve Türk Irkına Mensup Kişiler Yaşamıyor." *Radikal İki*, 23 Aralık 2007

American Anthropological Association Statement on "Race"

WEEK THREE

The Establishment of the Fieldwork Tradition in Turkey:

Village and Town Ethnographies and Reviews of "Anthropology in/of Turkey"

Magnarella, Paul and Orhan Türkdoğan. 1976. "The Development of Turkish Social Anthropology." *Current Anthropology*. 17 (2): 263-274.

Bozkurt Güvenç. 1971. "Etnolojik ve Sosyal (Kültürel) Antropolojik Araştırmalar." *Türkiye'de Sosyal Araştırmaların Gelişmesi*. Ankara: Hacettepe Üniversitesi Yayınları.

Suavi Aydın. 1998. "Ekşigil'in Yazısı Vesilesiyle Türkiye'de Antropolojinin Eni-Boyu Üzerine." *Toplum ve Bilim*. 77: 196-201

Tayfun Atay. 2000. "Erken bir Doğumdan Gecikmiş Büyümeye..Türkiye'de Antropoloji." *Folklor/Edebiyat*. 6 (22):135-162.

Jenny White. 2003. "Anthropology of Turkey: A Retrospective." In *Turkish Studies in the United States*. Donald Quarter and Sabri Sayarı eds. Bloomington: Indiana University Ottoman and Modern Turkish Studies Publications.

Hande Birkalan Gedik. 2005. "Özgün ve Özgür bir Antropolojiye Doğru." *Gelenekten Geleceğe Antropoloji. Gelenekten Geleceğe Antropoloji*. Belkıs Kümbetoğlu ve Hande Birkalan Gedik, der. İstanbul: Epsilon.

"Niyazi Berkes" ve "Behice Boran." *60 Yıllık Gelenek: DTCF'de Uygulamalı Sosyoloji*. (der: Aytül Kasapoğlu). Ankara: Ümit Ofset Matbaacılık. Pp:

Behice Boran. 1945. *Toplumsal Yapı Araştırmaları*. Ankara Üniversitesi Dil ve Tarih-Coğrafya Fakültesi Enstitüsü Sosyoloji Serisi 3. (Giriş).

Table of Contents and Introduction from the Following:

Niyazi Berkes. *Bazı Ankara Köyleri Üzerine Bir Araştırma*.

Behice Boran. *Toplumsal Yapı Araştırmaları*.

İbrahim Yasa. 1957. *Hasanoğlan: Socio-Economic Structure of a Turkish Village*.

Paul Stirling. *The Turkish Village*.

Evans-Pritchard. *The Nuer*.

Mübeccel Kıray. 1964. *Ereğli: Ağır Sanayiden Önce Bir sahil Kasabası*. Ankara:

DPT

Peter Benedict. 1974. *Ula: an Anatolian Town*. Leiden.

WEEK FOUR

Connecting the Past and Present, Town and State, History and Anthropology: A case study in the eastern Black Sea coast

Michael Meeker. 2002. *A Nation of Empire: The Ottoman Legacy of Turkish Modernity*. (Selection)

WEEK FIVE

Tribe, Tradition and Politics and Gender: Studies and Representations of Kurds

Lale Yalçın-Heckmann. 1990. "Kurdish Tribal Organization and Local Political Processes." In *Turkish State, Turkish Society*. Eds. Nükhet Sirman and Andrew Finkel. Pp: 289-310.

Lale Yalçın-Heckmann. 2002. *Kürtlerde Aşiret ve Akrabalık İlişkileri*. İstanbul: İletişim. (Selection).

"Handan Çağlayan ile Söyleşi: Politik Katılım-Özgürleşme Geriliminde Kürt Kadınları." *Toplum ve Kuram* Güz 2009: sayı 2.

Recommended reading:

Bruinessen, Martin Van. 1992. *Agha, Shaikh and State*. London: Zed Books.

WEEK SIX

Gender, Religion and the State: Village Studies

Carol Delaney. 1991. *The Seed and the Soil: Gender and Cosmology in Turkish Society*. (Selection).

Nükhet Sirman. 1990. "State, Village and Gender in Western Turkey." In *Turkish State, Turkish Society*. Eds. Nükhet Sirman and Andrew Finkel. Pp: 21-51.

Recommended Reading:

Kimberly Hart. 2009. "The Orthodoxization of Ritual Practice in Western Anatolia." *American Ethnologist*. 36 (4): 735-749.

WEEK SEVEN:

Urban Encounters/Urban Segregation

Gül Özyeğin. 2002. "The doorkeeper, the maid and the tenant: troubling encounters in the Turkish urban landscape." In *Fragments of Culture: The Everyday of Modern Turkey*. Eds. Deniz Kandiyoti and Ayşe Saktanber.

Aksu Bora. 2005. *Kadınların Sınıfı*. İstanbul: İletişim.(21-37, 113-129, 183-190)

Deniz Yüksek. 2004. "Trust and Gender in a Transnational Marketplace: The Public Culture of Laleli, İstanbul." *Public Culture*, volume 16, no. 1, pp. 47-65.

Öykü Pötüoğlu-Cook. 2006. "Beyond the Glitter: Belly Dance and Neoliberal Gentrification in İstanbul." *Cultural Anthropology*. 21 (4): 633-660.

Ayfer Candan-Bartu and Biray Kolluoğlu. 2008. "Emerging Spaces of Neoliberalism: A Gated Town and a Public Housing Project." *New Perspectives on Turkey*. 39: 5-46.

Berna Yazıcı. 2013. "Towards an Anthropology of Traffic: a Ride Through Class Hierarchies on İstanbul's Roadways." *Ethnos: Journal of Anthropology*. 78 (4): 515-542.

WEEK EIGHT:

State-Making, Militarism, Gender

Aysegül Altınay. *The Myth of the Military Nation: Militarism, Gender and Education in Turkey*. (Selection).

WEEK NINE

City Life, Secularism, Piety, National Intimacy

Yael Navaro-Yashin. 2002. *Faces of the State. Secularism and Public Life in Turkey*. (Selection)

Martin Stokes. 2010. *The Republic of Love: Cultural Intimacy in Turkish Popular Music*. (selection)

Recommended Reading:

Alan Duben. 2011. "Music, cultural authenticity and civility." *New Perspectives on Turkey*. 45 :237-245

WEEK TEN

Islam and Politics

Jenny White. 2002. *Islamist Mobilization in Turkey: A Study in Vernacular Politics*. (selection)

Cihan Tugal. 2009. *The Passive Revolution: Absorbing the Islamic Challenge to Capitalism*. Stanford University Press. (selection)

WEEK ELEVEN

The Past as a Site of Social Analysis and Political Struggle

Esra Özyürek. 2006. *Nostalgia for the Modern: State Secularism and Everyday Politics in Turkey*. (Selection).

Ayfer Bartu Candan. 2001. "Rethinking Heritage Politics in a Global Context: A View from Istanbul." In N. AlSayyad (ed.) *Hybrid Urbanism: On Identity Discourse and the Built Environment*. Praeger Publishers/Greenwood Press.

Leyla Neyzi. 2004. "Ben Kimim?" *Türkiye'de Sözlü Tarih, Kimlik ve Öznellik*. İstanbul: İletişim. (7-16, 195-210)

Arzu Öztürkmen. 2003. Remembering Through Material Culture: Local Knowledge of Past Communities in a Turkish Black Sea Town. *Middle Eastern Studies*. 39 (2): 179-193.

Recommended:

Berna Yazıcı. "Discovering Our Past": Are "We" Breaking Taboos? Reconstructing Atatürkism and the Past in Contemporary Turkey." *New Perspectives on Turkey*, Fall 2001.

Amy Mills. 2006. "Boundaries of the nation in the space of the urban: landscape and social memory in Istanbul." *Cultural Geographies*. 13 (3): 367-394

Zerrin Özlem Biner. 2007. "Retrieving the Dignity of a Cosmopolitan city: Contested Perspectives on Rights, Culture and Ethnicity in Mardin." *New Perspectives on Turkey* 37: 31-58

WEEK TWELVE

State, Bureaucracy, Policy

Catherine Alexander. 2002. *Personal States: Making Connections between People and Bureaucracy in Turkey*. New York: Oxford University Press. (Selection)

Dicle Koğacıoğlu. 2008. "Conduct, meaning and Inequality in an Istanbul Courthouse." *New Perspectives on Turkey* (39):97-127.

Berna Yazıcı 2012. "The Return to the Family: Welfare, State and Politics of the Family in Turkey." *Anthropological Quarterly*. 85(1) :103-140.

Elif Babül. 2012. "Training Bureaucrats, Practicing for Europe: Negotiating Bureaucratic Authority and Governmental Legitimacy in Turkey". *POLAR: Political and Legal Anthropology Review*. 35(1): 30-52.

Bilge Fırat. 2014. The accession pedagogy: power, policy, and politics in Turkey's bid for EU membership. *Anthropological Journal of European Cultures* 23(1): 99-120.

WEEK THIRTEEN:

Immigration to/from Turkey or Rethinking Units/Objects of Anthropological Analysis the Age of "Globalization" and "Transnationalism"

Ayşe Parla. 2009. "Remembering across the border: Postsocialist nostalgia among Turkish immigrants from Bulgaria". *American Ethnologist*. 36 (4): 750-767.

Yael-Navaro-Yashin. 2003. "'Life is Dead Here': Sensing the Political in No Man's Land" *Anthropological Theory*. 3(1): 107-125.

Ayşe Çağlar. 2002. "A Table in Two Hands." In *Fragments of Culture: The Everyday of Modern Turkey*. Eds. Deniz Kandiyoti and Ayşe Saktanber.

Levent Soysal. 2001. "Diversity of Experience, Experience of Diversity: Turkish Migrant Youth Culture in Berlin" *Cultural Dynamics* Vol. 13, No. 1, 5-28