

ATA 590: Selected Topics in Economy and Society in Turkey
Perspectives on Poverty and Social Policy in Republican Turkey
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This course deals with the ways in which poverty and is debated in the social policy environment in Republican Turkey within the framework set by international and domestic factors shaping the political economy of the country. The period under study is divided into three parts: The single-party period that ends in 1946 after the Second World War; the post-Second World War period until 1980 when an “informal pact” governed state-society relations; the post-1980 period when the rise of new forms of poverty in an emerging market economy has led to a gradual change in the way poverty is perceived in public opinion and in policy circles. The analysis of the continuity and change in the terms of the poverty debate through these periods is presented in a way to highlight the nature of historical transformations in state-society relations and the content of citizenship in the country. This analysis is carried out through an attempt to depict the specificity of the Turkish case in comparison to the main trends encountered in modern European approaches to poverty.

Course evaluation will be based on two papers: One of them will be on a topic chosen by the student and the other on a particular aspect of the general theme “Turkish left and social policy”. The students will be asked to make brief presentations of both papers in class. Both paper topics, with short abstracts, should be handed in by 8 November 2005.

COURSE OUTLINE AND THE PRELIMINARY READING LIST

I. Introduction

II. The advent of modern poverty and the European approaches to poverty, responsibility and citizenship (weeks 2 and 3)

B. Geremek, *Poverty: A History*, Oxford: Blackwell, 1994: 1-18; 102-119, 120-124; 206-220; 230-247.

S. Jordan, “From Grotesque Bodies to Useful Hands. Idleness, Industry and the Laboring Class”, *Eighteenth Century Life* 25 (Fall 2001): 62-79.

P. van Parijs, “A Short History of Basic Income”, Basic Income European Network.

III. Ottoman institutions and politics of charity (week 4)

T. Kuran, "Islamic Redistribution through *Zakat*: Historical Record and Modern Realities" in M. Bonner, M. Ener and A. Singer (eds.), *Poverty and Charity in Middle Eastern Contexts* Albany: State University of New York Press, 2003: 275-294.

A. Singer, "Charity's Legacies: Reconsideration of Ottoman Endowment Making" in M. Bonner, M. Ener and A. Singer (eds., 2003): 295-314.

N. Özbek, "Imperial Gifts and Sultanic Legitimation during the late Ottoman Empire, 1876-1909" in Bonner, Ener and Singer (eds., 2003): 203-220.

N. Yıldırım, *İstanbul Darülaceze Müessesesi Tarihi*, İstanbul: Darülaceze Vakfı, 1996: 1-37.

IV. Early republican era: Etatism and philanthropy (weeks 5 and 6)

R. Owen and Ş. Pamuk, *A History of Middle East Economies in the Twentieth Century*, London: I.B.Tauris, 1998.

İ. H. Tökin, *Türkiye'de Köy İktisadiyatı* (1934), 2nd ed., İstanbul: İletişim, 1990: 134-151.

İ. Önder, "Aşar'ın Kaldırılması ve Tarım Kesimine Uygulanan Vergiler" in O. Baydar (ed. 1999): 67-74.

Ş. Pamuk, "İkinci Dünya Savaşı Yıllarında İaşe Politikası ve Köylülük" in O. Baydar (ed., 1999). 57-66.

İlhan Tekeli and Selim İlkin, "Devletçilik Dönemi Tarım Politikaları" in *Türkiye'de Tarımsal Yapılar: 1923-2000*, ed. by İlkin and Tekeli, Ankara: Yurt Yayınları, 1988: 82-88.

Asım Karaömerlioğlu, "The Village Institute Experience in Turkey", *British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*, 25 (1998): 47-73.

M.C.Duru, "Halkevleri ve Sosyal Yardım, *Ülkü*, 14 (Şubat 1940): 554-556.

B. Boran, "Sanayide Köylü-İşçi", *Yurt ve Dünya*, n. 15-16 (1942): 80-84.

E.Yavuz, "The Condition of Industrial Workforce, 1923-1940" in D. Quatert and E. J.Zurcher, *Workers and the Working Class in the ottoman Empire and the Turkish Republic 1839-1950*, London: I.B. Tauris, 1995.

P. Öztamur, "Büyük Buhran ve Cumhuriyet Gazetesinde Yoksulluk Üzerine Söylemler", *Toplum ve Bilim*, n. 94 (Güz 2002): 175-188.

T. Çavuşoğlu, "Türkiye'de Çocuk Esirgeme Kurumunun Tarihsel Gelişimi", SABEM (Sosyal Hizmetler araştırma, Belgeleme, Eğitim Merkezi), n. 8 (1996): 11-12.

Türkiye Yardım Sevenler Derneği, *70 Yılın Öyküsü: Türkiye Yardım Sevenler Derneği 1928-1999*, Ankara, 1999.

M. Metinsoy, II. Dünya savaşında Türkiye Kızılay Cemiyeti Sosyal Yardımları ve Aş Ocakları", *Toplumsal Tarih*, n. 128 (Ağustos 2004): 80- 87.

V. The advent of the European welfare state and social policy in Turkey (weeks 7 and 8)

W.H. Beveridge, *Full Employment in a Free Society*, London: George Allen and Unwin, 1944: 242- 258.

T.H. Marshall, *Class, Citizenship and Social Development*, New York: Doubleday and Company, 1964: 65-122.

N. Fraser and L. Gordon, “A Geneology of Dependency”, *Signs*, Winter 1994.

C. Koçak, 1940’ların İkinci Yarısında Sosyal Politika”, *Birinci Uluslararası Tarih Kongresi: Osmanlı’dan Cumhuriyete Problemler, Araştırmalar, Tartışmalar*, Istanbul: Tarih Vakfı Yurt Yayınları, 1999: 222- 271.

C. Talas, “Sosyal Güvenlik Meselelerimiz”, *İçtimai Siyaset Konferansları*, 7 (1955), 84- 99.

R. Nalbantoğlu, “Türkiye’de Ziraat İşçilerinin Durumu”, *İçtimai Siyaset Konferansları*, 1 (1948), 16-31.

VI. Moral economy of Turkey in the post-Second World War era (week 9)

Owen and Pamuk (1998).

N. Kaldor, “Türk Vergi Sistemi Üzerine Rapor”, *Toplum ve Bilim*, n 15-16 (Fall 1981/Winter 82), 94-115.

İ. Önder, “Nicholas Kaldor”, *Toplum ve Bilim*, n. 15-16 (Fall 1981/Winter82), 90-93.

A. Buğra, “Immoral Economy of Housing in Turkey”, *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, 22 (1998): 303-317.

VII. Some leftist approaches to poverty and social policy (weeks 10 ad 11- with student presentations)

F. Fox-Piven and R. A. Cloward, “Relief, Labor, and Civil Disorder: An Overview” in Fox-Piven and Cloward, *Regulating the Poor: The Functions of Public Welfare*, New York: Vintage Books, 1993: 3- 79.

J. O’Connor, “The Fiscal Crisis of the State” in J. O’Connor, *The Corporations and the State*, New York: Harper Torchbooks, 1974: pp. 104-151.

A. Bayat, “Activism and Social Development in the Middle East”, *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 34 (2002), 1-28.

P. Chamberlayne, M. Rustin and T. Wengraf, *Biography and Social Exclusion in Europe: Experiences and Life Journeys*, Bristol: Policy Press, 2002: 1-21.

VIII. Poverty and social assistance in contemporary Turkey (weeks 12 and 13-
with student presentations)

R. Lister, "Citizenship and Changing Welfare States" in J. G. Andersen and P. H. Jensen, *Changing Labour Markets, Welfare Politics and Citizenship*, Bristol: Policy Press, 2004.

C. Wong and K. Wong, "Expectations and Practice in Social Citizenship: Some Insights from an Attitude Survey in Chinese Society", *Social Policy and Administration*, 39 (February 2005): 19-31.

J. Seeking, "Prospects for Basic Income in Developing Countries: A Comparative Analysis of Welfare Regimes in the South", paper presented at the 10th International BIEN Congress, Barcelona, 20 September 2004.

N. Erdoğan (ed.), *Yoksulluk Halleri*, İstanbul: Demokrasi Kitaplığı, 2002.

A. Buğra and Ç. Keyder (forthcoming in 2006), "Turkish Welfare Regime in Transformation", *Journal of European Social Policy*.