Course Description

The topics covered in this course are history of the Balkans, territorial settlements of 1911-1923, revisionism in the Balkans, characteristic features of the regimes during the period between the two World Wars, the establishment of communist regimes in the 1940s and their collapse in 1989-1990. International and domestic problems faced by the Balkan states during the transitional period are examined, with particular emphasis on hot issues. Regional initiatives and foreign policy tendencies of each Balkan state are looked into. Students are expected to follow up the latest developments.

Requirements of the Course

1. Students are expected to take an active role in discussions
2. There will be one mid-term (40%) and one final (60%) exams; however, students are encouraged to prepare a term paper.
Course Schedule

Week I: Introduction
Week II: The Decline of the Ottoman Empire, the Wars and the Legacies


Week III: What is Nationalism?


Week IV: Characteristics of the Regimes in the Balkans between the Two World Wars


Week V: Foreign Policies of the Balkan States between the Two World Wars and the Balkan Pact

Mustafa Türkeş, “The Balkan Pact and Its Immediate Implications for the Balkan States”, *Middle Eastern Studies*, 1994, 30/1. pp.(123-144)

Week VI: The Post-Second World War Years: Shifting Orientation and Communist Parties Coming to Power


Week VII: The Balkans During the Cold War Years


Week VIII: Mid-term Exam
Week IX:  The Collapse of the Regimes and Cycles of Interventions in the Balkans: Yugoslavia


Kosovo

Adam Roberts, “NATO’s ‘Humanitarian War’ over Kosovo”, *Survival*, 41/3, 1999


Week X:  From Serbia to Yugoslavia and Serbia


Week XI:  Cycles of Crisis and Survival: Macedonia


Week XII: Albania and Albanian Question in the Balkans


Week XIII: Transition and Reconstruction in the Balkans


Week XIV: The Balkans and the EU Perspective
Mustafa Türkeş and Göksu Gökgöz, “The European Union’s Strategy towards the Western Balkans: Exclusion or Integration?” East European Politics and Societies, 20/4, 2006, pp.(1-32)


Week XV: Turkish Foreign Policy towards the Balkans


Mustafa Türkeş, “Turkish Foreign Policy towards the Balkans: Quest for Enduring Stability and Security” in Turkish Foreign Policy in Post Cold War Era”, Edited by İdris Bal, (BrownWalker Press; USA, 2004), pp.(198-210).


Mustafa Türkeş, “Türkiye’nin Balkan Politikasında Devamlılık ve Değişim”, Avrasya Dosyast, 14/1, 2008, ss.(253-280)
A Selected Reading List