**UPL 528**

**Historical Roots of Urban Politics and Local Governments**

**ADM 5176**

**Comparative Perspectives to Ottoman and European History**

**Spring Semester 2021**

Wednesdays: 9:40-12:30 online

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**Course description:** This graduate course aims to familiarize the students with key issues and debates regarding the urban life and government in the Ottoman Empire and important European countries. The course employs a rigorously comparative perspective and the weekly topics are arranged accordingly. The reading materials deal with European cities in different parts of the continent (namely, major urban centers in Western, Central and Eastern Europe) and Ottoman cities in different regions of the Empire (Anatolia, Balkans, Arab lands). The goal is not only to provide a general panorama of European and Ottoman urban development in historical context, but also to map key themes around which European and Ottoman cities can be meaningfully and fruitfully compared. While some of the discussions will cover earlier or later periods, the focus throughout the semester will be on the nineteenth century and early twentieth century developments.

**Course Requirements:** The course requires continuing preparedness, attention and participation from the students. The class sessions will be conducted mostly in seminar format while the instructor will deliver occasional lectures.

Attendance to online sessions is compulsory and will be monitored.

The class grade will be based on the following:

* **Reaction papers:** 50%
* **Presentation(s):** 30%
* **Attendance and Participation:** 20%

The students will write a total of 6 reaction papers. The papers will be due at 12:00 on Tuesday before the class.

Although the number of article presentations the students will deliver during the semester will be determined according to the final number of students registered, it will probably be 2.

**COURSE OUTLINE**

**WEEK 1 –*March 17***

**Introduction to the course**

**WEEK 2 *–March 24***

**Ottoman Urban History: Sources and Problematiques**

***-lecture by the instructor***

**WEEK 3 *–March 31***

**Cosmopolitanism: Old and New Debates**

Immanuel Kant, *Political writings* (Cambridge University Press, 1991), pp. 93-130

Costas Douzinas, *Human rights and empire: The political philosophy of cosmopolitanism* (Routledge, 2007), pp. 133-176

Craig Calhoun, ‘The Class Consciousness of Frequent Travelers: Towards a Critique of Actually Existing Cosmopolitanism’, in Vertovec, S. and Cohen, R. (eds) *Conceiving cosmopolitanism : theory, context and practice*. (Oxford University Press, 2002), pp. 86–109.

Alain Badiou, ‘St. Paul, Founder of the Universal Subject’, in Caputo, J. D. and Martin Alcoff, L. (eds) *St. Paul among the Philosophers* (Indiana University Press, 2009), pp. 27–38.

***- presentation of articles by students and seminar discussion***

**WEEK 4 *–April 7***

**‘Cosmopolitanism’ in the Ottoman Empire: Port-cities and beyond**

Malte Fuhrmann, *Port cities of the eastern Mediterranean: urban culture in the late Ottoman Empire* (Cambridge University Press, 2020), pp. 3-35

Meltem Toksöz and Biray Kolluoğlu, “Mapping Out the Eastern Mediterranean: Toward a Cartography of Cities of Commerce” in Toksöz, M. and Kolluoğlu, B. (eds) *Cities of the Mediterranean: from the Ottomans to the present day* (I.B. Tauris, 2010)

Çağlar Keyder “Port-cities in the Belle Epoque” in Toksöz, M. and Kolluoğlu, B. (eds) *Cities of the Mediterranean: from the Ottomans to the present day* (I.B. Tauris, 2010)

Faruk Tabak, “Economic and Ecological Change in the Eastern Mediterranean, c. 1550–1850” in Toksöz, M. and Kolluoğlu, B. (eds) *Cities of the Mediterranean: from the Ottomans to the present day* (I.B. Tauris, 2010)

Driessen, H. (2005) ‘Mediterranean port cities: Cosmopolitanism reconsidered’, *History and Anthropology*, 16(1), pp. 129–141

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**WEEK5 *–April 21 (one-week interval)***

**Modernity and Urbanism in Western Europe**

David Harvey, *Paris, Capital of Modernity* (Routledge, 2003)

***-reaction papers due***

**WEEK 6 *–April 28***

**Modernity and Urbanism in Eastern Europe**

Mark D. Steinberg, *Petersburg. Fin de Siècle* (Yale University Press, 2011)

***-reaction papers due***

**Week 7 – *May 5***

***Fin-de-siècle* inJerusalem: The Ultimate Cosmopolitan City?**

Vincent Lemire, *Jerusalem 1900: The Holy City in the Age of Possibilities* (University of Chicago Press, 2017)

***-reaction papers due***

**WEEK8 *–May 19 (one-week interval)***

**Modernity and Urbanism in Central Europe**

Carl E. Schorske, ***Fin-de-siècle Vienna: politics and culture*** (Cambridge University Press, 1979)

***-reaction papers due***

**Week9 *– May 26***

**Between Empire and Nation-State: Ottoman Transitions and Urban Space I**

Miloš Jovanović, “Bourgeois Balkans: world-building in Belgrade and Sofia 1830-1912”, unpublished PhD dissertation (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2016), pp. 37-85

E. Attila Aytekin, “The Production of Space during the Period of Autonomy: Notes on Belgrade Urban Space, 1817–67”, *Journal of Balkan and Near Eastern Studies* 18.6 (2016): 588-607.

Miloš Jovanović, "Bourgeois worlds and urban nightmares: The post-Ottoman Balkan City through the lens of Milutin Uskoković’s Newcomers*." Journal of Urban Cultural Studies* 5.2 (2018): 187-206.

E. Attila Aytekin, ‘Belgradî Raşid and His Vak’a‐i Hayret‐Nüma: A Local Muslim Perspective On Dual Administration in Belgrade During Serbian Autonomy’, in Rudić, S., Aslantaş, S., and Amedoski, D. (eds) *Belgrade 1521-1867*. (Istorijski Institut Beograd, 2018), pp. 315–325.

***-- presentation of articles by students and seminar discussion***

**Week 11 - *June 2***

**The Darker Side of Victorian London**

Book TBA

***-reaction papers due***

**WEEK *12 –June 16 (one-week interval)***

**The Ottoman Capital in the Age of Modernity**

Zeynep Çelik, *The Remaking of Istanbul: Portrait of an Ottoman City in the Nineteenth Century* (University of California Press, 1993)

***-reaction papers due***

**Week 13 – *June 23***

**Between Empire and Nation-State: Ottoman Transitions and Urban Space II**

İsmail Hakkı Kadı, *Ottoman and Dutch merchants in the eighteenth century: competition and cooperation in Ankara, Izmir, and Amsterdam* (Brill, 2012) (Chapter 1)

Zeliha Etöz, ‘19. yüzyıl Ankarasında mahalleler ve gündelik yaşam’, in Şenol Cantek, F. (ed.) *Sanki Viran Ankara* (İletişim, 2006), pp. 11–41.

Zeynep Kezer, *Building Modern Turkey. State, Space and Ideology in the Early Republic* (University of Pittsburgh Press, 2015) (Chapter 1)

Bülent Batuman "“Early Republican Ankara” Struggle over Historical Representation and the Politics of Urban Historiography." *Journal of Urban History* 37.5 (2011): 661-679.

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