



AYDIN ADNAN MENDERES UNIVERSITY COURSE INFORMATION FORM

Course Title		Risk Society and Political Action							
Course Code		SOSY601		Course Level		Third Cycle (Doctorate Degree)			
ECTS Credit	5	Workload	127 (Hours)	Theory	3	Practice	0	Laboratory	0
Objectives of the Course		The main aim of this course is to examine the issues, concepts and institutions that regard risk society and uncertainties. It is often claimed that risk has become one of the defining futures of contemporary societies. Form this departure this course aims to focus on the risk society, uncertainties and political action. It will be providing an inter-disciplinary social science perspective on debates over the character of 'risk society'. We expect students to be involved in the critical analysis of risk in relation to developments in contemporary societies and its implications in areas such as sociology, social policy, health policy and criminal justice. In general, we are aiming to understand risk perceptions, attitudes and behaviours in a broad variety of social contexts and its translation in to politics. We are going to examine how political action being overwhelmingly effected by the risk perceptions and risk communication?							
Course Content		In this course we shall consider the concept of What is the sociology of risk? From industrial society to risk society, Theories of culture and risk society (M. Douglas, Giddens, Lash, Beck), Global risk society as a cosmopolitan society (Giddens), Studies of environmentalist, anti-nuclear and anti-war movements in terms of risk society. The problem of risk society and the breaking of authority. Collective action in risk society and anxiety.							
Work Placement		N/A							
Planned Learning Activities and Teaching Methods				Explanation (Presentation), Discussion					
Name of Lecturer(s)									

Assessment Methods and Criteria

Method	Quantity	Percentage (%)
Midterm Examination	1	40
Final Examination	1	60

Recommended or Required Reading

1	DELİBAŞ KAYHAN (2017) Risk Toplumu Belirsizlikler ve Söylentiler Sosyolojisi, Ayrıntı Yayınları, İstanbul.
2	DELİBAS, KAYHAN, Kankurdan S, eyda (2020). Healthism (Sağ'lıkcılık) İ-deoloji-si- ve Sağ'lık hareketi-ni-n Do'nu's,u'mu': Sağ'lıklı Olmak ve Sağ'lıkarayışının Deg'i-s,en Sosyoku'ltu'rel Di-nami-kleri-. Sosyoloji Aras,tırmaları Dergisi, 23(2), 67-103
3	DELİBAS, KAYHAN (2013) Sağ'lığa İlişkin Korkular: Güven Erozyonu Bağlamında Sağ'lık Korkularını Anlamlandırmak, İçinde, (Der. Osman Elbek), Kapitalizm Sağ'lığa Zararlıdır, Hayykitap, İstanbul
4	Beck, Ulrich, (2014). Risk toplumu: Yeni Bir Moderniteye Doğru, İstanbul: İthaki Yayınevi
5	Bauman, Z. (2017). Akışkan Modernite. İstanbul: Can Sanat Yayınları.
6	Giddens, Anthony (2014). Modernliğin Sonuçları. İstanbul: Ayrıntı Yayınevi
7	Frank, Furedi (2001) Korku Ku'ltu'ru', Ayrıntı Yayınları.
8	Beck ,U. (2013) Siyasallığın İcadı, İletişim Yayınları İst.
9	Bauman, Z. (2014) Siyaset Arayışı, Metis Yayıncılık,
10	Sennett, R. (2013) Kamusal İnsanın Çöküşü, Ayrıntı Yayınları, İst

Week	Weekly Detailed Course Contents	
1	Theoretical	INTRODUCTION: CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK
2	Theoretical	MODERNITY AND ITS DISCONTENTS
3	Theoretical	RISK THEORIES I: SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE
4	Theoretical	RISK THEORIES II: RISK SOCIETY AND UNCERTAINTY
5	Theoretical	RISK THEORIES III: RISK AND CULTURE IN SOCIO-CULTURAL PERSPECTIVE
6	Theoretical	GOVERNMENTALITY: GOVERNANCE/GOVERNMENTALITY AND RISK
7	Theoretical	RISK SOCIETY: A SOCIOLOGY OF UNCERTAINTY AND RUMOURS (DELİBAŞ, F 2017)
8	Intermediate Exam	MIDTERM EXAM
9	Theoretical	MODERN SOCIETY, SOCIAL STRUCTURE AND POWER RELATIONS
10	Theoretical	BEYOND THE RIGHT AND THE LEFT: POLITICAL AND SOCIAL STRUCTURE IN RISK SOCIETY
11	Theoretical	THE INVENTORY OF POLITICALITY (U. BECK)
12	Theoretical	SEEKING POLITICS (Z. BAUMAN)



13	Theoretical	ENVIRONMENTAL RISKS AND CLIMATE POLICY (A. GIDDENS)
14	Theoretical	ENVIRONMENTAL RISKS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MOVEMENTS
15	Theoretical	COSMOPOLITAN SOCIETY: WORLD RISK SOCIETY (U. BECK)
16	Final Exam	FINAL EXAM

Workload Calculation

Activity	Quantity	Preparation	Duration	Total Workload
Lecture - Theory	14	0	3	42
Assignment	3	0	3	9
Reading	1	5	2	7
Midterm Examination	1	30	2	32
Final Examination	1	35	2	37
Total Workload (Hours)				127
[Total Workload (Hours) / 25*] = ECTS				5

*25 hour workload is accepted as 1 ECTS

Learning Outcomes

1	An understanding of current academic debates and judgments and theories about the risk society, uncertainties and political action is expected;
2	To be able to define and interpret the main theoretical debates on risk society, uncertainties and political action in Western and non-Western societies.
3	Students are expected to acquire the ability to relate the discussion of risk society, uncertainty and political action to broader social theory and to conduct research in this field using sociology's main research methods;
4	Understanding how and why risks and hazards have become an important issue at the beginning of the 21st century and how risks and hazards are being constructed socially, politically and culturally;
5	Students are expected to critically evaluate discussions of risk society, uncertainty and political action;

Programme Outcomes (Sociology Doctorate)

1	To be able to understand and explain the functioning of social structure, institutions and processes, and social action.
2	Ability to make advanced sociological analyzes based on the current theoretical and conceptual framework.
3	To be able to think critically about the causes and consequences of social inequalities (in the areas of class, ethnicity, religion, and gender).
4	To be able to use sociological research methods and techniques effectively in work life and academic studies.
5	To be able to understand and explain social and intercultural differences from a comparative perspective.
6	Being sensitive to universal values and ecological problems by using a scientific perspective.
7	To be able to look at current social problems and phenomena from an interdisciplinary perspective.
8	To follow current sociological developments, to be open to professional innovations and to be able to predict.
9	Having professional sensitivity and scientific ethical responsibility.
10	To be able to express oneself in an advanced academic sense, both verbally and in writing, and to communicate effectively.
11	To be able to follow basic sociological texts in a foreign language.

Contribution of Learning Outcomes to Programme Outcomes 1:Very Low, 2:Low, 3:Medium, 4:High, 5:Very High

	L1	L2	L3	L4	L5
P1	4	4	4	5	4
P2	5	4	5	4	4
P3	4	5	4	4	5
P4	4	4	5	4	5
P5	3	5	3	4	5
P6	3	5	4	4	5
P7	4	5	4	5	5
P8	4	4	4	3	4
P9	4	3	4	4	5
P10	5	5	5	4	4
P11	3	3	4	3	3

