



AYDIN ADNAN MENDERES UNIVERSITY COURSE INFORMATION FORM

Course Title		Studies on Political Party Membership and Activism							
Course Code		SOSY608		Course Level		Third Cycle (Doctorate Degree)			
ECTS Credit	5	Workload	127 (<i>Hours</i>)	Theory	3	Practice	0	Laboratory	0
Objectives of the Course		Political Parties still continue to be one of the most important bridges between citizen and the politics. The main objective of this module is to provide an advanced learning and experience to those students about party and party activism that is being neglected so far in the country. We will be focusing on the emerge and development of political parties in the western Europe as well as in Turkey from early 19th century up to end of 20th century. By ding so it is aimed to study parties' present conditions and their members.							
Course Content		Political participation and political parties; Political parties and ideologies in industrial societies; Party system and changes in the functions of political parties in post-industrial societies; Political party membership and activism; Activism in 21st century.							
Work Placement		N/A							
Planned Learning Activities and Teaching Methods				Explanation (Presentation), Discussion, Problem Solving					
Name of Lecturer(s)		Prof. Kayhan DELİBAS							

Assessment Methods and Criteria

Method	Quantity	Percentage (%)
Midterm Examination	1	20
Final Examination	1	60
Assignment	1	20

Recommended or Required Reading

1	Ayata, Sencer (1997), "Patronage, Party, and State: The Politicisation of Islam in Turkey", Middle East Journal Cilt 51, Sayı 1, s. 40-57.
2	Barnes, Richard Stephen Kent ve Kaase, Max (Ed.) (1979), Political Action: Mass Participation in Five Western Democracies, Sage Publications, London.
3	Castells, Manuel (2004), The Power of Identity (2. baskı), Blackwell Publishing, Oxford.
4	Castells, Manuel (1996) The Rise of the Network Society. Blackwell Publishing, Oxford.
5	Dalton, Russell, J (1988), Citizen Politics in Western Democracies, Chatham House publishers, New Jersey.
6	Delibaş, Kayhan (2001), The Rise of Political Islam in Modern Turkey: The Influence of Grassroots Activists on the Unprecedented Rise of the Pro-Islamist Welfare/Virtue Party in the 1990s. Basılmamış Doktora Tezi, University of Kent.
7	Duverger, Maurice (1964), Political Parties: Their Organisation and Activity in the Modern State, Methuen & Co. Ltd, London.
8	Giddens, Anthony (1991), Modernity and Self-Identity: Self and Society in Late Modern Age, Polity Press, Cambridge.
9	Özbudun, Ergun (2000). Contemporary Turkish Politics: Challenges to Democratic Consolidation, Lynne Rienner Publisher, London.

Week	Weekly Detailed Course Contents	
1	Theoretical	What Is a Political Party?
2	Theoretical	The condition in which Political Parties Emerged I
3	Theoretical	The condition in which Political Parties Emerged II
4	Theoretical	Industrialization, Social Classes and Politics
5	Theoretical	From Cadre party to Mass Party
6	Theoretical	Sociological Implications of Mass Parties
7	Theoretical	Parties and Their Ideologies
8	Intermediate Exam	MIDTERM EXAM
9	Theoretical	Party Organization, members and Activist
10	Theoretical	Changing Structure of Membership
11	Theoretical	Parties in the Industrial Countries
12	Theoretical	Who are the members?
13	Theoretical	Investigating Case Studies from the US, the UK and Turkey.
14	Theoretical	Changes in Political Arena
15	Theoretical	The situation of party activism in the World, EU and



16	Final Exam	FINAL EXAM
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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	Grasp the key debate, concepts associated with political parties and party activism;
2	Recognize and interpret the broader theoretical issues associated with political parties and party activism;
3	Examine and able to connect the main debate about party activism with the mainstream sociological;
4	To understand the historic conditions led to emergence of political parties' party activism and also understand changing nature of both parties and party activism.
5	An ability to critically evaluate the current issues associated with political party and party activism;

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	3	4	3	4
P2	5	3	3	4	3
P3	5	4	4	4	4
P4	4	4	3	3	4
P5	4	3	3	4	4
P6	3	2	2	3	3
P7	4	4	4	3	3
P8	4	4	4	4	3
P9	4	5	5	4	5
P10	4	4	4	4	4
P11	3	3	3	3	3

