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**POLS 101.03: INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL SCIENCE**  
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**Student Assistants: İrem Sağıroğlu ([iremsagioglu@gmail.com](mailto:iremsagioglu@gmail.com)) and Leyla Kandemir ([leyla.kandemir90@gmail.com](mailto:leyla.kandemir90@gmail.com)).** The student assistants will contact you via email to set weekly discussion sessions. You are strongly advised to attend the DS. No attendance shall be taken but they will focus on the textbook, which will greatly enhance your performance in the exams.

**Assessment:**

- a) **Exams:** A midterm exam (50%) and a final exam (50%), in multiple choice format.
- b) **Attendance:** Each missed **daily lecture session (1 or 2 hours, depending on the day)** would automatically take away **1 point** from your total numerical grade of 100 for the term. Hence, **for example**, if you missed 10 lecture hours, you would lose 10 points, meaning that your numerical term grade would be at most 90 out of 100, your letter term grade would go as high as BA and you won't be able to get an AA on this course.

**Textbook:** Andrew Heywood, *Politics* (Hampshire and New York: Palgrave, 4<sup>th</sup> and later editions)

**Online Lecture Hours:**

<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>7-8</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>8</b>
<b>15:00-15:50</b> <b>16:00-16:50</b>	<b>16:00-16:50</b>

**Online Office Hour**

<b>FRIDAY</b>
<b>17:00-17:50</b>

## **A GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENT**

Dear members of the POLS 101.02 class,

I hope that every one of you and your families are in good health. These are difficult times, challenging our health, our jobs, our finances, our mental balances, our relations with families and friends. We will of course have to take the necessary precautions to protect ourselves and our loved ones from contamination. However, while protecting ourselves, we need to keep the following two points in mind: (1) These are demanding times but they are NOT our enemy. By this I mean that those difficult times are here for us to take our lessons, learn from our mistakes, enlighten ourselves, change the way we do things, grow up, and move on to a next and better stage in our lives. (2) Precisely because these are times of reflection and self-reflection, we have to take it easy, take it slow. It might consume some of our badly needed bodily and mental energies if we tried to outperform ourselves.

As a university, we have been making some adjustments with regard to teaching, grading and evaluation. We have agreed that “distance education” (NOT online education) will be the main method of education for the remainder of this semester. This means that we’ll do our teaching, interactions and evaluations without physically meeting in classrooms. We’ll do our teaching sessions online by means of ZOOM platforms.

Digital copies of all the required readings will be made available to the registered students.

There are some strict ground rules for the online lectures and Zoom sessions:

- 1) I will do the Zoom sessions during the regular class days and hours.
- 2) I will NOT put recorded versions of the lectures in the school’s system. So, if you miss a lecture it will be missed.
- 3) It’s absolutely NOT allowed to record the online lectures by any means, audio or visual, using your mobile phones etc., and it’s particularly forbidden to disseminate parts or wholes of the recorded lectures to your friends or publish them on the internet.
- 4) The Zoom sessions are open to the registered students of the class ONLY. It’s absolutely NOT allowed to invite any other person to listen to the lectures, even if he/she is a Boğaziçi student. Guests are not allowed.
- 5) Please note that I WILL take attendance for the regular lectures and I will form a positive opinion for those who actively participate in class discussions.

**ACADEMIC HONESTY**

The Department of Political Science and International Relations has the following rules and regulations regarding academic honesty.

1. Copying work from others or giving and receiving answers/information during exams either in written or oral form constitutes cheating.
2. Submitting take-home exams and papers of others as your own, using sentences or paragraphs from another author without the proper acknowledgement of the original author, insufficient acknowledgement of the consulted works in the bibliography, all constitute plagiarism.
3. Plagiarism and cheating are serious offenses and will result in:
  - a) an automatic “F” in the assignment or the exam
  - b) an oral explanation before the Departmental Ethics Committee
  - c) losing the opportunity to request and receive any references from the entire faculty
  - d) losing the opportunity to apply in exchange programs
  - e) losing the prospects of becoming a student assistant or a graduate assistant in the department

The students may further be sent to the University Ethics committee or be subject to disciplinary action.

## **LECTURE TOPICS**

### **A) INTRODUCTION**

A1) Introducing the content of and the requirements for the course. A discussion of some conceptual and methodological issues regarding social science in general and political science in particular. An overview of the historical development of political science in relation to the other social sciences.

### **B) IDEOLOGY AND THE STATE**

B1) "Political Ideas and Ideologies", in Andrew Heywood, *Politics*, 4<sup>th</sup> ed., ch. 2  
 B2) "Politics and the State", in Andrew Heywood, *Politics*, 4<sup>th</sup> ed, ch. 3

### **C) POLITICAL REGIMES**

C1) "Governments, Systems and Regimes", in Andrew Heywood, *Politics*, 4<sup>th</sup> ed, ch 12  
 C2) "Democracy and Legitimacy", in Andrew Heywood, *Politics* 4<sup>th</sup> ed., ch. 4  
 C3) "Assemblies", in Andrew Heywood, *Politics* 4<sup>th</sup> ed., ch.14 (The sections on the parliamentary and presidential systems)  
 C4) "Parties and Party Systems", in Andrew Heywood, *Politics* 4<sup>th</sup> ed., ch. 10  
 C5) "Representation, Elections and Voting", in Andrew Heywood, *Politics*, 4<sup>th</sup> ed., ch. 9

### **D) POLITICAL CULTURE AND IDENTITY**

D1) "Political Culture and the Media", in Andrew Heywood, *Politics* 4<sup>th</sup> ed, ch. 8  
 D2) "Politics, Society and Identity", in Andrew Heywood, *Politics* 4<sup>th</sup> ed, ch. 7

## **TOPICS TO BE COVERED IN THE MIDTERM AND FINAL EXAMS**

**MIDTERM EXAM:** Please note that **the midterm exam** will cover the following sections: A1, B1, B2, C1, C2, C3. The day of the midterm exam will be announced on the week we will have finished discussing the last chapter in Section B.

**FINAL EXAM:** The questions to be asked in **the final exam**, on the other hand, will cover sections A1, C4, C5, D1, D2.

## **ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION**

Please note that I WILL take attendance for the regular lectures and I will form a more positive opinion for those who actively participate in class discussions.

## **IMPORTANT POLITICAL SCIENCE INSTITUTIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS**

IPSA: International Political Science Association

<http://www.ipsa.org/site/>

ECPR: European Consortium for Political Research

<http://www.ecpr.eu/>

APSA: AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION

<http://www.apsanet.org/>

SİYASİ İLİMLER TÜRK DERNEĞİ-TURKISH POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION

<http://www.siyasiilimler.org.tr/>

Türk Sosyal Bilimler Derneği- TURKISH SOCIAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION

<http://www.tsbd.org.tr/>

Uluslararası İlişkiler Konseyi – TURKISH COUNCIL OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

<https://www.uik.org.tr/>

## **Select English Language Academic Journals Covering Turkish Politics**

New Perspectives on Turkey

[http://www.newperspectivesonturkey.net/eng/NPT\\_homepage.asp](http://www.newperspectivesonturkey.net/eng/NPT_homepage.asp)

SSCI

Turkish Studies

<http://www.turkishstudies.net/>

European Journal of Turkish Studies

<http://ejts.revues.org/>

Turkish Studies Association Journal

<http://www.h-net.org/~thetsa/journals/>

International Journal of Turkish Studies

(Back issues are available at the Library. Now published irregularly)

METU Studies in Development (ODTÜ Gelişme Dergisi)

<http://www.feas.metu.edu.tr/metusd/ojs/index.php/metusd>

South European Society and Politics

<http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/titles/13608746.asp>

Southeast European and Black Sea Studies

<http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/titles/14683857.asp>