

Title of the Course:

## **Foreign Policy of Turkey**

Optional Course

For

M.A. (International Relations-West Asian Studies)

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### **Course Description**

Modern Turkey, which emerged out of the debris of the Ottoman Empire in the post World War I, has to completely reorient its foreign policy. As per Kemalist vision of Turkey, any association with the *ummah* was a liability and therefore it began to distance itself from the Muslim/Arab world and joined the bandwagon of the West/NATO. However, by the beginning of 1970s, it began to steadily reorient its policies towards the Arab World and slowly began to engage with it which began to acquire more focus under the leadership of Turgut Ozal. With the emergence of the Islamists which began in 1960s but began more dominant and assertive force with the formation of the government by the AKP, its foreign policy acquired a paradigm shift. There were many factors besides Islamists which contributed towards the evolution of such foreign policy. With the onset of the Arab spring and emergence of the IS, its foreign policy began to face new challenges. This course aimed to expose the students with the various elements and factors which have played significant role in the evolution of Turkish foreign policy ever since its emergence in the post- World War I.

### **Course Content**

#### **Unit I: Emergence of Modern Turkey**

- Emergence of Modern Turkey
- Ataturk's Vision for Modern Turkey.

- Roots of Islamic Revivalism.
- Formation of the AKP Government.

## **Unit II: Turkey, West and Israel**

- Geo-Political Environment
- Turkey and NATO.
- Turkish aspiration to join EU.
- Turkey-US Relationship
- Turkey- Israel Relationship

## **Unit III: Turkey and Muslim World**

- Turkish Quest to Associate with Islamic/ Arab world.
- Turkey – Central Asia
- Identity Predicament: Islam/East vs West/Europe.
- Geo-Political (Kurdish) Challenge from US Occupation of Iraq.

## **Unit IV: Turkey and as a Regional Power under the AKP**

- Re-orientation of its Foreign Policy: Closer to the Region
- Emergence of Erdogan as the new Ottoman Sultan
- The Marginalisation of the Military
- Distancing from Israel
- The Arab Spring and back to old Paradigm
- Challenge from the IS and Perennial Kurdish Problem

## **Reading List:**

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- Robins, Phillip. *Turkish Foreign Policy since the Cold War*. London, C. Hurst, 2002.
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- Ugur, Mehmet, and Canefe, Nergis. *Turkey and European Integration: Accession Prospects and Issues (Europe and Nation State)*. London, Routledge, 2004.
- Yavuz, M. H. *Islamic Political Identity in Turkey (Religion and Global Politics)*. Oxford University Press, 2003.
- Yildiz, K. *The Kurds in Turkey: EU Accession and Human Rights*. London, Pluto Press, 2005.
- Yilmaz, Bahri. *Challenges to Turkey: The New Role of Turkey in International Politics since the Dissolution of the Soviet Union*. New York, NY, St Martin's press, 2006.

### **Method of Instruction:**

Lectures and Tutorials will be held on a weekly basis. Questions, Discussion and debate during classes will be strongly encouraged. Students are expected to keep informed of the current events in the West Asian Region.

**Method of Assessment:**

A mid-term exam would consist of essay questions based upon the topics covered upto that point. It will be of 25 marks and student must answer two question out of 4 of 12.5 marks each. The final exam would be conducted according to a schedule at the end of the semester will be of 75 marks. In the final exam, student must answer 5 out of 10 questions.