This course is designed for undergraduate and graduate students in the disciplines of International Relations, European Studies, Political Science and Turkish Studies. The aim of the course is to present a substantive overview of the drivers of Turkey’s foreign policy in particular in relationship with its neighbourhoods -- Western Europe, the Black Sea Region, the Caucasus and Russia, the Mediterranean and the Greater Middle East. It will explore the key issues that shape its foreign policy dynamics as well how they impact with other stakeholders such as the European Union, the United States and the United Nations. It will also try to provide an assessment of where Turkish foreign policy is heading. The course is also meant to present an overview of the domestic context in terms of its politics; democracy; gender relations; the role of the media; and the influence of Istanbul. Finally, the economic and financial context both domestically and internationally will also be assessed. The course will be supported by guest lecturers with requisite expertise and a comprehensive reading list.

It is designed include 4 lectures/discussions of an hour and a half duration each per day over the course of 6 days (36 hours in total).

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Course Outline

7 July 2014, Monday

09:00 – 09:30 Introduction to the Course

09:30 – 11:00 Session I - Framework, Determinants, Analysis

11:30 – 13:00 Session II - Historical Overview of Turkish Foreign Policy

14:00 – 15:30 Session III – Security Culture in Turkey and Foreign Policy

16:00 – 17:30 Session IV – The Domestic Political Context
8 July 2014, Tuesday

09:30 – 11:00 Session I – Turkey and the European Union I

11:30 – 13:00 Session II – Turkey and the European Union II as seen from the outside

14:00 – 15:30 Session III - Turkey-EU-NATO relations

16:00 – 17:30 Session IV - Relations with Greece and the Cyprus Issue

9 July 2014, Wednesday

09:00 – 10:30 Session I - Turkey in Eurasia (Black Sea and Caucasus)

11:00 – 12:30 Session II - Turkey and the Balkans

13:30 – 15:00 Session III - Turkey and Russia

15:30 – 17:00 Session IV - Turkey’s Energy Strategy

To be followed by a City Tour

10 July 2014, Thursday

09:30 – 11:00 Session I – The Dynamics of the Turkish Economy

11:30 – 13:00 Session II – The Place of Turkey in the Global Economy

14:00 – 15:30 Session III - Turkey and the Middle East

16:00 – 17:30 Session IV - Turkey and Iran

11 July 2014, Friday

09:30 – 11:00 Session I - Turkey and Africa

11:30 – 13:00 Session II - Turkey and the United States

14:00 – 15:30 Session III - Turkey and the United Nations and other IOs

16:00 – 17:30 Session IV - The Role and Place of the Media
12 July 2014, Saturday

09:30 – 11:00 Session I – Gender and Society in Turkey

11:30 – 13:00 Session II – The Democracy Context

14:00 – 15:30 Session III – Istanbul as a Global City

16:00 – 17:30 Session IV - In search of a New Paradigm

To be followed by a goodbye dinner