



Poli 349: Istanbul Lab
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Lab Background and Setting

Like many other countries, in the 20th century Turkey was transformed by rapid urbanization. Today, roughly 70 percent of Turkey's 73 million inhabitants live in cities, with the greatest populations concentrated in the western Marmara, Aegean and Mediterranean regions. Straddling Europe and Asia, Istanbul bridges East and West, putting it at a critical crossroads for commerce, trade and cultural exchange for centuries. The significance of its geographic location cannot be under-emphasized in our exploration of politics and governance in this booming metropolitan city. Spreading seemingly uncontrollably along both sides of the Bosphorus Straits Istanbul boasts a population of 12.8 million, making the largest city in Turkey and fifth largest city proper in the world. Three hundred miles to the east lies Ankara, the Anatolian town that Kemal Atatürk made the capital of the new Turkish republic in 1923. Center of a highly centralized political system, Ankara, too, has experienced rapid growth, especially since the 1970's, when migrants flooding in from the impoverished countryside began to build sprawling squatter settlements.

Course Content and Description

The Istanbul Lab course accompanies the research seminar on Comparative Urban Politics and Policy (Poli 464). The purpose of the Lab is multifold. First, it provides students with an in-depth examination of one city in particular—Istanbul—so that they can gain micro-level knowledge and understand about how politics and policy work in a specific case and also apply theories and concepts from the more macro-level focus of the seminar course. Second, the Lab is the setting for both the research project and the field research trip to Istanbul.

In the Lab course, we will begin with a very broad overview of Turkish political economy since the founding of the Republic in 1923. From here we will examine local and transnational forces that have driven (and continue to drive) contemporary urbanization in Turkey, focusing primarily on Istanbul, but also considering Ankara and other municipalities where appropriate. The primary content of the Lab course will however, be on the key issues and problems that have emerged in Istanbul as a result of its rapid urbanization over the past several decades. In particular, we will focus the causes and consequences of growing income inequality, socio-economic exclusion and environmental

challenges. We will also concentrate on how rapid urbanization in Istanbul has affected the politics of land-use, political representation (for migrants, women, the poor), the relationship between local and national politics, and the evolution of democracy and the secular Turkish Republic.

Woven into our substantive focus on politics and policy in Istanbul, will be regular attention to the building blocks of conducting social scientific inquiry in general and comparative analysis in particular. The Lab will be the setting for learning how to design and conduct the research project and planning for the field research that students will engage in while in Istanbul. Some weeks we will meet together with the Buenos Aires Lab (Poli 348) so students can work collaboratively on the research projects. Other weeks we will have guest speakers and/or discussions of the readings and class materials (e.g. films) that focus explicitly on Istanbul and Turkey. Similar to the parent course, the Lab has an explicit interdisciplinary perspective and our readings will cover a wide range of disciplines, theories and methodological approaches.

Course Topics and Schedule of Readings

Jan 9 Course Introduction & Overview (in Poli 464)

Jan 17 Settlement and Urbanization of Istanbul

- Sumner-Boyd, Hilary and John Freely. 2010. "The View from the Bridge" (1-16). In *Strolling Through Istanbul*. NY: Tauris Parke Paperbacks
- Kubat, Ayse Sema. 1999. "The Morphological History of Istanbul." *Urban Morphology* 31(1): *33-36 (only these pages)
- Enlil, Zeynep Meray & Huseyin Kaptan. 2009. "Istanbul: Global Aspirations and Socio-Spatial Restructuring in an Era of New Internationalism" (pp23-35). In *A Turkish Triangle: Ankara, Istanbul, and Izmir at the Gates of Europe*, eds. H. Sarkis and N. Turan. Harvard: Aga Khan Program.
- INCEOGLU, Arda and Ipek YÜREKLI. 2011. "Urban transformation in Istanbul: potentials for a better city." *Enhr Conference 2011 – 5-8 July*, Toulouse.

Jan 24 Turkish Politics and Governance 101—Guest Speaker

- Kapucu, Naim and Hamit Palabiyik. 2008. "Part I: Turkey and Turkish Public Administration in a Global Context" (pp 21-46) In *Turkish Public Administration*. Ankara: International Strategic Research Organization.
- Dodd, Clement H. 2012. "The Turkish Republic" (pp 53-64). Chpt. 6 in *Handbook of Modern Turkey*, eds. M. Heper & S. Sarayi. NY: Routledge.

- Jan 31** **Federalism-Power Sharing**
- Kapucu, Naim and Hamit Palabiyik. 2008. "Part III: Political System and Public Administration in Turkey" (pp. 91-124). In *Turkish Public Administration*. Ankara: International Strategic Research Organization
 - Ozcan, Gul Berna 2000. "Local economic development, decentralisation and consensus building in Turkey." *Progress in Planning* 54: 199-278.
- Feb 7** **Local Government Organization, Function, Power in Turkey**
- Kapucu, Naim and Hamit Palabiyik. 2008. "Part IV: Local Government Administration" (pp. 125-178). In *Turkish Public Administration*. Ankara: International Strategic Research
- Feb 14** **Political Economy of Urbanization/Housing in Istanbul**
- Keyder, Caglar. "The Housing Market from Informal to Global." Chpt 8 in *Istanbul: Between the Global and the Local*, ed by C. Keyder. NY: Rowan & Littlefield Publishers.
 - Bartu, A. and Kolluoğlu, B. 2008. "Emerging Spaces of Neoliberalism: A Gated Town and a Public Housing Project in Istanbul" *New Perspectives on Turkey*, 39: 5-46.
 - Erman, Tahire. 2001. "The Politics of Squatter Studies in Turkey: the Changing Representations of Rural Migrants in Academic Discourse." *Urban Studies* 38 (7): 983-1002.
 - Ozler, Ilgu. 2000. "Politics of the Gecekondu in Turkey: The Political Choices of Squatters in National Elections." *Turkish Studies* 1 (2): 39-58.
 - Baytin, Cigdem. 2000. "Dwelling in Turkey's 50 years of 'Modern' Urbanization Period: Sample Istanbul. Paper presented at the ENHR 2000 Conference in Gavle, June, 2000.
- Feb 21** **Housing and Urban Transformation Continued**
- Kuyucu, Tuna and Özlem Ünsal. 2010. "'Urban Transformation' as State-led Property Transfer: An Analysis of Two Cases of Urban Renewal in Istanbul." *Urban Studies* 47 (Feb): 1479-1499.
 - Turk, Sevkiye Sence and Willem K. Korthals Altes. 2011. "The Planning System and Land Provision for Social Housing in Turkey."
 - Gorvett, Jon. 2012. "Turkey's Opening Comes with Catch." *New York Times* Sept. 27, 2012.
 - Coskun, Yener. 2011. "Does Re-Design of the Policies on Housing Finance and Supply Help to Solve the Housing Question of Turkey?" Working Paper. Electronic copy available at: <http://ssrn.com/abstract=1868758>
- Feb 22-
March 3** Istanbul Lab (Depart 4:30, AA3786 IAH)
Istanbul Lab (Return 3/4 12:15 am, AA 3785)
- March 7** **Research Team Meeting-Poli 349 & Poli 348 Meet Together**

March 14 Urban Policy Overview

March 21 Education Policy (Resources)

- Akinoglu, Orhan. 2008. "Primary Education Curriculum Reforms in Turkey." *World Applied Sciences Journal* 3(2): 1995-99.
- Aksit, Necmi. 2007. "Educational Reform in Turkey." *International Journal of Educational Development* 27: 129-37.
- Gokce, Feyyat. 2009. "Behavior of Turkish Elementary School Principals in the Change Process." *Educational Management Administration and Leadership* 37 (2): 198-215.
- Tansel, Aysit. 2002. "Determinants of School Attainment of Boys and girls in Turkey: Individual, Household and Community Factors." *Economics of Education Reform* 21: 455-70.
- World Bank. 2005. How Much Does Turkey Spend on Education?"
- Ferreira, Francisco and Jeremie Gignoux. 2010. Inequality of Opportunity for Education: The Case of Turkey. State Planning Organization of Turkey and the World Bank Welfare and Social Policy Analysis Work Program. Working Paper Number 4.
- Sahin, Ali E. 2008. "A qualitative assessment of the quality of Turkish elementary schools." *Eurasian Journal of Educational Research* 30: 117-39.
- Fitzpatrick, Margaret, Fauzia Rahman, and Huseyin Esen. 2009. "Globalization and Education Policy in Turkey: Education of Women, Religious Education and Higher Education. Univ. of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign working Paper

March 28 Spring Recess

April 4: Transportation Policy (Resources)

- Anderson, B., & Moorhouse, L. S. (2012, November 22). Connecting continents amid archaeology and earthquakes. *CNN News*. Retrieved from <http://www.cnn.com/2012/11/21/world/europe/istanbul-marmaray-tunnel>
- Anıl Yazıcı, M., Levinson, H. S., Ilıcalı, M., Camkesen, N., & Kamga, C. (n.d.). A bus rapid transit line case study: Istanbul's metrobüs system. (2013). *Journal of Public Transportation*, 16(1), 153-177.
- Balcioğlu, D. (Director) (2013, April 19). Public Transportation Systems Experiences & Strategies. *Transportation Department*. Lecture conducted from Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality, Istanbul.
- Brosnahan, T. (n.d.). Bus, Metro, Tram & Ferry Fares in Istanbul, Turkey. *Turkey Travel Guide*. Retrieved April 19, 2013, from <http://www.turkeytravelplanner.com/go/Ist>
- Bus Stops. (n.d.). *İETT - İstanbul Elektrik Tramvay ve Tünel İşletmeleri Genel Müdürlüğü*. Retrieved April 19, 2013, from <http://www.iETT.gov.tr/en/main/pages/bus-stops/160>
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- Gerçek, H. (2009, November). *Is There a Road Ahead?* Urban Age. Retrieved April 12, 2013, from <http://lsecities.net/media/objects/articles/is-there-a-road-ahead>.
- Getting Around in Istanbul by Metro, Tram and Funicular. (n.d.). *Istanbul Trails*. Retrieved April 29, 2013, from www.istanbultrails.com/2009/08/getting-around-in-istanbul-by-metro-tram-and-funicular/
- Hennig, M. Division 44 – Water, Energy, Transport Sector Project "Transport Policy Advisory Services", Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). (2011). *Sustainable Urban Mobility: The example of Istanbul*. Retrieved from Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) website: <http://www.sutp.org/component/phocadownload/category/71-cs3?download=140:cs-istbul-en>
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April 12: Urban Poverty & Social Policy (Resources—see also OwlSpace)

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April 18 Project Work

(TBA): Poster Session/Reception

May 8: Final Papers Due