Modern Turkey is often described as suffering from cultural schizophrenia, a condition borne out of not only the country`s unique geographical position between and in Europe and Middle East, but also two-centuries of Westernization and social engineering. During the Cold War years, Turkey was a “dependable” U.S. ally with a closed economy and a troubled human rights record. More recently, and especially under the “mildly Islamist” AKP government, the country’s economic rise has closely followed the pursuit of a more independent foreign policy and the pacification of its meddlesome military even as AKP's domestic policies increasingly polarize Turkish society. This course will introduce the political, social, and cultural history of modern Turkey, from its late Ottoman origins to the recent past. The first class of each week will focus on a certain period in Turkish history, while the second class will take a thematic, and chronologically expansive, look at subjects ranging from the Kurdish question to secularism and the Turkish military.

**Required Texts:**
Course reader, available on Sakai under Resources.

**Grading:** Attendance is mandatory. Over the course of the semester, you are expected to submit two short response papers (one to two pages in length) on the assigned readings. There will also be two scheduled ID quizzes on important individuals and key concepts. The mid-term exam (in class) will have both essay and short answer questions, the latter being similar to the vocabulary quizzes. The final is a short research paper (8 to 10 pages) on any topic relating to Modern Turkish history that is of interest to you. During the semester, you must meet me with at least once to discuss your final paper topic.

| Attendance and participation: | 10% | Midterm exam: | 35% |
| Response papers: | 10% | Final paper: | 35% |
| Two quizzes: | 10% |

Important note on electronic devices: The use of laptops, netbooks, and tablets of all sorts are strictly prohibited during lectures. Please make sure to bring a notebook (the paper kind!) for taking notes.

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Schedule

Week 1

Wed Jan 21 - General introduction to Turkish history
Zürcher, pp. 10-20.

Week 2

Mon Jan 26 - The Infidel Sultan: Mahmud II’s reforms in context

Wed Jan 28 - The Impact of the West? The nature of Ottoman modernity

Week 3

Mon Feb 2 - Abdülhamid II and the genesis of modern Turkish conservatism

Wed Feb 4 - Going bankrupt: the late Ottoman economy

Week 4

Mon Feb 9 – The Committee of Union and Progress and the Second Constitutional Era (1908-1912)

Wed Feb 11 - Confessional violence in the late Ottoman world
Week 5

Mon Feb 16 – Balkan Wars, the coup of 1913, and the Ottoman Empire in WWI

Wed Feb 18 – Turkish nationalism

Week 6

Mon Feb 23 – Between Istanbul and Ankara, 1919-1924

Wed Feb 25 – The Turkish Cultural Revolution

Week 7

Mon Mar 2 – The establishment of one-party rule

Wed Mar 4 – Kemalism

*** ID quiz #1 ***

Week 8

Mon Mar 9 – Turkey during the Second World War
Wed Mar 11 – Turkish secularism and the apotheosis of Atatürk

March 14 thru March 22 Spring Recess

Week 9

Mon Mar 23 – The multi-party system and the rise of Adnan Menderes
Zürcher, pp. 206-240; Çağlar Keyder, “Populism and Democracy” in State and Class in Turkey, pp. 117-140.

Wed Mar 25 – Midterm exam (in class)

Week 10

Mon Mar 30 – The coup of 1960 and its aftermath, Turkey in the ‘60s
Zürcher, pp. 241-254 and 256-258; William M. Hale, Turkish Politics and the Military, pp. 119-149.

Wed Apr 1 – Turkish military establishment: the army, state, and society

Week 11

Mon Apr 6 – Political violence in the 1970s and the new center-left under Ecevit
Zürcher, pp. 258-277; Jacob M. Landau, Radical Politics in Modern Turkey, pp. 21-48 and 171-204.

Wed Apr 8 – Women in public life and gender relations in Turkey
Week 12

Mon Apr 13 – The coup of 1980; Turgut Özal, ANAP, and “apoliticization.”

Wed Apr 15 – A complicated relationship: Turkey, Europe, and guest-workers.

Week 13

Mon Apr 20 – Coalition governments and crises of the 1990s

Wed Apr 22 – The Kurdish question

*** ID quiz #2 ***

Week 14

Mon Apr 27 – Erdoğan and the AKP
Zürcher, pp. 305-306; Hakan Yavuz, Secularism and Muslim Democracy in Modern Turkey, pp. 45-78.

Wed Apr 29 – From Arab Spring to Gezi Park: the historical context

Week 15

Mon May 4 – Competing and conflicting visions for Turkey: new developments
*** Last day to submit the response papers ***