



Course Syllabus

Course Code	Course Title	ECTS Credits
MIREL-627	Greek-Turkish Relations and Cyprus	10
Prerequisites	Department	Semester
None	Politics and Governance	Fall or Spring
Type of Course	Field	Language of Instruction
Elective	Eastern Mediterranean Studies	English
Level of Course	Lecturer(s)	Year of Study
2 nd Cycle	Dr. Emiliou Solomou, Dr. Andreas Karyos	2 nd
Mode of Delivery	Work Placement	Corequisites
Conventional	N/A	N/A

Course Objectives:

The course first seeks to place Greek-Turkish relations in historical perspective by going as far back as the 15th century when Constantinople was captured by the Ottomans. Moreover, it seeks to briefly cover the Greek-Turkish confrontational rivalry from the Greek War of Independence against the Turks in the 19th century until the unsuccessful Greek expedition into Asia Minor in the 1920's. The main objective of the course is to analyze contemporary relations between Greece and Turkey with special focus on the Cyprus Problem and related implications. Furthermore, the course will also focus on the Aegean dispute and its multi-faceted impact on Greek-Turkish relations. Another element of contemporary Greek-Turkish relations that is being examined is the implications of Turkey's application to join the European Union, of which Greece and Cyprus are already members. In addition, this course explores the Turkish strategy of questioning the sovereign rights of Greece and Cyprus for the delimitation and exploration-exploitation of underwater energy resources in their respective Exclusive Economic Zones.

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course students are expected to be able to:

- Analyse and evaluate particular aspects of Greek-Turkish relations.
- Demonstrate independent research skills on historical, political, diplomatic and strategic issues which are pertinent to Greek-Turkish relations.
- Illustrate knowledge of a range of primary and secondary resources.

- Assess the main aspects of the Cyprus Problem and evaluate its impact on the evolution of Greek-Turkish relations.
- Integrate historical episodes of the Greek-Turkish relationship from the wider global perspective.
- Examine the role of third parties in the development of the bilateral relationship between Greece and Turkey.
- Evaluate the impact of the EU on the two countries and their relations, with special focus on the accession of Cyprus to the EU and related implications.
- Illustrate knowledge of the various dimensions of Greek-Turkish disputes and the Cyprus Problem and consider possible solutions.
- Communicate in English language both orally and in written form at (near) native level.
- Use IT skills (word processing, Internet, e-mail) as study and communication tools.
- Make efficient use of libraries, bibliographical material and academic research.

Course Content:

Introduction to Greek-Turkish relations: from Byzantium to the Asia Minor Catastrophe
Greek-Turkish relations 1923-1954
The Cyprus Problem 1955-1974
The Aegean dispute: geopolitical perspectives and international law
The Aegean dispute: the crises of 1976 and 1987
The Aegean dispute: the Imia crisis and gray zones
Greek-Turkish relations after 1974
The Cyprus Problem after 1974
Greek-Turkish relations and the Cyprus problem after the rise of Erdogan into power
Greek-Turkish relations and European Union: the accession of Cyprus and broader implications
Underwater energy resources in Greece and Cyprus and Turkish perceptions
Prospects and challenges in Greek-Turkish relations today

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Lectures and PowerPoint presentations, class discussions and debates, research project, student presentations

Assessment Methods:

Research essay, student presentations, final exam

Required Textbooks / Readings:

- Alexis Alexandris, *The Greek Minority of Istanbul and Greek-Turkish Relations 1918-1974*, 2nd edn (Athens: Centre for Asia Minor Studies, 1992).
- Ayse Aslihan Celenk, 'The Restructuring of Turkey's Policy towards Cyprus: The Justice and Development Party's Struggle for Power,' *Turkish Studies*, 8:3 (2007), pp. 349-363.
- Ekavi Athanassopoulou, 'Blessing in disguise? The Imia crisis and Turkish-Greek relations,' *Mediterranean Politics*, 2:3 (1997), pp. 76-101.
- Heinz-Jürgen Axt, 'Relations with Turkey and their Impact on the European Union,' *Southeast European and Black Sea Studies*, 5:3 (2005), pp. 365-378.
- Spyros Blavoukos and Dimitris Bourantonis, 'Policy Entrepreneurs and Foreign Policy Change: The Greek-Turkish Rapprochement in the 1990s,' *Government and Opposition*, 47:4 (Oct. 2012), pp. 597-617.
- Van Coufoudakis, 'Greek-Turkish relations, 1973-1983: The View from Athens,' *International Security*, 9:4 (1985), pp. 185-217.
- Nora Fisher Onar and Othon Aastasakis, 'Sustaining engagement? On symmetries and asymmetries in Greek-Turkish relations,' *South European and Black Sea Studies*, 13:4 (2013), pp. 401-406.
- Theodore Kariotis, 'The case for a Greek exclusive economic zone in the Aegean sea,' *Marine Policy*, 14:1 (1990), pp. 3-14.
- Theodore Kariotis, 'Hydrocarbons and the law of the sea in the Eastern Mediterranean: implications for Cyprus, Greece and Turkey,' *Mediterranean Quarterly*, 22:2 (2011), pp. 45-56.
- James Ker-Lindsay, *The Cyprus Problem: What Everyone Needs to Know* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2011).
- Stephen Larrabee, 'Greek-Turkish relations in an era of regional and global change,' *Southern European and Black Sea Studies*, 12:4 (2012), pp. 471-479.
- Costas Malakopides, 'Implications of the Accession of Cyprus to the European Union for Greek-Turkish Relations and Euro-Turkish Relations,' *Mediterranean Quarterly*, 17:1 (2006), pp. 73-101.
- Ziya Onis, 'Greek-Turkish Relations and the European Union: A Critical Perspective,' *Mediterranean Politics*, 6:3 (2001), pp. 31-45.
- Philip Robins, 'Turkish foreign policy since 2002: between a "post-Islamist" government and a Kemalist state,' *International Affairs*, 83:2 (2007), pp. 289-304.
- Constantinos Stephanopoulos, 'An Aegean Peace: International Law and the Greek-Turkish Conflict,' *Harvard International Review*, 21:1 (1998), pp. 18-23.
- Jon Van Dyke, 'An Analysis of the Aegean Dispute under International Law,' *Ocean Development and International Law*, 36:1 (2005), pp. 63-177.
- Thanos Veremis, *Greeks and Turks in War and Peace* (Athens: Athens News Publications, 2007).
- Andrew Wilson, *The Aegean Dispute*, Adelphi Papers No. 155, (London: International Institute of Strategic Studies, 1979/80).

Recommended Textbooks / Readings:

- Kenan Aksu (ed.), *Turkey-EU Relations: Power, Politics and the Future* (Newcastle upon Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2012).
- Alexis Alexandris, 'The expulsion of Constantine VI: The Ecumenical Patriarchate and Greek-Turkish relations, 1924-1925,' *Balkan Studies*, 22 (1981), pp. 333-363
- Mustafa Aydin and Kostos Ifantis, *Turkish-Greek Relations: The Security Dilemma in the Aegean* (London: Routledge, 2002).
- David Brewer, *Greece, the Hidden Centuries: Turkish Rule from the Fall of Constantinople to Greek Independence* (London: I.B. Tauris, 2010).
- Bedrudin Briljavac, 'Turkey Entering the European Union through the Balkan Doors: In the Style of a Great Power?' *Romanian Journal of European Affairs*, 11:2 (June 2012).
- Glen D. Camp, 'Greek-Turkish Conflict over Cyprus,' *Political Science Quarterly*, 95:1 (Spring 1980), pp. 43-70.
- Ali Carkoglu and Berry Rubin, *Greek-Turkish Relations in an Era of Detente* (London: Routledge, 2004).
- Mevlut Cavusoglu, 'Turkish Foreign Policy in a Time of Perpetual Turmoil,' *Insight Turkey*, 19:1 (2017), pp. 11-16.
- Angelos-Stylianos Chryssogelos, 'Foreign policy change in a polarized two party system: Greece and Turkey's EU candidacy,' *Southeast Europe and Black Sea Studies*, 2015, pp. 1-18.
- Panagiotis Dimitrakis, 'Greek Military Intelligence and the Turkish "threat" during the 1987 Aegean Crisis,' *Journal of Modern Greek Studies*, 25:1 (2007), pp. 99-127.
- Panagiotis Dimitrakis, 'Intelligence for Crisis Management: The Case of the January 1996 Greek-Turkish Crisis,' *European Security*, 17:4 (2008), pp. 455-493.
- Alexis Heraclides, 'The Essence of the Greek-Turkish Rivalry: National Narrative and Identity,' *Hellenic Observatory*, greece Paper No. 51, October 2011, <http://eprints.lse.ac.uk/45693/1/GreeSE%20No51.pdf>.
- Michael Robert Hickok, 'The Imia/Kardak affair, 1995-96: A case of inadvertent conflict,' *European Security*, 7:4 (1998), pp. 118-136.
- Nicholas A. Ioannides, 'The Israeli-Cypriot Relations under the Law of the Sea,' *Eastern Mediterranean Geopolitical Review*, 1 (2015), pp. 21-31.
- Geng Jing, 'The Legality of Foreign Military Activities in the Exclusive Economic Zone under UNCLOS,' *Utrecht Journal of International and European Law*, 28:74 (2012), pp. 22-30.
- Theodora Kalaitzaki, 'US Mediation in the Greek-Turkish Disputes since 1954,' *Mediterranean Quarterly*, 16:2, pp. 106-124.
- Andreas Karyos, "The Acceleration of History and Decolonization in the Eastern Mediterranean: the Case of Cyprus, 1945-1959" in A. Alecou (ed.) *Acceleration of History: War, Conflicts and Politics* (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2016), pp. 113-132.
- Andreas Karyos, "Britain and Cyprus, 1955-1959: Key Themes on the Counter-Insurgency Aspects of the Cyprus Revolt" in M. Kontos, S. Theodoulou, N. Panayiotides and H. Alexandrou (eds.), *Great Power Politics in Cyprus: Foreign Interventions and Domestic Perceptions* (Newcastle upon Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2014), pp. 33-55.
- Durukan Kuzu, 'A Self-governing Group of Equal Citizens?: Kurds, Turkey and the European Union,' *Journal of Ethnopolitics and Minority Issues in Europe*, 9:1 (July 2019)

- George Kyris, 'The European Union and the Cyprus problem: a story of limited impetus,' *Eastern Journal of European Studies*, 3:1 (2012), pp. 87-99.
- Michael Lake, *The EU and Turkey: A Glittering Prize or a Millstone* (London: I.B. Tauris, 2005).
- H. Oguzlu, 'Is the latest Turkish-Greek détente promising for the future?', *European Security*, 12:2 (2003), pp. 45-63.
- Tarik Oguzlu, 'Turkey and the West,' *International Journal*, 66:4 (2011), pp. 981-998.
- Ziya Onis and Suhanaz Yilmaz, 'Greek-Turkish Rapprochement: Rhetoric or Reality?' *Political Science Quarterly*, 123:1 (April 2008), pp. 123-149.
- S. Papacosma, 'The Eastern Question Revisited: Greek-Turkish Relations in the Historical Context of Great Power Policy Making,' *The Cyprus Review*, 10:1 (1998), pp. 77-89.
- Evangelos Raftopoulos, 'The Crisis over the Imia Rocks and the Aegean Sea Regime: International Law as a Language of Common Interest,' *International Journal of Marine and Coastal Law*, 12:4 (1997), pp. 427-446.
- Spyridon Sfetas, 'The legacy of the Treaty of Lausanne in the light of Greek-Turkish relations in the twentieth century: Greek perceptions of the Treaty of Lausanne,' *Balkanica*, 46 (2015), pp. 195-218.
- George Shirinian (ed.), *Genocide in the Ottoman Empire: Armenians, Assyrians and Greeks 1913-1923* (New York and Oxford: Berghahn, 2017).
- Panayiotis J. Tsakonas, *The Incomplete Breakthrough in Greek-Turkish Relations: Grasping Greece's Socialization Strategy* (London and New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2010).