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Course Code	Course Name	Semester	Theory	Practice	Lab	Credit	ECTS
SP 729	Political Symbols and Rituals	1	3	0	0	3	6

Prerequisites	
Admission Requirements	

Language of Instruction	Turkish
Course Type	Compulsory
Course Level	Masters Degree
Objective	The main objective of the course is to analyze the state authority and its permanence in space and time, through the rituals and symbols policies by using the disciplines of anthropology, sociology, history and political science. The course focuses mainly on the construction of national identity and the question of invention of tradition through ceremonies and state symbols.
Content	Following two introductory courses we will focus on the “state” rituals practiced in the Ottoman Empire. Then, we will study the relationship of the republic with its Ottoman past; the relationship artificially created on a register of antagonism between old/new that crystallizes in particular rituals and political symbols. Finally, we will show the role played by state symbols and rituals in the construction of national identity in Turkey
References	Eric. J. Hobsbawm- Geleneğin icadı. Agora kitaplığı, 2006. Benedict Anderson- Hayali Cemaatler. Metis yay., 2007. Ernest Gellner- Milliyetçiliğe Bakmak. iletişim yay., 1998. Marc Abeles- Devletin antropolojisi. Kesit yay., 1998. Sibel Bozdoğan- Modernizm ve ulusun inşası. Erken Cumhuriyet Türkiye’sinde mimari kültür. Metis yay., 2002. Hakan T. Karatepe- Padişahım çok yaşa. Osmanlı devletinin son zamanında merasimler. Kitap yay., 2004. Caner Onay- Tören, kutlama ve saha içi gösteri teknikleri. Nobel, 2004. Esra Özyürek- Modernlik nostaljisi: Kemalizm, laiklik ve gündelik hayatta siyaset. Boğaziçi Üniversitesi yay., 2008. Arzu Öztürkmen- Türkiye’de folklor ve milliyetçilik. İletişim yay., 1998. Seyfi Öngider- İki şehrin hikayesi. Ankara İstanbul çatışması. Aykırı yay., 2003. Neşe G. Yeşilkaya- Halkevleri: İdeoloji ve mimarlık. İletişim yay., 1999. Selim Deringil- Simgeden Millete. II. Abdülhamid’den Mustafa Kemal’e devlet ve millet. İletişim yay., 2007. Birol Caymaz- Türkiye’de Vatandaşlık. Resmi ideoloji ve yansımaları. Bilgi Üniversitesi yay., 2007. Sibel Özbudun- Ayinden törene. Anahtar kitaplar, 1997

Theory Topics

Week	Weekly Contents
1	Course definition and organization. Distribution of syllables and general presentation of sources.
2	Historical and theoretical introduction
3	Continuation of the course
4	Rituals in Ottoman Empire
5	Continuation of the course
6	Religious and secular celebrations
7	Invention of tradition and “Cuma Selamlığı” (“Friday Salutation”)
8	State symbols and Palace music
9	Mid-Term
10	Political Rituals and symbols within the national construction
11	The construction of Mustafa Kemal Atatürk image
12	Cult of personality and monumental sculptures
13	City model of Nation State: Ankara
14	National celebrations