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Course Code	Course Name	Semester	Theory	Practice	Lab	Credit	ECTS
SOC410	Social Structures Of Neoliberal Authoritarianism	7	3	0	0	3	6

Prerequisites	
Admission Requirements	

Language of Instruction	French
Course Type	Elective
Course Level	Bachelor Degree
Objective	The aim of this course is to analyze the phenomenon of authoritarianism, which is a growing phenomenon today, in relation to neoliberalism, and to focus on the social structures of the phenomenon without ignoring its theoretical underpinnings. Firstly, the differences between historical manifestations of the phenomenon will be discussed at a conceptual level, then the rise of populist authoritarianism in Turkey will be analyzed in comparison with similar countries. In addition, the processes by which authoritarian leaders rise to power and their impact on people's perceptions will also be addressed. This course aims to equip students with the ability to understand and analyze contemporary forms of neoliberal authoritarianism.
Content	For over fifteen years, we have been witnessing the rise of populist parties around the world, and a clear trend towards authoritarianism, particularly in countries where these parties are already in power. Yet, at the same time, these parties have not renounced the economic perspectives on which neoliberalism is based. Today, the effects of populist authoritarianism have spread beyond Latin America and Eastern Europe, where populism has historically taken root, to Europe, North America and Asia. Populist authoritarianism, integrated with neo-liberal principles, is fuelled in Northern and Western countries by racist reactions to immigrants, particularly from Southern and Eastern countries, and by nationalist suspicions of supranational institutions, while in Southern and Eastern countries it is fuelled by a certain reverse orientalism and anti-imperialism, which manifests itself in practice as anti-Western nationalism. It is against this backdrop that studies of populism and authoritarianism are proliferating in the social sciences. In this course, these studies are examined from a synthetic perspective. -
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