Content

Course Code	Course Name	Semester	Theory	Practice	Lab	Credit	ECTS
SP 728	State, Class and Power	1	3	0	0	3	8

Prerequisites	
Admission Requirements	

Language of Instruction	Turkish
Course Type	Elective
Course Level	Doctoral Degree
Objective	This course examines the concepts of state, class, and power, focusing on how they are theorized and understood both as concepts and as social realities in contemporary political theory. It engages with a wide range of themes (including sovereignty, hegemony, legitimacy, coercion, autonomy, patriarchy, and democracy) to provide a critical understanding of the state.
Content	The course explores state theories, class formation, and forms of power within the framework of contemporary political theory. Readings range from Marxist state theory to feminist and postcolonial critiques, as well as debates on neoliberalism and ecological crises. The aim is to grasp how the state is constituted, transformed, and contested in historical and contemporary contexts.

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Theory Topics

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1	Introduction / Orientation
2	Conceptualizing the State
3	The Nature of State Power
4	State Autonomy and Class Power (I)
5	State Autonomy and Class Power (II)
6	Conceptualizing Class
7	Class Boundaries and the Middle Classes
8	Collective Action and Class Agency
9	Feminist Debates on State and Class

Week	Weekly Contents
10	Race, Colonialism, and the State
11	Neoliberalism, Crisis, and State Forms
12	Ecology, Crisis, and the State
13	The Future of the State: Crisis, Transformation, Alternatives
14	Synthesis / Conclusion