

Content

Course Code	Course Name	Semester	Theory	Practice	Lab	Credit	ECTS
SP429	Contemporary Debates on the State	5	3	0	0	3	5

Prerequisites

Admission Requirements

Language of Instruction Turkish

Course Type Elective

Course Level Bachelor Degree

Objective

In this course, we will explore various contemporary approaches providing different insights into the state and how they support or oppose each other. We will review a range of different perspectives from pluralism, neo-Marxism and historical institutionalism to feminist and post-structuralist approaches. This course will try to deepen students' understanding of the theoretical approaches to studying the state and politics.

This course aims to assist critical understanding of the state by introducing a variety of different theoretical perspectives in this field.

Content

The course will directly or indirectly address several issues related to the study of the state through a very rich literature on the subject.

We have attempted to present a broad selection of approaches that have major Influences on the contemporary debates on the state, but they are far from being comprehensive.

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References

Theory Topics

Week

Weekly Contents

1 Introduction: Presentation of the course and objectives

Week	Weekly Contents
2	How to study the state? Discussion on difficulties and limits
3	An Overview of the different approaches to the analysis of the state
4	Debating state/society, state/class, state/market relations
5	State debate: Miliband-Poulantzas Debate
6	State debate: The German Debate (Habermas, Offe, Hirsch)
7	Contemporary contributions to the state debate within Marxist tradition
8	Strategic-relational approach
9	Feminist approaches
10	Green theory
11	New contexts, new challenges: Capital, Class and the State in globalization era
12	New contexts, new challenges: Capital, Class and the State in globalization era
13	New contexts, new challenges: Capital, Class and the State in globalization era
14	Conclusion: Re-evaluating State debates