



# **HARVARD** Kennedy School

*Kokkalis Program on Southeastern  
and East-Central Europe*

## **WESTERN IMPACT AND TURKEY** October 19, 2009-November 4, 2009

**A seminar series by Dr. Baskin Oran, emeritus professor of international relations, Faculty of Political Science, Ankara University**  
Sponsored by the Kokkalis Program on Southeastern and East-Central Europe at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard

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### **1. Theoretical and Conceptual Framework**

**Monday, October 19**

**4:30 p.m.**

Room 020

CGIS South, Harvard University

1730 Cambridge St.

Cambridge, MA

- The three waves of Western expansion: 1490s, 1890s, 1990s
- From feudalism to globalization: the development process of Western societies
- Process of State and Nation building in the West and the reverse process in the periphery: 'Revolution from Above'
- Leading actor of the reverse process: The *Enlightened*/Intellectuals
- Dissection of the *Enlightened*

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### **2. The First Wave of Modernization (Kemalism)**

**Wednesday, October 21**

**4:30 p.m.**

Room K262

CGIS, Harvard University

1730 Cambridge St.

Cambridge, MA

- A prototype of developing country nationalism
- Background to Kemalist reforms: western impact in the Ottoman Empire; the New Ottomans and the Young Turks
- The ideology of Kemalist nationalism (including sociopolitical, socioeconomic, and sociocultural factors)
- The Ottoman Empire and the Kemalist Revolution: a comparison
- Kemalist ideology in the 21st century: Ergenekon trial and beyond

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### **3. Minorities and Minority Rights**

**Monday, October 26**

**4:30 p.m.**

Fainsod Room (L324)

Littauer Building, John F. Kennedy School of Government

79 John F. Kennedy St.

Cambridge, MA

- International protection of minorities and the Ottoman Empire
- Background to the minority concept and system: the Ottoman Empire's Millet System
- Minorities in Turkey by international and by national standards: non-Muslims and the Kurds in the Lausanne system
- Minority legislation and its implementation (until the EU Reform Packages)
- Analysis of the Turkish practice

### **4. The Second Wave of Modernization (EU Reform Packages 2001-2004)**

**Thursday, October 29**

**4:30 p.m.**

Goldman Room

Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies

27 Kirkland St. at Cabot Way

Cambridge, MA

- Background to reform: EU candidacy approved at the Helsinki Summit, 1999
- Key categories of the reforms
- Implementation of the reforms: why problematic?
- Conclusions

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### **5. State and Religion in the Scope of Democracy and Human Rights**

**Tuesday, November 3**

**12:15 p.m.**

Belfer Center Library (L369)

Littauer Building, John F. Kennedy School of Government

79 John F. Kennedy St.

Cambridge, MA

- The concept and cases of "competing rights"
- Religion in the Balkans and the Middle East: a human right, or a conflict generator for human rights?
- Particular religious claims in Turkey
- The use of religious symbols
- A potential solution for Turkey: distinction between providers and receivers of state services

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### **6. Identities and Identity Conflicts**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4**

**4:30 p.m.**

Neustadt Classroom (RG20)

Rubenstein Building, John F. Kennedy School of Government

79 John F. Kennedy St.

Cambridge, MA

- Types of identity
- Infra-identities and the State
- Is there a "Turkish Nation"? What is a "Turk"?
- Principal causes of confusion in political and judicial life