COURSE DESCRIPTION:
This course aims to provide the students with an in-depth knowledge of nineteenth-century Ottoman history in its global context. It also aims to introduce to the students new perspectives and paradigms in studying the nineteenth-century history. Throughout the semester we take certain problems from the late Ottoman context and examine them in their own temporality. In addition to theoretical readings we examine works on different regions of the globe, Japan, Russia and Germany in particular. This helps us to situate Ottoman Empire into a comparative perspective and as such to avoid approaches that conceptualize it as a mere particularity. Our aim is not to construct a narrative for Ottoman modernization, or to represent Ottoman nineteenth century as an alternative path to modernity. Rather, through a study of society and politics at various moments, we aim to investigate how power and inequality was constructed at different temporalities of history.

FORMAT:
We meet once a week for three hours. Fourteen sessions will be used to discuss common readings for each week. Optional readings are marked by *.

ASSIGNMENTS:
Class Participation: Each student is expected to participate in the weekly discussions. (50%)
Research Proposal: Throughout the semester students are expected to formulate a research topic, prepare a short bibliography and write a research proposal (5 pages). The research project could be on any time period of modern Turkish history. (20%)
Final Exam: At the end of the semester there will be a final exam. Final exam covers the assigned readings and the two textbooks. (30%)

GENERAL READINGS:
I - OTTOMAN HISTORY AS WORLD HISTORY:

II - LOCATING THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE IN EARLY MODERNITY:

III - THE STATE AND MILITARY IN THE EARLY NINETEENTH-CENTURY:

IV - STATE AND SOCIETY IN THE EARLY NINETEENTH-CENTURY:
V - THE TANZIMAT STATE:

VI - STATE TRANSFORMATION AND PRIVATE PROPERTY:

VII - STATE MAKING, COMMERCIALIZATION AND SOCIAL RESISTANCE - I:

VIII - STATE MAKING, COMMERCIALIZATION AND SOCIAL RESISTANCE - II:
IX - STATE AND POLITICS IN THE NINETEENTH-CENTURY: A COMPARATIVE FRAMEWORK:

X - MONARCHY AS A FORM OF MODERN STATE - I: COMPARATIVE FRAMEWORK:

XI - MONARCHY AS A FORM OF MODERN STATE - II: OTTOMAN EMPIRE:

XII - STATE AND SOCIETY DURING THE LATE-NINETEENTH-CENTURY OTTOMAN EMPIRE:
Fortna, J. Benjamin. Imperial Classroom: Islam, the State, and Education in the Late Ottoman Empire. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2002, pp.1-42
XIII - UNIFYING THE EMPIRE: OTTOMAN POLICY IN THE PERIPHERY - I:

XIV - UNIFYING THE EMPIRE: OTTOMAN POLICY IN THE PERIPHERY - II:
* Deringil, Selim. "'They Live in a State of Nomadism and Savagery': The Late Ottoman Empire and the Post-Colonial Debate." *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 45, no. 2 (2003): 311-42.