

COURSE INFORMATION FORM	
Faculty / Institute	Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences
Department	Political Science and International Relations
Course Code	SB 343
Course title	Contemporary Political Thought
Instructional Language	Turkish
Programs that can take the course	Elective course for all departments
Course Type	Elective
Course Level	B.A.
ECTS Credit	6
Prerequisites	None
Course Content	The semester begins with the discussion about theoretical comparison between liberty and equality, leading firstly to its middle-way, and then to its extreme versions. The second half of the semester then analyze the criticisms towards these approaches and more contemporary debates.
The Aim of the Course	The aim of this course is to introduce a range of political approaches/theories from the 18th century onwards and help students understand how modernity vs. post-modernity discussion has evolved.
Course Outcomes	After the course, the students are expected to intellectually problematize socio-political concepts in everyday life and make use of them in different theoretical perspectives.
Textbook and / or References	Different sources per week
Evaluation Criteria	Percentage
Attendance	15
Lab	None
Application	None
Field Study	None
Homework	25
Presentations	None
Projects	None
Seminar	None
Midterm Exams	30
Quiz	None
Final	30
Total	100
Course Plan	Subjects to Be Discussed
1. Week	Introduction: Politics, Philosophy, Sociology - David Harvey, A Brief History of Neoliberalism, OUP, 2007.
2. Week	Jeremy Bentham / John Stuart Mill - John Stuart Mill, On Liberty and Other Essays, OUP, 2008.
3. Week	Friedrich von Hayek / Robert Nozick / Murray Rothbard - Robert Nozick, Anarchy, State and Utopia, Basic, 2013.
4. Week	John Rawls - John A. Rawls, A Theory of Justice, OUP, 1999.
5. Week	Antonio Gramsci / Louis Althusser / Nicos Poulantzas - Antonio Gramsci, Selections From the Prison Notebooks, International Pub., 1989.
6. Week	Pierre-Joseph Proudhon / Mikhail Bakunin / Peter Kropotkin - Paul Eltzbacher, The Great Anarchists: Ideas and Teachings of Seven Major Thinkers, Dover, 2004.
7. Week	Carl Schmitt / Hannah Arendt - Carl Schmitt, The Concept of the Political, UCP, 2007.
8. Week	The Frankfurt School / Jürgen Habermas - Theodor W. Adorno and Max Horkheimer, Dialectic of Enlightenment, SUP, 2007
9. Week	Chantal Mouffe / Ernesto Laclau - Ernesto Laclau and Chantal Mouffe, Hegemony and Socialist Strategy, Verso, 2014.
10. Week	Michel Foucault - Michel Foucault, The History of Sexuality, Vintage, 1978.
11. Week	Jean Baudrillard / Jean-François Lyotard - Jean Baudrillard, Simulacra and Simulation, UMP, 1994.
12. Week	Final Lecture