

Middle East Technical University
Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences
Department of Political Science and Public Administration

ADM. 4223 LOCAL GOVERNMENT
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The objective of the course is to study local government as a part of the state structure with reference to the changing form and functions of local government in Turkey and some other selected countries. The focus of attention will be on the philosophy of local government and the relationship between the central and local governments as well as between the local government and local population. The main issues that are going to be discussed are as follows:

1. Question of Method
2. Theories of Local Government/State
 - General Reading
 - Saunders, P. (1979) *Urban Politics*. Hutchinson: London, Chapter 4
 - Şengül, H.T. (2001) *Kentsel Çelişki ve Siyaset*. WALD: İstanbul, Ch.2
 - 2.1. Managerialism, Pluralism and Marxism
 - Reading Material
 - Duncan, S. and Goodwin, M. (1988) *The Local State and Uneven Development*, chapter 2. Polity: Cambridge.
 - Judge, D., et.al. (eds.) *Theories of Urban Politics*. Chapters, 2, 5, 11, 14, Sage: London
3. Historical Evolution of Local Government/State
 - A General Framework: From Local Government to Governance
 - Reading Material:*
 - Harvey, D. (2001) *Spaces of Capital*, Edinburgh Univ. Press: Chapter 16
 - Cochrane, A. (1993), *Whatever Happened to Local Government* Milton Keynes: Open University Press
 - Şengül, H. T. (2001) *Kentsel Çelişki ve Siyaset*. WALD: İstanbul, Ch.2
4. Local Government in Selected Countries (UK, USA; Russia; China, Italy, Spain, Belgium, France, India, Brazil)
 - Keating, M. (1991) *Comparative Urban Politics: Power and the City in the United States, Canada, Britain and France*. Edward Elgar: Aldershot.
 - Pickvance, C. Preteceille, E. (1991) *State Restructuring and Local Power: A Comparative Perspective*. Pinter Publishers: London
 - Goldsmith, M. and E. Page (2012) *Intergovernmental Relations in Europe*, Routledge: London

5. Turkish Experience

A. Historical Background

The Pattern of Urbanisation

Historical Evolution of Local Government

Reading Material:

-Güler, B. (1992) *Yerel Yönetimler: Liberal Açıklamalara Eleştirel Yaklaşım*: TODAİE Yayınları: Ankara

-Keleş, Ruşen (1998) *Yerinden Yönetim ve Siyaset*, Cem Yayınları: İstanbul

-Şengül, H. T. (2001) *Kentsel Çelişki ve Siyaset*. WALD: İstanbul, Ch.3, 4,6,8

B. Current Issues and Problems

Reading Material will be provided on the basis of selected issues

Requirements of the Course

There will be one mid-term and a final examination. The exams will cover the class discussion and assigned reading materials. The students are also expected to prepare a paper to be presented in the classroom.

Grading

Mid-Term Examination:	% 20
Final Examination:	% 60
Classroom Presentations and Papers	% 30