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Ilker Aytılmış* (Bilkent U. 2005) Nationalism; sociolinguistics; intellectual history; Israeli politics; Turkish politics.

Tolga Böyükbaş* (McGill U. 2007) Comparative political economy of European integration; comparative welfare states and labor markets; new institutionalism; EU-Turkey relations.

Berrak Burgaz* (Princeton U. 2005) Late Ottoman modernization; women in the Ottoman Empire; Turkish/Ottoman intellectual history; the 1950s in the Turkey.


Esra Çuhadar*: (Syracuse U. 2004) Conflict resolution; negotiation and mediation processes; Israeli – Palestinian conflict; political psychology; foreign policy decision making.

Tahire Ermanci* (City U. of New York, 1993) Urban studies; politics of place; migration studies; gender studies; civil society; social movements; urban geographies of conflict and resistance.

Ilkay Ergun*: (METU, 2005) Architecture; higher education; violence; ethics in everyday life; gender studies.

Ioannis N. Grigoriadis* (U. of London, SOAS, 2005) (Jean Monnet Chair in European Studies): European, Turkish and Middle Eastern politics; democratization; nationalism; politics of religion.

Banu Helvacıoğlu*: (Queen’s U. 1988) Modern political theory; history of political thought; continental political philosophy; aesthetics of politics.

Metin Heper*: (Syracuse U. 1971) Turkish politics; secularism and politics; religion and politics; civil-military relations; nationalism; political parties; public bureaucracy.

Başak İnce* (U. of London, SOAS, 2008) Turkish politics; conflict resolution; comparative politics; civic education; citizenship studies.

Alda Just: (SUNY at Binghamton, 2005) Quantitative studies of comparative political behavior; public opinion and political parties; international migration.

Daniel Just: (New York U. 2005) Literature and politics; literary social theory; sociology of art; European intellectual history.

Nedim Karakaşlı*: (U. of Toronto, 2003) Social theory; sociology of music and culture; science and technology studies; the self in modern society; biopolitics.

Elisabeth Özdağlar*: (U. of Gothenburg, 1979) Turkish politics; Middle Eastern politics; religious and national identities; literary narratives; nation formation.

Saima Özçürümez*: (McGill U. 2005) Comparative politics; politics and policy of immigration and asylum; citizenship; social movements.

Jeremy Salt*: (U. of Melbourne, 1989) 19th century to present history; politics, religion, societies and cultures of the Middle East; propaganda, media and politics; literature and politics.

Zeki Sangil*: (U. of Pittsburgh, 2007) Ethnonationalism; civil-military relations; institutional theory; path dependence and Turkish politics.

Zerrin Tandoğan*: (Hacettepe U. 1991) Transnational cultures; interculturalism; Cosmopolitan education; Cosmopolitanisms; Research Ethics.


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