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The theme of the trip to Istanbul is **Contemporary Politics and Development** in Turkey. We aim to examine various questions in history, economics, politics, society and culture and development through observations and discussions among staff and students.

We hope this will be a pleasant one where you can add to your knowledge and skills, advancing your academic work.

We have prepared various activities, including visits to historical places in Istanbul, **see below**, but we also hope you will do some general reading to enhance your understanding.

IMPORTANT

The field trip has been very successful in the past, and we hope to build on this, but this depends greatly on all of us:

- We must respect the staff and colleagues in Istanbul.
- As we share rooms, we must care for each other.
- We must follow a program which requires some discipline, such as waking up early and returning to the hotel on time.
- We must work collaboratively and ensure that the trip is pleasant for all of us.
- It is advisable to have a working SIM card with you for easy communication.
- In Istanbul, you can use your UK bank card to pay for things such as transportation via bus and ferry.
- Although the University covers some food expenses, you may need to purchase additional food.
- It is recommended to bring warm clothing like jumpers and a raincoat since Istanbul can be relatively cold.
- It is important to avoid wearing expensive jewellery or carrying valuable items.
- The hotel provides a safe box where you can store your passport and other valuables.
- While food in Istanbul is generally safe, it is best to avoid street food, especially fish.
- Lastly, it is important to remember to bring any necessary medications with you.

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Day 1

Thursday, 23rd November

7:45 Meet by the check-in desk @ Heathrow, Terminal 5

10:45 Departure from London Heathrow. Flight number BA676

17:45 Arrive in Istanbul (IST)

We will go to Kadıköi, which takes approximately one hour. We will be staying in **DoubleTree by Hilton Istanbul - Moda**

Please be aware that you must share one room with 2 and possibly 3 students.

20:00 Evening meal at a restaurant **Çiya Sofrası**

Caferağa, Güneşli Bahçe Sok, 34710 Kadıköy/İstanbul, Türkiye
<https://www.ciya.com.tr/>

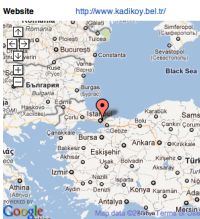
Day 2

Friday, 24th November

10:00 Explore Kadıköy City Centre

Kadıköy, a district located on the Asian side of Istanbul, boasts a rich history and diverse population. This ancient area, situated in a bustling cosmopolitan district beside the beautiful Marmara Sea, is a commercial hub featuring a variety of bars, hamams, cinemas, and bookshops.

This area has long been a melting pot of different ethnic and religious groups from various parts of Turkey, including Christians, Jews, and Muslims. Originally founded as an ancient Greek colony in 685 BC, Kadıköy is strategically located on the eastern (Asian) side of the Bosphorus Sea, which has historically played a critical role in linking east (Asia) and west (Europe).



Over the years, Kadıköy has been influenced by various cultures, including Greek, Persian (Iranian), Roman, and eventually Byzantine rule. It became a part of the Ottoman Empire in 1353 and fell under the jurisdiction of the Istanbul Courts. The name of the area, "Kadı Köy", translates to "the village of the Qadi", referring to a religious judge who rules in accordance with the Shariat (Islamic religious law).

During the Ottoman era, Kadıköy served as a central agricultural market and became one of the most important districts in the Ottoman capital. Even after the collapse of the Empire and the establishment of the Turkish Republic, it remained a vital district in Istanbul.

Old Town or City Centre

Istanbul is not the capital but the cultural and economic heartbeat of Turkey, and it is seen as a bridge between East and West, Asia and Europe. Istanbul is a developed city with a great combination of past and present, traditional and modern, fantastic architecture covering thousands of years of history, million-dollar buildings, and shopping malls. It has a population of over 15 million, the highest density in Europe, covering an area of over 1,800 square kilometres.



Istanbul was founded in the 7th C by Byzas the Megarian and was a trading Centre for the next thousand years. Istanbul, or Byzantium, became the capital of the Roman Empire under Emperor Constantine I and was renamed Nova Roma, becoming Constantino polis in the later eras. In 1261, Byzantium took over the control of the city, but they were conquered by Turks in 1453. The Ottoman Emperor Sultan Mehmed II made it the new capital of the Ottoman Empire and turned the city into a cosmopolitan society where Muslims, Christians and Jews had religious freedom and equal rights. He developed the Grand Bazaar and revived economic activity and architectural monuments such as the Topkapi Palace.



Catch a boat from Kadıköy to Eminonu Ferry Dock station; walk to: Sultanahmet an Old Town with historical buildings and great architecture. We will visit Süleymaniye and Sultan Ahmet (also known as the Blue Mosque), which are impressive creations of Turkish and Islamic cultures.

Visit Hagia Sophia (Ayasofya), built as an Orthodox Christian church in the 6th century. In 1453, when the Ottomans conquered the city, it was converted to a mosque.



Topkapi Palace: one of the world's largest, oldest palaces and the official residence for Ottoman Sultans for about 400 years. It has a famous harem and fantastic courtyards.

Lunch in the Caferaga Medresesi next to Hagia Sophia

Caferiye Sokak, Sogukkuyu Ck. No: 5, 34122 Fatih, Istanbul

Grand Bazaar: the world largest and oldest - an endless market. It is so huge that if you are not careful you can easily lose your way in a matter of minutes!

The shopkeepers will try and charm you into their shops, encouraging you to buy their goods by offering a free tea – be careful!!



Day 3

Saturday, 25th November

10:30 - 11:00

S1. Opening speeches

Moda Kitabevi Main Room

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Convenor:

Derya Demirdizen Çevik, Kocaeli University

11:00 - 12:00

S2. Employment, Woman and Social Changes in Turkey

Moda Kitabevi Main Room

Women's employment status in the 100 years of Turkish Republic: Trends and challenges

Assoc. Prof. Derya Demirdizen Çevik, Kocaeli University

Convenor:

Prof. Dr. Ünal Çağlar, Kırklareli University

13:30 - 15:00

S3. Development, Economy and Social Changes in Turkey

Moda Kitabevi Main Room

Political Economy of Development and Fiscal Policies in Turkey

Prof. Dr. M. Mustafa Erdoğan, Beykoz University

Social Changes in Turkey in the 100 years of Republic of Turkey

Assistant Prof. Marcel Mečiar, Beykent University

Convenor:

Assistant Prof. Derya Keskin, Kocaeli University

15:30 - 17:00

S4. Q&A Contemporary Politics & Development in Turkey

Moda Kitabevi Main Room

All Discussions on Engaging with Contemporary Issues in Turkey

Prof. Dr. Ünal Çağlar, Kırklareli University

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Prof. Dr. Farhang Morady, University of Westminster

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Day 4

Sunday, 26th November

Free day

You are advised to explore the city independently, and here are the places you may visit.



Fatih

This traditional area was once a medieval city and home to important Orthodox religious buildings, which were then replaced with Islamic seminaries. The cultural contrasts between Kadıköy and Fatih are fascinating.

Taksim Square

Taksim Square is a popular hub in Istanbul, Turkey, with restaurants, shops, hotels, and the Istanbul Metro central station. The Republic Monument commemorates the 5th anniversary of the Republic of Turkey's foundation. The square is surrounded by the Marmara Hotel, Atatürk Cultural Centre, Gezi Park, and Taksim Mosque.

Day 5

Monday, 27th November

12:00 Leave the hotel

16:00 Departure from Sabiha Gokcen International Airport (SAW),
flight number BA603

