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| DAY 1. |

Thursday, 14th November 2024

Journey to Istanbul

5:50 Meet by the check-in desk @ Heathrow, Terminal 5.

7:50 Departure from London Heathrow. Flight number BA602

14:45 Arrive in Istanbul (Istanbul Sabiha Gokcen Int. Airport, Turkey)

We will go to Kadıköy, which takes approximately one hour. We will be staying in Sidonya Hotel

<https://www.sidonyahotel.com.tr/en/home>

Please be aware that you must share one room with 1 and possibly 2 students.

19:00 Evening meal at a restaurant Çiya Sofrası

Caferağa, Güneşli Bahçe Sok, 34710 Kadıköy/İstanbul, Türkiye

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| DAY 2. |

Friday, 15th November 2024

F1.EN İstanbul Field Trip

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.

10:00 – 17:00

Friday, 15 November 2024



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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.*



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After lunch

Grand Bazaar: the world's 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 free tea – be careful!!

Evening Meal: You're free to eat wherever you'd like

Guide: Günay Karakaş



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| DAY 3. |

Saturday, 16th November 2024

ONE DAY WORKSHOP

S1.EN:
Welcome Speeches

10:30-11:00

*Moda Kitabevi Main Room
Saturday, 16 November 2024*

Prof. Dr. Farhang Morady

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S2.EN: Session I

Continuity and Change in Turkey

11:00-12:00
Saturday, 16 Nov. 2024

Historical Narrative of Turkey: Continuity and Change

Dr. Erhan Keleşoğlu (Editor-in-Chief, Journal of Social History)

Convenor: Dr. Derya Keskin (Kocaeli University)

S3.EN: Session II

Turkey, Thailand and Middle East in Comparative Perspective

12:00 – 13:00
Saturday, 16 Nov. 2024

*Turkey and Modern Thai Politics in Comparative Perspective:
Military, Monarchy, and the Role of Religion in Politics*

Prof. Dr. Akekalak Chaiyapumee (Kasetsart University, Thailand)

Thailand and the Middle East: A Strategic Relationship

Prof. Dr. Pailin Kittisereechai (Kasetsart University, Thailand)

Convenor: Dr. Sermin Sarıcı (İstanbul University)



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S4.EN: Session III
Gender, Labor and Social Policy in Turkey

14:00 – 15:30 Saturday, 16 Nov. 2024	<i>Social Policy and Populism in Turkey</i> Dr. Sermin Sarıcı (İstanbul University, Turkey)
	<i>Gender and Labor in Turkey: Current Issues from a Historical Perspective</i> Dr. Derya Keskin (Kocaeli University, Turkey)
<i>Convenor: Dr. Erhan Keleşoğlu (Journal of Social History)</i>	

S5.EN: Session IV: Questions & Answers
Contemporary Politics & Development in Turkey

15:30 – 16:30 Saturday, 16 Nov. 2024	<i>All Discussions on Engaging with Contemporary Issues in Turkey</i> Prof. Dr. Farhang Morady (University of Westminster) Professor Akekalak Chaiyapumee (Kasetsart University, Thailand) Prof. Dr. Pailin Kittisereechai (Kasetsart University, Thailand) Dr. Derya Keskin (Kocaeli University) Dr. Erhan Keleşoğlu (Journal of Social History) Dr. Sermin Sarıcı (İstanbul University)
	<i>Convenor: Prof. Dr. İsmail Şiriner (Batman University)</i>

19:00 Viktor Levi Wine House – Gala Dinner
<https://www.viktorlevimoda.com>



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| DAY 4. |
Sunday, 17th November 2024

FREE DAY IN İSTANBUL

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

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



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| DAY 5. |

Monday, 18th November 2024

Journey to London

12:00 Leave the Hotel 12:00

16:00 Departure from Sabiha Gokcen International Airport (SAW),
Flight Number BA603

Arrive to London



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IMPORTANT

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, 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.

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.
- Having a working SIM card with you is advisable 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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