

GYRL 203 - LOCAL POLITICS AND DEMOCRACY - Gülşehir Sosyal Bilimler Meslek Yüksekokulu - Yönetim ve Organizasyon Bölümü

General Info

Objectives of the Course

The primary aim of this course is to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of local government structures, their functioning, and the mechanisms of local democracy. It also seeks to encourage critical thinking on concepts such as civic participation, governance, and democratic representation. Students will gain insights into how politics operates at the local level and learn how to engage as active citizens in democratic processes.

Course Contents

-The concept and historical development of local governance, -Local government structures in Turkey (municipalities, special provincial administrations, neighborhood units, etc.), -Local democracy and citizen participation, -Principles of governance, transparency, and accountability, -Actors in local politics: mayors, council members, NGOs, -Participatory democracy examples and best practices, -Local electoral systems and the role of political parties, -Current debates in local politics

Recommended or Required Reading

Siyasal Katılma ve Yerel Demokrasi, M. Akif ÇUKURÇAYIR, Çizgi Kitabevi (2002). Yerinden Yönetim ve Siyaset, Ruşen KELEŞ, Cem Yayınevi (2023). Demokrasi Üzerine, Robert A. Dahl, Phoenix Yayınevi (2021).

Planned Learning Activities and Teaching Methods

The course is conducted using various methods such as lectures, discussions, question-and-answer sessions, and presentations. The aim is for students to learn theoretical knowledge and develop practical thinking and analytical skills.

Recommended Optional Programme Components

There are no other issues recommended for the course.

Instructor's Assistants

Şeyma Demirel Yeşil

Presentation Of Course

Face-to-face education

Dersi Veren Öğretim Elemanları

Inst. Nazmiye Çağlar Topal Inst. Şeyma Demirel Yeşil

Program Outcomes

1. Defines the structure and functioning of local governments.
2. Explains the fundamental principles of local democracy.
3. It analyses the actors and their roles in local politics.
4. It assesses the concepts of citizen participation and governance.
5. Discusses current issues in local democracy in Turkey and around the world.
6. It approaches local political processes from a critical and participatory perspective.
7. It assumes social responsibility at the local level within the framework of democratic values.
8. Acquires fundamental knowledge on the theory of democracy.

Weekly Contents

Order	PreparationInfo	Laboratory TeachingMethods	Theoretical	Practise
1	Siyasal Katılma ve Yerel Demokrasi, M. Akif ÇUKURÇAYIR, s. 93-104. https://yereldemokrasi.net/attachments/article/202/Yerel_Yonetim_Rapor.pdf	Narrative Method	Fundamental Concepts of Local Politics	
2	Demokrasi Üzerine, Robert A. Dahl, s. 7-37. https://dergipark.org.tr/tr/download/article-file/1276988	Narrative Method, Question-Answer	Democracy: History and Development	
3	Demokrasi Üzerine, Robert A. Dahl, s. 37-87. https://dergipark.org.tr/tr/download/article-file/1865175	Narrative Method, Question-Answer	Ideal Democracy	
4	Demokrasi Üzerine, Robert A. Dahl, s. 87-135. https://dergipark.org.tr/tr/download/article-file/3196051 , https://dergipark.org.tr/tr/download/article-file/558360	Narrative Method, Question-Answer	Current Democracy	
5	Siyasal Katılma ve Yerel Demokrasi, M. Akif ÇUKURÇAYIR, s. 104-122. https://dergipark.org.tr/tr/download/article-file/2450914	Narrative Method, Question-Answer	The Relationship Between Local Politics and Democracy	

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6	Siyasal Katılma ve Yerel Demokrasi, M. Akif ÇUKURÇAYIR, s. 122-135. https://ereuter.ankara.edu.tr/wp-content/uploads/sites/821/2019/01/K%C3%9CRESELLE%C5%9EME-S%C3%9CREC%C4%BONDE-YEREL-H%C4%B0ZMET-YEREL-S%C4%B0YASET-1.pdf , http://www.melihersoy.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/04/KURESELLESME-VE-YARISAN-YERELLIKLER.pdf		Narrative Method, Question-Answer	Globalisation, Localisation (Localism), Globalisation and the Nation-State, The Increasing Importance of Local Government	
7	Siyasal Katılma ve Yerel Demokrasi, M. Akif ÇUKURÇAYIR, s. 140-173. https://dergipark.org.tr/tr/download/article-file/106089		Narrative Method, Question-Answer	Local Democracy and Democratic Local Governance	
8				Midterm Exam	
9	Siyasal Katılma ve Yerel Demokrasi, M. Akif ÇUKURÇAYIR, s. 175-200. https://ammeidaresi.hacibayram.edu.tr/documents/article/1/16/2/1_tekeli.pdf		Narrative Method, Question-Answer	Local Representation in Turkey	
10	Siyasal Katılma ve Yerel Demokrasi, M. Akif ÇUKURÇAYIR, s. 202-210. https://www.sayistay.gov.tr/files/4413_der70m4.pdf		Narrative Method, Question-Answer	The Social and Legal Dimension of Local Democracy in Turkey	
11	Siyasal Katılma ve Yerel Demokrasi, M. Akif ÇUKURÇAYIR, s. 215-220. https://dergipark.org.tr/en/download/article-file/2180546		Narrative Method, Question-Answer	Barriers to Participation in Local Politics in Turkey	
12	Siyasal Katılma ve Yerel Demokrasi, M. Akif ÇUKURÇAYIR, s. 220-230. https://mimoza.marmara.edu.tr/~earikboga/yayin/organlar.pdf , https://dergipark.org.tr/tr/download/article-file/626269		Narrative Method, Question-Answer	Local Political Actors and Inter-Institutional Relations	
13	Siyasal Katılma ve Yerel Demokrasi, M. Akif ÇUKURÇAYIR, s. 230-245. https://mimoza.marmara.edu.tr/~earikboga/yayin/organlar.pdf		Narrative Method, Question-Answer	Inter-agency relations (relationships in the decision-making and oversight process)	
14	Siyasal Katılma ve Yerel Demokrasi, M. Akif ÇUKURÇAYIR, s. 245-250. https://www.researchgate.net/publication/370469780_Turkiye'de_Yerel_Secimler		Narrative Method, Question-Answer	Local Elections in Turkey	
15	Siyasal Katılma ve Yerel Demokrasi, M. Akif ÇUKURÇAYIR, s. 250-258. https://media.setav.org/tr/dosya/2019/03/rapor-31-mart-secimlerine-dogru-ndunden-bugune-partilerin-yerel-yonetim-vizyonu.pdf		Narrative Method, Question-Answer	The dynamics and characteristics of local elections and their similarities with general election results	

Workload

Activities	Number	PLEASE SELECT TWO DISTINCT LANGUAGES
Teorik Ders Anlatım	14	3,00
Ders Öncesi Bireysel Çalışma	10	2,00
Ders Sonrası Bireysel Çalışma	5	2,00
Ara Sınav Hazırlık	2	4,00
Vize	1	1,00
Final Sınavı Hazırlık	2	4,00
Final	1	1,00

Assesments

Activities	Weight (%)
Final	60,00
Vize	40,00

	P.O. 1	P.O. 2	P.O. 3	P.O. 4	P.O. 5	P.O. 6	P.O. 7	P.O. 8	P.O. 9	P.O. 10	P.O. 11
L.O. 1						1			1		
L.O. 2			1								
L.O. 3		1				1		1		1	
L.O. 4	1										
L.O. 5		1					1		1		1
L.O. 6					1						
L.O. 7			1	1				1			1
L.O. 8							1				

Table :

P.O. 1 : Know public law.

P.O. 2 : Find solutions for the local problems by following the economic and social events.

P.O. 3 : Develop ideas for the solutions of environment and urbanization problems.

P.O. 4 : Conduct the actions for human resources and financial services of local governments.

P.O. 5 : Analyse the economic life and inner and outer environments of the enterprises.

P.O. 6 : Know the governmental structure of Turkey.

P.O. 7 : Know the legislation of local governments and follow the alterations in the field.

P.O. 8 : Know Atatürk's principles and reforms and protect them.

P.O. 9 : Use basic information technologies.

P.O. 10 : Build spoken and written communication both in Turkish and foreign language.

P.O. 11 : Have foreign language skills at the overall level of A2 of European Language Portfolio. (at least to follow up the information in the field and communicate with colleagues.

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