

Call for Papers

Scotland Workshop on Turkish Politics

18 June 2025, University of Glasgow

Deadline for Abstracts: 30 May 2025

We invite abstract submissions for the inaugural meeting of the Scotland Workshop on Turkish Politics, which will take place at the School of Social & Political Sciences at the University of Glasgow on June 18, 2025. This one-day workshop aims to establish a network of researchers in Scotland and beyond who are engaged in studying contemporary Turkish politics from various disciplinary perspectives.

About the Workshop

The political landscape of Turkey has undergone significant transformations over the past decades, presenting researchers with complex questions about democratic regression, populism, economic development, identity politics, foreign policy, and international relations. This workshop seeks to bring together early career researchers (doctoral students, postdoctoral researchers, and early career faculty) whose work addresses these issues through diverse theoretical and methodological approaches. By fostering dialogue across disciplinary boundaries, it aims to develop a more nuanced understanding of Turkish politics and its regional and global implications.

We envision this as the first in a series of annual workshops that will rotate between the universities in Scotland, creating a sustained platform for intellectual exchange and collaboration among researchers working on Turkish politics. The goals of the workshop include establishing Scotland as a hub for critical scholarship on Turkey and fostering international research networks and collaborative projects that can contribute to academic knowledge and policy discussions.

Topics of Interest

We welcome papers addressing a broad range of issues related to Turkish politics, including but not limited to:

- Populism and regime change in Turkish politics
- Partisanship and polarization
- Economic policies and development policies
- Digital activism, political participation, and social movements
- Disinformation, misinformation, and propaganda
- Political psychology, political behavior, and public opinion
- Identity politics
- Comparative perspectives on Turkish politics
- Gender politics and women's movements
- Electoral politics and party systems
- Migration, refugee policies, and demographic transition
- Turkey-EU relations
- Conflict and Peace

Both theoretical and empirical contributions on Turkish Politics across disciplines are welcome.

Workshop Format

The workshop will include paper presentations with dedicated discussants for each paper. Papers will be distributed to assigned discussants before the workshop, allowing for in-depth engagement with the research. During the workshop, presenters will receive substantive feedback from their discussant, followed by an open discussion.

The workshop will also feature a keynote address and a concluding roundtable discussion on future directions for Turkish politics research in Scotland.

Submission Guidelines

- **Abstract:** Please submit an abstract of 250-300 words, including the title of your paper, keywords, your name, institutional affiliation, and email address.
- **Deadline for Abstracts:** 11:59 pm (UK time) on Friday, 30th May 2025
- **Notification:** Accepted participants will be notified by 6th June 2025
- **Full Papers:** Accepted participants are expected to submit a full paper by 11:59 pm (UK time) on Tuesday, 10th June, 2025

Please send your abstract and paper submissions to turkishpolitics.scotland@gmail.com

We also invite scholars with expertise in Turkish politics to apply to serve as discussants for the workshop. Discussants will receive papers in advance and provide constructive feedback during the workshop sessions. If you are interested in serving as a discussant, please email us.

There is no registration or participation fee for the workshop. Scholars are expected to cover their expenses, including accommodation and travel.

Discussants

- Dr Uğur Özdemir, University of Edinburgh
- Dr Diğdem Soyaltın Colella, University of Aberdeen
- TBC

Workshop Keynote

- Dr Diğdem Soyaltın Colella, University of Aberdeen

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- Dr Aykut Öztürk, University of Glasgow
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We look forward to your submissions.