

GPSG NEWSLETTER 11 – AUGUST 2007



Dear Colleagues

Welcome to the eleventh newsletter of the Greek Politics Specialist Group, which reaches your desktops at this time of catastrophe. We wish to extend our sympathies to all of our members affected by the recent wave of fires in the hope that damage to property and, God forbid, human lives has been minimal.

Our issue starts with the latest news from the GPSG, including our latest decisions and the Call for Panels and paper proposals for next year's **PSA Annual Conference**, taking place in Swansea on 1-3 April 2008. We would like to **encourage you to apply early** for that event, as **the deadlines for submission have been pushed forward once again this year**.

The next item of our Newsletter is a summary of our activities in the 57th Annual Conference of the Political Studies Association (PSA) that took place in Bath, England, in April. Here you can find the panels and paper titles of our Group as well as the summaries of the papers presented by Stella Ladi, Dimitris Tsarouhas, and Antonis Aggelakis. We are very pleased that, once again, the GPSG had a strong presence at the conference with papers covering a variety of fields and methodological approaches. We look forward to extending the good work done so far through collaboration with other Specialist Groups in forthcoming PSA events.

The 2nd Conference for Greek Administrative Scientists will be held in October 2007 at the Department of Business Administration, University of the Aegean,

Chios, Greece. It promises to be an exciting event; more information is available below. Finally, this newsletter also includes some announcements that some of you may find of direct relevance to your research and work. The Mediterranean Research Meeting in 2008 is the highlight among them. New publications and contributions to the political debate by GPSG members are also included in this Newsletter. Don't forget to check out the attached files, which include information on upcoming events and publications.

Please keep sending us your news, research information and promotional material on events at rgerodimos@gmail.com

Best Wishes,
The GPSG Team

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1. GPSG Meetings, Announcements and Latest News

- ✚ The GPSG's **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** took place during the 2007 PSA Conference at Bath. Very many thanks to everyone who took part - the meeting was packed, the discussion was lively and the decisions are important.
- ✚ The AGM *unanimously* approved the following Motion:
“Group members who withdraw from, or miss, two consecutive GPSG-sponsored events after having confirmed attendance should be banned for 1 year from the Group’s activities”.
- ✚ Welcome back to our Secretary, Andrew Liaropoulos, who just completed his military service.
- ✚ The GPSG is in touch with Specialist Groups from other Southern European countries with the view to organising **joint panels** at the annual PSA conference. We particularly welcome paper proposals with a comparative twist for our Swansea panels. More details below.
- ✚ You are all welcome to attend our informal GPSG “afternoon coffee” session on **Friday, 14 September 2007** in central Athens. If you want more details please email Roman at rgerodimos@gmail.com
- ✚ Topics of discussion include the upcoming general election, the very major issue of the forest fires and the crisis’ political, economic and social consequences, as well as the Group’s upcoming activities (essay competition, Swansea panels).
- ✚ Our **next Newsletter** (No. 12) will be a special issue dedicated to these **two major issues** – the election and the fires crisis. Please send us your views, opinion pieces, articles or any other relevant materials to rgerodimos@gmail.com



- ✚ In light of the unprecedented natural disaster that hit upon Greece, the GPSG will be donating the rest of its remaining 2007 budget (€170) to the emergency fund that was set up by the Greek government in support of the fire victims. This is only a small, symbolic gesture and we encourage our members to make their own private donations to the fund.

2. Call for Papers: 58th Annual Conference of the Political Studies Association (PSA), Swansea, April 2008

CALL FOR PAPERS: 58th Annual Conference of the Political Studies Association (PSA), University of Swansea, 01 – 03 April 2008

The *Greek Politics Specialist Group* (GPSG) of the PSA welcomes **paper proposals** for the upcoming annual conference on any topic and aspect of Greek Politics and Government. Last year, important changes were introduced by the PSA's Executive Committee to the process of submitting paper and panel proposals for the conference, as well as to the deadlines and practicalities of the final papers themselves.

The deadline for the submission of abstracts has been brought forward itself (28 September 2007), which means that **our internal deadline for the submission of your proposals to the GPSG Convenors is SEPTEMBER 21st, 2007**. We are sorry to announce that proposals submitted after this deadline will not be taken into consideration.

Submissions on the following research areas are particularly welcome:

- Greek Security and Foreign Policy
- Greek Public Administration and the Welfare State
- Political Parties, Civic Engagement and the State of Greek Democracy
- Applied Political Theory and Thought
- Politics and Policies in Southern Europe (special area)
- The Impact of the August '07 Forest Fires Crisis and the 2007 Election

Please send your **200-word proposal** to Dimitris Tsarouhas, dimitri@metu.edu.tr AND Antonios Aggelakis, aggelakis@pol.soc.uoc.gr **including** your full name, contact details (email, postal address) and academic affiliation.



If you are thinking about taking part in next year's annual PSA conference, which will take place at the University of Swansea and is themed "Democracy, Governance and Conflict: Dilemmas of Theory and Practice" please read the following guidelines carefully.

58th Political Studies Association Annual Conference
Democracy, Governance and Conflict:
Dilemmas of Theory and Practice
1 - 3 April 2008
Swansea University

The 58th Annual Conference of the Political Studies Association will be hosted by the Department of Politics and International Relations at the Swansea University. The conference will take place between 1 - 3 April 2008.

The Call for Papers is now available, closing date is **21 September 2007**.

Proposal Submission

Eligibility for Submission

We welcome proposals from any academic researcher across disciplines and worldwide. We hope to feature new research by both established academics as well as by those who are about to complete or have recently completed doctorates. Any individual researcher may propose up to two panels, although anyone wishing to propose more should contact the academic convenor. We recognise that this may particularly be the case with PSA specialist group organisers. Individual researchers are limited to the submission of two paper proposals. All colleagues submitting a proposal either for a panel or a paper are encouraged to make themselves available to chair or act as a discussant in other panels.

Submission of Proposal for a Paper

Before submitting a paper proposal we ask that you consider submitting your paper as part of a panel, either by contacting the relevant specialist group, or by consulting with colleagues in your research area and organising a panel.

Submissions of Proposals by Postgraduate Students

If you are proposing a panel that includes a postgraduate student, or you are a postgraduate student submitting a paper proposal, you are eligible to apply to the PSA Postgraduate Access fund. If you wish to be considered for this fund please say so on the proposal form.

Academic Review of Submissions

Panel and paper proposals will be reviewed in the first instance by the Academic Convenor. Where it is thought necessary, proposals may be referred to a 'special cases' review group, chaired by the Academic Convenor, and individual paper submissions that cannot be organised in coherent panels may be rejected. Acceptance of proposals should not be considered automatic.

Programme Confirmation

It is expected that a full conference programme will be agreed and published by December 2007. It is expected that once this has occurred details of registration and paper delivery arrangements will immediately be made available.

Pre-conference registration rules

At the time of programme confirmation all paper-givers will receive instructions regarding registration. While it is to be hoped that compliance with these will be straightforward we do need to have rules; planning for the usage of on-site facilities, including accommodation and meals, is potentially problematic. There will be a cut off date in early

2008, after which there will be both a late registration fee and the provision of accommodation and meals on the conference site cannot be guaranteed. There will be a further cut-off date in early 2008 when the conference programme is being printed, after which non-registration will lead to the removal of panels and/or papers from the programme.

Paper Delivery Obligation

Equally, at the time of programme confirmation all paper-givers will receive instructions regarding paper delivery. Again, we need rules to maintain the integrity of the programme. By submitting a proposal authors agree that they and/or their co-authors will submit a copy of the paper to the PSA conference website address by a stipulated paper submission date ahead of the conference. This is essential to allow the conference organisers the time to make papers available on-line to delegates. In turn this is the only means by which we can enable delegates to read papers ahead of conference panels and thus enhance their success. In addition, **by submitting a proposal authors agree that they and/or their co-authors will present the paper in person at the conference. Authors may withdraw a paper without 'penalty' until 31 December 2007. Cancellation thereafter might mean that we do not accept offers of a paper at the next annual conference. Colleagues should know that details of late withdrawal from the 2007 conference may affect confirmation of proposals for 2008.**

Availability during the conference

By submitting a panel or paper proposal authors agree to be available for presentation at any scheduled session at the conference. Once the programme has been settled we will countenance programme changes only in extreme circumstances.

It'll be fun

There have to be rules, but it is intended that the 2008 PSA conference at Swansea will be an enjoyable and fun occasion. The Department of Politics and International Relations at Swansea last hosted the conference in 1994, when sterling work was done by Patrick Dunleavy and Jeremy Jennings as the academic and local organisers. The 2008 conference will be the last one before the conference moves to a PSA centrally-organised and hotel-based format. We hope that you help us to make it a great success.

3. Review: GPSG Panels and Papers at the 2007 PSA Conference, University of Bath



**57th Political Studies Association Annual Conference
'Europe and Global Politics'
11 -13 April 2007
University of Bath**



This year's Conference was different from recent events, and more changes are in sight. Most changes seem beneficial to dedicated and well-organized Specialist groups. Thus, as reported in our previous Newsletter, all four panels submitted by our Group were approved. Below we recall the paper-givers and panels, highlighting that almost all panels were well-attended and attracted an encouraging number of non-Greek participants. In fact, some of the papers presented were explicitly comparative, a trend we wish to encourage further in the future and as part of our cross-fertilization attempts.

GPSG Panel 1: The effects of Europeanization on Greek policy sectors

Conference Session A, Wednesday 11 April
Chair: Roman Gerodimos (Bournemouth University)

Dr. Stella Ladi (Ministry of the Aegean and Island Policy, Greece; Honorary Research Fellow (University of Sheffield), "Europeanization and Policy Change: Comparing Environmental and Immigration Policy in Greece"

Antonios Aggelakis (University of Crete), "Divergence on the process of convergence: regulatory dualism and regulatory dissimilarities for telecommunications in Europe"

GPSG Panel 2: Emerging developments in European Union (EU) governance

Conference Session B, Thursday 12 April
Chair: Dr. Dimitris Tsarouhas (Middle East Technical University, Ankara)

Chrisanthos Tassis (University of Athens), "European Union and Political Parties: The case of the Party of European Socialists (PES)"

Dr. Kyriakos Hatzaras and **Eva Dalakiouridou** (Ideologikon Institute, Thessaloniki), "Subnational governance in the European periphery and Japan: external stimuli and domestic re-organisation"

GPSG Panel 3: The Globalisation of Political Communication in Greece

Conference Session C, Thursday 12 April

Chair: Roman Gerodimos (Bournemouth University)

Dr. Eleni Apospori (Athens University of Economics and Business), **Maria Zisouli** (University of Athens), and **Prof. G. Avlonitis** (Athens University of Economics and Business), "Municipal elections and political marketing actions: the case of Athens 2006"

Prof. Tessa Doukeri and **Dr. Iordanis Kotzaivazoglou** (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki), "The evolution in newspaper advertising of parliamentary candidates in Thessaloniki in the period 1989 – 2000"

GPSG Panel 4: European Union and Greek Foreign Policy

Conference Session D, Friday 13 April

Chair: Dr. Stella Ladi (MAIP / University of Sheffield)

Dr. Athanassios Samaras (Institute of Defence Analysis – IAA), "Comparative Analysis of the Framing of European Prospect of Turkey at the Brussels Summits of 2004 and 2006; the Bipolar Contradistinction as a Framing Device"

George Koukoudakis (University of Athens), "The impact of the European Union (EU) on the unresolved difference over the name between the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM) and Greece"

SELECTED PAPER SUMMARIES

1) *Europeanization and Policy Transfer: A Comparative Study of Policy Change in Greece and Cyprus*

Dr. Stella Ladi, Ministry of the Aegean and Open University, Greece

Abstract

There has been a growing academic interest in processes of Europeanization and their impact upon policy making although there have been a few attempts to link the phenomenon of Europeanization with policy transfer per se. The aim of the paper is to contribute to this growing body of literature by studying processes of policy change in an 'old' and a 'new' Eastern Mediterranean EU member-state. The theoretical aim of the paper is to evaluate the Europeanization and the policy transfer frameworks and to conclude about their usefulness and possible methods of combining them. Furthermore, three specific hypotheses with theoretical, empirical and policy implications are explored. The first hypothesis is that Europeanization is a two-way process. The second hypothesis is that instances of policy transfer increase for EU member-states but also for candidate countries. Finally, the third hypothesis concerns the importance of the informal dimensions of Europeanization. The paper is empirically supported by the existing literature on Europeanization in Greece and Cyprus.

2) *Testing the Europeanization Hypothesis: Macroeconomic Adjustment Pressures and the Southern European Welfare Model*

Dr. Dimitris Tsarouhas, METU and Dr. Tolga Bolukbasi, CES-METU

Abstract

The literature on Europeanization investigates the ways in which processes of European integration and EU-level policy-making affect domestic institutional structures. The extent to, and the ways through which member states respond to adaptational pressures stemming from the EU will depend on the 'goodness of fit' between the EU policy regime and member states' policies.

This paper seeks to test the empirical validity of the Europeanization hypothesis regarding the impact of macroeconomic adjustment policies followed in Greece and Spain since the mid-1980s on domestic social policy arrangements. According to the Europeanization hypothesis, Southern European economies would constitute the largest 'misfits', thereby inviting massive adaptational pressures for macroeconomic adjustment. Such pressures would lead to a substantial weakening of their welfare model. We examine welfare programs and labor relations, and identify political and institutional structures acting as intervening variables between adaptational pressures and reform outcomes. Contrary to the Europeanization hypothesis, very low levels of adaptational pressure in Spain have led to a disproportionately high level of change in social policy. What is more, higher levels of adaptational pressure in Greece have failed to translate into sweeping social policy change.

3) *'Divergences on the process of convergence: regulatory dualism and regulatory dissimilarities for telecommunications in Europe'*

Antonis Aggelakis, University of Crete

Abstract

In this paper policy reforms, regulation reforms and regulation forms on a comparative basis have been explored. More specifically, two likely different regulatory reforms and regimes have been examined and compared as case studies. Major aim of the certain comparison regards the detection of conclusions about the 'effect' of Europeanisation and 'negative integration' (Hix, 1999: 22) upon European markets. Similarly, the repercussions different political systems and policy domains have upon policy reforms and policy changes have been addressed. The present paper is specifically concerned to the regulation of telecommunications sector in Greece and UK, especially under the framework of European Union. By examining a. the drivers of liberalisation in these two markets, b. the policy reform evolution, c. the 'nested games' between actors and interests and d. the ultimate policy form, I explored the question of convergence: is the latter likely to be found in the policy instruments and style alone or in the policy procedures and outcome as well?

By formulating a framework of analysis for these telecoms regulatory regimes, I attempted to explore whether the direction of reform in the specific European political economies is characterised by convergence or divergence. Fundamental methodological tools in this effort (besides qualitative analysis) were the analysis of regulatory regimes in their essential parts and the liberalisation's policy evolution analysis (procedures and relations), in different contexts. What the evidence revealed was that UK and Greek liberalization experiences resemble examples where both convergence (instrumental) and divergence (procedural, outcome) can be identified.

4. 2nd Conference of Greek Administrative Scientists, Chios, Greece



The Department of Political Sciences and Public Administration, University of Athens, Laboratory of Administrative Sciences, The Department of Business Administration, University of the Aegean The Hellenic Institute of Administrative Sciences and The Administrative Chamber organize the 2nd Conference of Greek Administrative Scientists

The Conference theme is:

«New Directions in Administrative Science: New Public Management, Corporate Responsibility and Civil Society»

The Conference will take place between the **11th and the 13th of October 2007** at the Department of Business Administration, **University of the Aegean, Chios, Greece.**

For further information, please visit our website: www.ba.aegean.gr/mnconf07, or contact Ms Vasiliki Vasileiou (tel.: ++22710 35120, ++22710 35122, fax: ++22710 35129, e-mail: vvas@aegean.gr) or Dr Georgia Chondroleou ++(e-mail: gchondroleou@gmail.com).

2^ο Συνέδριο Διοικητικών Επιστημόνων

Το Εργαστήριο Διοικητικών Επιστημών του Τμήματος Πολιτικής Επιστήμης και Δημόσιας Διοίκησης του Πανεπιστημίου Αθηνών,
το Τμήμα Διοίκησης Επιχειρήσεων του Πανεπιστημίου Αιγαίου,
το Ελληνικό Ινστιτούτο Διοικητικών Επιστημών
και ο Όμιλος Διοικητικών Επιστημόνων-«Διοικητικό Επιμελητήριο»

διοργανώνουν το **2^ο Συνέδριο Διοικητικών Επιστημόνων** με θέμα:

**Σύγχρονες Τάσεις στη Διοικητική Επιστήμη:
Νέα Δημόσια Διοίκηση, Εταιρική Κοινωνική Ευθύνη
και Κοινωνία των Πολιτών**

Το Συνέδριο θα διεξαχθεί στο Τμήμα Διοίκησης Επιχειρήσεων του Πανεπιστημίου Αιγαίου, στη Χίο, στις **11-13 Οκτωβρίου 2007**.

Στόχοι του Συνεδρίου

Ο κύριος στόχος του 2^{ου} Συνεδρίου Διοικητικών Επιστημόνων είναι η κριτική διερεύνηση σύγχρονων προσεγγίσεων και εμπειρικών δεδομένων στη Διοικητική Επιστήμη, η αναζήτηση νέων τάσεων στους επιμέρους κλάδους της στις οργανώσεις του δημόσιου, του ιδιωτικού και του κοινωνικού τομέα, καθώς και ο προσδιορισμός των αλληλεπιδράσεων μεταξύ της Νέας Δημόσιας Διοίκησης, της Εταιρικής Κοινωνικής Ευθύνης και της Κοινωνίας των Πολιτών. Το Συνέδριο αποβλέπει, επίσης, στην προαγωγή της δικτύωσης, την επικοινωνία και την ανταλλαγή απόψεων μεταξύ των μελετητών και των επαγγελματιών της δημόσιας διοίκησης, των δημόσιων οργανισμών και επιχειρήσεων, του ιδιωτικού τομέα της οικονομίας, καθώς και της κοινωνίας των πολιτών (μη κρατικοί, μη κερδοσκοπικοί οργανισμοί, κοινωνική δράση).

Οι εισηγήσεις που θα παρουσιαστούν στο 2^ο Συνέδριο Διοικητικών Επιστημόνων, το οποίο ακολουθεί την επιτυχή διεξαγωγή του 1^{ου} (Οκτώβριος 2005), θα τυπωθούν σε τόμο, ούτως ώστε να επιτευχθεί η ευρύτερη δυνατή διάδοση των αποτελεσμάτων του. Η έκδοση αυτού του συλλογικού τόμου αναμένεται να συμβάλει στον επιστημονικό διάλογο, στην εμπάθυνση του προβληματισμού και στη χαρτογράφηση των νέων τάσεων και αντιλήψεων στη Διοικητική Επιστήμη.

Θεματικές Ενότητες

Οι βασικές θεματικές ενότητες του Συνεδρίου, επί των οποίων οι ενδιαφερόμενοι μπορούν να αναπτύξουν ειδικότερες προβληματικές, είναι οι ακόλουθες:

- «Νέα Δημόσια Διοίκηση»: βασικές έννοιες, προβληματισμοί και κατευθύνσεις, εφαρμογή και αξιολόγηση αποτελεσμάτων.
- Διοικητική μεταρρύθμιση και ανασχεδιασμός διοικητικών διαδικασιών.
- Δημόσια διοίκηση, καταπολέμηση της διαφθοράς και ο ρόλος των ανεξάρτητων αρχών.
- Διαχείριση αλλαγών και διοίκηση ολικής ποιότητας στις δημόσιες και ιδιωτικές επιχειρήσεις.
- Συμπράξεις Δημόσιου-Ιδιωτικού Τομέα: κριτική εννοιολογική προσέγγιση, θεσμικό πλαίσιο, συγκριτική εμπειρία και εφαρμογή στην ελληνική πραγματικότητα.
- Μορφές συνεργασίας στις διεπιχειρησιακές σχέσεις: συμμαχίες και δίκτυα επιχειρήσεων.
- Διαπολιτισμική διοίκηση και αλληλεπιδράσεις μεταξύ εθνικής και εταιρικής κουλτούρας.
- Εταιρική διακυβέρνηση και κοινωνική ευθύνη των επιχειρήσεων: κώδικες δεοντολογίας.
- Οργανωσιακή κουλτούρα, ηθικές επιλογές και εργασιακές σχέσεις στην εποχή της παγκοσμιοποίησης.
- Νέες τάσεις στην κοινωνία των πολιτών: διοίκηση μη κρατικών, μη κερδοσκοπικών οργανισμών, λογοδοσία, σχέσεις με κοινωνικά κινήματα, χρηματοδότηση και λειτουργία.
- Ευρωπαϊκή Σύγκλιση: προβλήματα και προοπτικές, όψεις της διοικητικής σύγκλισης (ή απόκλισης) και επιμέρους διαστάσεις.

Επιστημονική Επιτροπή

Β. Αγγελής, Καθηγητής Πανεπιστημίου Αιγαίου, Μ. Βροντάκης, Αντιπρόεδρος ΣΤΕ, Πρόεδρος Ελληνικού Ινστιτούτου Διοικητικών Επιστημών, Ν. Γεωργόπουλος, Αναπληρωτής Καθηγητής Πανεπιστημίου Πειραιώς, Ευαγγ. Κουτούπα-Ρεγκάκου, Καθηγήτρια Πανεπιστημίου Θεσσαλονίκης, Αντ. Μακρυδημήτρης, Καθηγητής Πανεπιστημίου Αθηνών, Λ. Μαρούδας, Αναπληρωτής Καθηγητής Πανεπιστημίου Αιγαίου, Ευρ. Μπέσιλα-Βήκα, Καθηγήτρια Παντείου Πανεπιστημίου, Γ. Παγουλάτος, Αναπληρωτής

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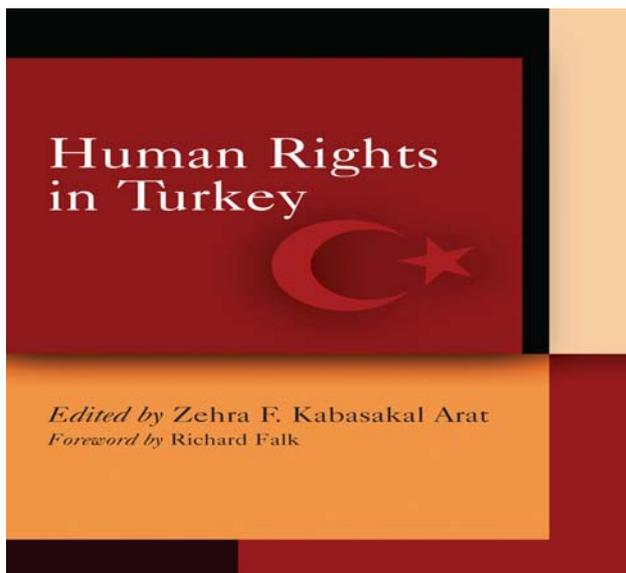
Για οποιαδήποτε διευκρίνιση ή περαιτέρω πληροφορία οι ενδιαφερόμενοι μπορούν να επικοινωνούν με την κ. Βασιλική Βασιλείου (τηλ.: 2271035120 και 2271035122, fax: 2271035129, e-mail: yvas@aegean.gr) ή την κ. Γεωργία Χονδρολέου (τηλ.: 6948569550, e-mail: gchondroleou@gmail.com). Οι ενδιαφερόμενοι μπορούν επίσης να επισκέπτονται την ιστοσελίδα του 2^{ου} Συνεδρίου Διοικητικών Επιστημών, στη διεύθυνση <http://www.ba.aegean.gr/mnconf07/>, που θα λειτουργήσει από την 1^η Φεβρουαρίου 2007 και θα παρέχει την απαραίτητη πληροφόρηση σχετικά με τη διεξαγωγή του Συνεδρίου, τη συμπλήρωση του εντύπου συμμετοχής, τις οδηγίες συγγραφής των τελικών κειμένων, τη μετάβαση και τη διαμονή στη Χίο.

Οργανωτική Επιτροπή

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5. Activities and Publications

HUMAN RIGHTS IN TURKEY



Turkey's mixed human rights record has been highly politicized in the debate surrounding the country's probable ascendance to membership in the European Union. Beginning with the foundation of a secular republic in 1923, and continuing with founding membership in the United Nations and participation in the European Convention on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, Turkey made significant commitments to the advancement of human rights. However, its authoritarian tradition, periods of military rule, increasing social inequality, and economic crises have led to policies that undermine human rights. While legislative reforms and civil social

activism since the 1980s have contributed greatly to the advancement of human rights, recent progress is threatened by the rise of nationalism, persistent gender inequality, and economic hardship.

In *Human Rights in Turkey*, twenty-one Turkish and international scholars from various disciplines examine human rights policies and conditions since the 1920s, at the intersection of domestic and international politics, as they relate to all spheres of life in Turkey. A wide range of rights, such as freedom of the press and religion, minority, women's, and workers' rights, and the right to education, are examined in the context of the history and current conditions of the Republic of Turkey. In light of the events of September 11, proposals about modeling other Muslim countries after Turkey add urgency to an in-depth study of Turkish politics and the causal links with human rights. The scholarship presented in *Human Rights in Turkey* holds significant implications for the study of human rights in the Middle East and around the globe.

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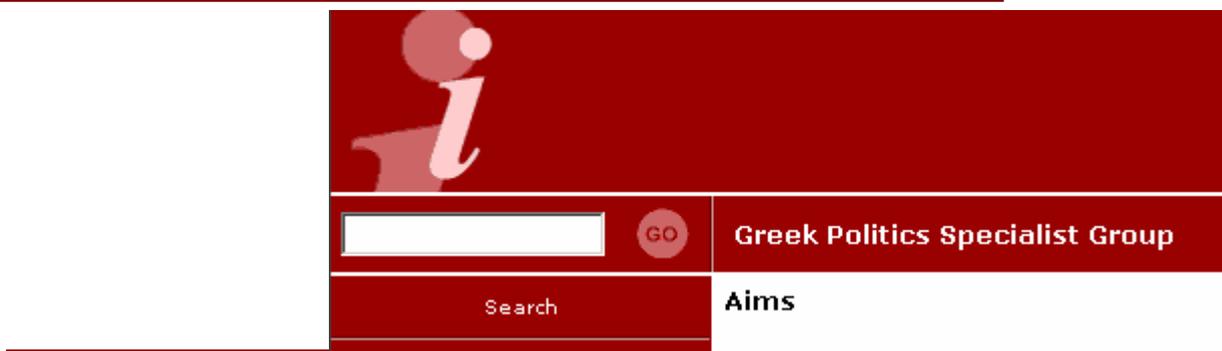
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