

Istanbul Technical University – Architecture Department
MIM 321E– Contemporary Architecture, 22297
Course Syllabus | 2019-2020 Spring Term

Course Date & Hours: Tuesdays, 15.30-17.30
Classroom:
Course Credit: 2
Course Web Page

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Course Definition

Contemporary Architecture aims to introduce students to the discussions about the cultural bases and definition of modernity, modernity and industry, modernity and avant-garde approaches, understanding of modern urbanism and the impact of those discussions on architecture in Turkey.

Course Structure & Weekly Plan

Week	Date	SUBJECT
1		Modernity, Modernization, Modernism: Concepts and historical background
2		19th Century: Industrial Revolution, Historicism
3		Revivalism, Chicago School
4		Arts & Crafts, Art Nouveau – Secession
5		Werkbund, Pioneers of modernism: P. Behrens, W. Gropius, A. Loos, A. Perret
6		Bauhaus Expressionism, Futurism, De Stijl, Constructivism,
7		Midterm exam - Le Corbusier
8		Mies van der Rohe – F. L. Wright
9		Architecture Between Two World Wars:
10		International Style and its variations
11		Modernism in early Republican Turkey
12		Modern Turkish architecture
13		Revisions of the Modern
14		Global Shades of Modernism

Suggested Readings/Sources

- Frampton, K., 1994, Modern Architecture. A Critical History, Thames and Hudson.
- Cohen, J. –L., (2012). The Future of architecture since 1889. Phaidon Press.
- Colquhoun, A. (2002). Modern Architecture, Oxford Univ Press.
- Curtis, W. J., (1996). Modern Architecture since 1900, Phaidon Press.
- Mofett, M., Fazio, M., Wodehouse, L., (2004). A World History of Architecture, Mc Graw-Hill.
- Watkin, D., (2005). A History of Western Architecture, Watson-Guption Publ.
- Bozdoğan S., (2001), Modernism and Nation Building: Turkish Architectural Culture in the Early Republic, University of Washington Press.
- Gül, M., (2017), Architecture and the Turkish City: An Urban History of Istanbul Since the Ottomans, I.B Tauris.

Assessment Criteria

The total score will be calculated as follows: 50% mid-term exams + 50% final exam.

The mid-term exams include: 1 mid-term exam (75 points) and 1 Quiz (25 points). Mid-term threshold is 40 points.

Students who do not meet minimum 70% attendance and mid-term threshold will be assessed as VF

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