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ABSTRACTS

The Criteria for Turkey's Accession to the EU: Accomplishments and Challenges

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In this work, the author gives her view of Turkey's accomplishments and the challenges it is facing in its process of acceding to the EU. To this end, in the first place, she offers a general overview of Turkey's position in the process and the adoption of the criteria for accession. Next she makes a brief reference to the political criteria, to focus finally on the economic criteria as well as on the EU *acquis*, given that these are the principle topics of the negotiations.

Key words: EU, Turkey, regional integration, negotiations

The Negotiations on Turkey's Accession to the EU: The Negotiating Framework

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The framework for carrying out negotiations on the accession of Turkey to the EU are defined in a document, the Negotiating Framework, agreed upon by the EU and Turkey on 3 October 2005. This article analyses the general lines of this document, which brings together the principles, substance and procedures of the accession negotiations, taking as its point of departure the widely accepted idea that this framework is more rigorous than those established for other countries that have previously travelled the road to accession to the EU.

Key words: EU, Turkey, regional integration, negotiations

Conditioning Factors and Cautions in the Negotiations on Turkey's Accession to the EU

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In the document of the Negotiating Framework between Turkey and the EU, a series of very important conditioning factors and cautions are introduced, which the author analyses in this article. He makes reference to the "Turkish case", to how it has been treated in the EU countries and institutions, and to the Euroscepticism existing in Turkey. After underscoring the progress and great efforts made by Turkey on its journey toward the EU, the author pauses to discuss the Cyprus conflict, one of the principal obstacles in the process. Finally, in addition to celebrating the beginning of formal negotiations on accession, he highlights Turkey's profound European vocation and appeals to European responsibility with regard to this country.

Key words: EU, Turkey, regional integration, negotiations

The Reluctant Model: Nationalism, Religion and Turkey's European Vocation

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Might Turkey be thought of as a model of democratic Government for the rest of the Islamic world? Can Turkey be a lighthouse of democracy in the Islamic world? The objective of this work is to try to answer these questions, and for this it focuses on two interrelated factors, which the author believes to be fundamental, in order to try to understand Turkey's domestic policy: "nationalism" and "religion", two elements that have been the object of strong debate in Turkey at the turn of the century, in the framework of the two last elections, held in April 1999 and November 2002.

*Key words: EU, Turkey, regional integration, negotiations, religion,
Islam, democracy, nationalism*

The Evolution of Turkey's Domestic Political Situation: Progress and Resistance

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To briefly analyse the great political, social and economic transformation Turkey has experienced in the past decade, the author highlights, in the first place, the country's international dimension, since one must not deal with Turkish politics and its dynamics only in relation with its internal trends and factors. Next, he offers a list of accomplishments, obstacles and weak points in Turkish domestic politics, to focus on the role of the Justice and Development Party (AKP) and the lack of opposition. Finally, he underscores the fact that, although there remains a great deal to do, the profound transformation of Turkish society, its integration into global markets and the re-structuring of Turkish capitalism are already a reality.

Key words: EU, Turkey, negotiations, domestic politics, democracy, Islam, political parties

Turkey: A Model for a Moderate Type of Islamism? The Case of Kayseri

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In the context of the negotiation process for Turkey's accession to the EU, the author delves into the country's current situation and its condition as a bridge. She focuses on the question of Islam and modernity, taking as her point of departure the example of Kayseri, a city and region in Central Anatolia, which is dynamic and productive without having lost its cultural and religious values for this reason. Among these values, she highlights an obstacle which distances the country from an economic rapprochement with the EU, namely the role of women in the economy, although she underscores the idea that everything indicates that this necessary change could occur soon.

Key words: EU, Turkey, negotiations, religion, Islam, democracy, nationalism, economic policy, women

Economic Interactions between the European Union and Turkey: Observations and Predictions on Dynamics and Strategies for the 2005-2015-2025 Period

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The main objective of this work is to emphasise the importance of strategic analysis and provide elements that facilitate the understanding of the future of the integration process. For this, it analyses the interactions between Turkey and the European Union through strategic decision-making and system-modelling concepts. It carries out “What if...” analyses, and it considers the world system from a dynamic perspective in time and space. The economic, political, scientific, technological and cultural infrastructures of the future are the object of a rigorous simulation, with the aim of creating solid strategies. The welfare of the societies of the future depends on the understanding and strategic skills of today’s decision-makers.

Key words: EU, Turkey, regional integration, negotiations, economic policy, international context

The Costs and Promise of Turkish Accession to the EU

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Currently, the EU as a whole finds itself in an economic context in which growth is not very stimulating, although the differences by country are significant, principally between the new and old Member States. From this perspective, the author offers an economic analysis of the costs, and opportunities, of Turkey’s accession to the community family, both for that country and for the EU.

Key words: EU, Turkey, regional integration, negotiations, economics, economic policy

Turkish Foreign Relations in the Post-Cold War Era

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This article deals with the orientation of Turkish foreign policy in its transition from the Cold War to the post-Cold War period. During the Cold War, the Turkish Government ran its foreign policy believing in the uniformity of the Western Alliance (the United States and Europe) and in close co-operation with the West, especially with the United States. After the changes which have occurred in the international arena in the last few years, this orientation has changed to the point where it can be stated that the Turkish governmental elites have other opportunities and alternatives. With regard to the EU, the article underscores the idea that if Turkey continues progressing toward accession, some day this country could play an important role in the design of EU policy in the eastern Mediterranean.

Key words: EU, Turkey, regional integration, negotiations, foreign policy

Turkey's Complex Place in the World: An Overview

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Without aiming to be an academic text, this article offers a journalistic “photograph” of the place which Turkey occupies in the world today. For this, it focuses firstly on this country's relations with the United States. Then it reviews the bonds which link it to Europe: to the EU, in general, as well as to Spain, the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Austria and the new Member States, in particular. It also makes special mention of the Balkans, the Middle East, the Caucasus and Russia.

Key words: EU, Turkey, regional integration, negotiations, foreign policy, bilateral relations

The Situation of Women in Turkey in the Framework of its Process of Accession to the EU

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In this article, the author deals with the question of “the situation and the role of women” in Turkey’s process of modernisation, the debate on which has intensified over the past few years, principally for two reasons: the rise of Islamic fundamentalism and Turkey’s possible accession to the EU. Beginning with a critical analysis of the Western approach to this issue, the author reviews the situation of Turkish women in the areas of education, employment, gender-based violence and political participation. In order to progress in gender equality, she appeals to collaboration and solidarity between Turkish and European women’s organisations. In this sense, the EU’s process of enlargement offers a positive, appropriate framework for this.

Key words: EU, Turkey, regional integration, modernisation, gender, women, social indicators, civil society

Social Policy in Turkey: Principal Challenges

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Many Turks and Europeans who are in favour of Turkey’s accession to the European Union justify their position by arguing that this would be desirable for economic and strategic reasons for both parties. However, there are also those who have other expectations with regard to the process of accession, expectations which have to do with the strengthening of civil, political and social rights in Turkey. It is undeniable that, up until now, the country’s relations with the EU have contributed positively to improving civil and political rights in Turkey. Nevertheless, very important challenges still remain, in the areas of education, health care, employment, poverty, etc., which must be tackled through a complete restructuring of the social policy process. This article deals with these challenges.

Key words: EU, Turkey, regional integration, modernisation, social indicators, social policy, Islam

Women's Rights in Turkey as Indicators of Social Change: Accomplishments and Challenges

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In the face of the existence of reluctance to the process of Turkey's accession to the EU, founded principally on deeply rooted prejudices and a lack of knowledge about the changing Turkish society, which is in constant evolution and modernisation, it is useful to examine one of the areas in which European public opinion displays greatest concern: the situation of women in Turkey, generally dealt with in the European media only when it refers to horrible honour killings. For a long time, the institutions of the EU seemed to pay scant attention to this issue, but it is important to emphasise that, currently, women's rights have found a solid place on the agenda of relations between the EU and Turkey.

Key words: EU, Turkey, regional integration, modernisation, gender, women, rights, political participation

Conclusions

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In his conclusions on the general subject of "Turkey and the EU: Charting the Course Ahead", the author points out the main challenges that Turkey and the EU must confront on their long road to integration, and he manifests the importance of building bridges, using all of the political resources available, as well as taking advantage of one of the principal resources of European governance: networks.

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Twenty Years of Co-operation between Spain and France: Friends, Partners or Allies?

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The progress made in the relations between France and Spain at the 18th Spanish-French Summit, held in Paris on 10 November 2005, demonstrate that relations between France and Spain are passing through a good moment, and at the same time it allows us to go deeper into the analysis of the co-operation between these two neighbours over the past twenty years. This article aims to examine the evolution of relations between Spain and France, which must administer a dense bilateral agenda as neighbours and another multilateral agenda as European partners. In other words, it will analyse the extent to which French-Spanish relations can become a balanced, stable alliance.

Key words: France, Spain, bilateral relations, co-operation

Two Challenges to the French Republican Model: The Polemic over Veils and the Revolts in the *Banlieues*

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The reluctance of some Muslim students to remove their veils to attend French public schools stirred up an intense debate on the capacity of the French lay model to adapt to new social realities. On the other hand, the revolts that recently took place in the outlying neighbourhoods of many French cities were a hard blow to the image of France as an example of co-existence and social cohesion. In the present article, the authors reflect on the political response to these events, and they consider whether or not these phenomena have meant a challenge to the French republican model.

Key words: France, Muslims, youth, social integration, social crisis, second generation, laicism