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"Turkish Economy Between Neoliberalism and Authoritarian Populism, 2000-2020"

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This seminar is on the political economy of Turkey in the first two decades of the 21st century, from the Turkish financial and economic crisis in 2000-01 to 2020, the year of great challenges both in the region and the world. It is about the dynamics between Turkey's domestic political-economic transformation in the 21st century and its active involvement in its neighbourhood on one hand; and the impact of long-term global shifts/ trends in creating the right conditions for medium-sized regional powers, like Turkey, to increase their share and influence regionally and globally. In other words, this is an account of how Turkey fits into the global system as an emerging middle power. One central aim here is to examine the extent to which and channels through which the global developments affected the Turkish economy. This is the period that was dominated by one political party, AKP, and its leader, Tayyip Erdogan. Indeed, the 2000-01 is also the crisis that prepared the ground for the success of the AKP that came to power following November 2002 general elections. The AKP's success and popularity during the past 18 years is closely linked to the economic performance of the country during its time in power. This is the second central aim of this seminar: to what extent can one connect the growth of Turkey's economy to the performance, decisions and policies, of the AKP regime? Or can one simply say that the AKP government found itself in the right time and the right place, rather than creating the conditions that led to the country's impressive economic growth?

ALL WELCOME!

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