The Winter Study Abroad Turkey program is a total of 45 hours in accordance with the syllabus provided by Prof. Louis Fishman. Each class has a reading assignment assigned, now the most important aspect of this Study Abroad Program, participating students will have a chance to meet and listen to the authors of the readings in the syllabus. Participants will attend a series of seminars led by leading Turkish academics, journalists, and public intellectuals, along with an opportunity to meet and engage with social, political, religious and economic leaders from across the spectrum in Turkey.

Winter Study Abroad Turkey Program

Day 1-Fly from New York-Istanbul (arrive in early afternoon)

Learning the City-An orientation

Jan 3:

9.30 – 12:30 → Introduction to Modern Turkey Class-Louis Fishman

14.00 - 17.00 →

**Title:** “A Metropolis at the Crossroads: The Changing Social Geography of Istanbul under the Impact of Globalization”

**Speaker:** Prof. Dr. Himmet Murat Güvenç (Kadir Has University, Political Science and Public Administration)

**Title:** “New Istanbul Studies”

**Speaker:** Cenk Özbay (Boğaziçi University, Sociology)

**Readings:**

Jan 4:

9.30 - 14.00 → Understanding the Ottoman Past and Relation to the Present:

Fatih Neighbourhood Visit (Hagia Sophia, Blue Mosque, The Basilica Cistern) Walking tour and lecture provided by Louis Fishman (and silent tour guide-required by Turkish State law)

Evening class and guest lecture

18.00-19:30 →

Title: “Late Ottoman History with focus on Economics”
Speaker: Louis Fishman and Yücel Terzibaşoğlu (Boğaziçi University, History)

Jan 5:

9.30 - 14.00 → Visiting Topkapı Palace and Egyptian Bazaar-Lecture Louis Fishman (and silent tour guide).
15.00 - 17:00 → Visiting Dolmabahçe Palace Lecture Louis Fishman (and silent tour guide).

Jan 6:

10.00 – 12.30→

Title: Turkey Unveiled: A History of Modern Turkey
Speaker: Hugh Pope (International Crisis Group)

14.00 – 17.00→

Title: “Secular and Islamic Politics in Turkey”
Speaker: Louis Fishman and Ümit Cizre Sakallıoğlu (İstanbul Şehir University, Political Science)

Readings:

Jan 7:

9.30 – 14.00 → Visiting Istanbul Archeology Museums

15.00 – 17.00→

**Title:** “Modern Citizenship, Islam and Everyday Life”

**Speaker:** Louis Fishman and Prof. Dr. Ferhat Kentel (Istanbul Şehir University, Sociology)

**Readings:**


Jan 8-9: Weekend Plan to be announced; trip to historical city of Edirne, the second Ottoman capital, home to Turkey’s largest Mosque and Synagogue.

Jan 10 Free day

Jan 11:

10.00 - 12.00→

**Title:** “Prospective-Turks or Pseudo-Citizens: Kurds in Turkey”

**Speaker:** Prof. Dr. Mesut Yeğen (Istanbul Şehir University, Sociology)

14.00 – 17.00 → Visiting Mesopotamia Cultural Center-Louis Fishman

**Readings:**

Jan 12:

10.00 – 12.00 → Louis Fishman and Bensiyon Pinto (Turkish Jewish Community) (Neva Shalom Synagogue Visit)

13:00-14:30 Walking tour of Galata and Jewish monuments.

14.00 – 17.00 → Laki Vingas (Former President of Association for Greek Foundations)

Readings:


Jan 13:

10.00 - 12.00 →
   **Title:** “Syrian Refugees in Turkey”
   **Speaker:** Louis Fishman and Senay Özden (Koç Üniversitesi, Sociology)

14.00 – 17.00 → Visiting Association for Solidarity with Asylum-seekers and Migrants (ASAM)

Readings:

Jan 14:

10.00 – 12.00 →
Mor Çatı Women’s Shelter Foundation (speaker to be announced)

14.00 - 17:00 →
**Title:** “LGBTI individuals in Turkey”
**Speaker:** Volkan Yılmaz (SPOD – Association for Social Policies, Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation Studies)

*Readings:*

Jan 15:

10.00 - 12.00→
**Title:** “Armenians in Turkey”
**Speaker:** Yetvart Danzikyan (AGOS editor-in-chief)

14.00 - 17.00 →
**Title:** “Turkish – Armenian Relations”
**Speaker:** Louis Fishman and Diba Nigar Göksel (European Stability Initiative – Turkish Policy Quarterly editor-in-chief)

*Readings:*
**January 16:**

10.00 – 12.00 →

New Civil Initiatives in Turkey: Doğruluk Payı and Oy ve Ötesi

14.00 - 17.00 →

**Keynote Speaker:** Louis Fishman and Prof. Feroz Ahmad  
**Title:** “Turkey: The Quest for Identity”

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**January 17**

Students will present final work and prepare for travel back to NY on Monday morning.

**January 18-Students fly home**

**Alternative Guests:**

Prof. Dr. Suraiya Faroqhi (İstanbul Bilgi University, History)  
Prof. Dr. Mete Tunçay (İstanbul Bilgi University, History)  
Prof. Dr. Ahmet İçduygu (Koç University, International Relations)  
Prof. Dr. Fuat Keyman (Sabancı University, Political Science)  
Başak Tuğ Onaran (İstanbul Bilgi University, History)  
Kenan Çayır (İstanbul Bilgi University, Sociology)  
Ömer Turan (İstanbul Bilgi University, Political Science)  
Murat Özbak (İstanbul Bilgi University, Political Science)  
Pınar Uyan Semerci (İstanbul Bilgi University, Political Science)  
Deniz Şenol Sert (Özyeğin University, International Relations)  
Deniz Yükseker (Koç University, Sociology)  
Ceyda Karan (Journalist)  
Bülent Keneş (Journalist)  
Mustafa Akyol (TV commentator)  
Cengiz Çandar (Columnist)