

TURKEY AND EU RELATIONS ON REALISTIC THEORY PERSPECTIVE

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ABSTRACT

In this study, critique of realist approach, which has shaped the discipline of International Relations has been argued. The discipline that mentioned above, emerged mostly as a result of Realist Theory contribution has been critiqued to explain today's complex World is one of the basic theses defended in this case study. Realist Theory is concentrated on power emphasis only on the nation-state as an actor, and being very simple and such features have been explained and critiqued in details.

Relations with the EU has always been very important for Turkey, and referred to be tough process. Although from the signing of the Ankara agreement and continuing in different stages to the present day, developments in various stages have caused different expectations for both parties, neither Turkey has given up to the membership decision, nor European Union has completely rejected Turkey's membership process. At Luxembourg Summit in December 1997 the country's name among the candidates for full membership was not included, and as a result of this, Turkey's response was very threatening in cutting the political dialogue with the EU. Turkey's candidacy was confirmed by the Helsinki European Council in December 1999, preparing a pre-accession strategy and accession partnership document showed some easings in the attitude of the EU Council against the country. Finally as a result of these changes, once more the relations of mutual obligations and expectations come to the fore period.