

# Turkey: Friend, Foe or Hard to Know?



Tuesday, June 6, 2023  
1:00-3:00 p.m.

Hybrid class: Online thru Zoom and In-person at Tallent Hall, Room 182

Turkey in this century has been in the news mainly as our troublesome ally. Long-time ruler Recep Tayyip Erdogan has become increasingly autocratic, and repression of information media has increased. A rapprochement has been achieved with traditional rival Russia. Most recently, Erdogan has delayed Sweden's entry into the NATO Alliance.

Yet Turkey has also been a faithful member of NATO, beginning with a strong commitment to the UN defense of South Korea during the Korean War. Ankara permitted basing U.S. B-52 bombers on Turkish soil during the 1990-91 confrontation and war to end Iraq's occupation of Kuwait. Turkey has also held command responsibilities in the international coalition that occupied Afghanistan.



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