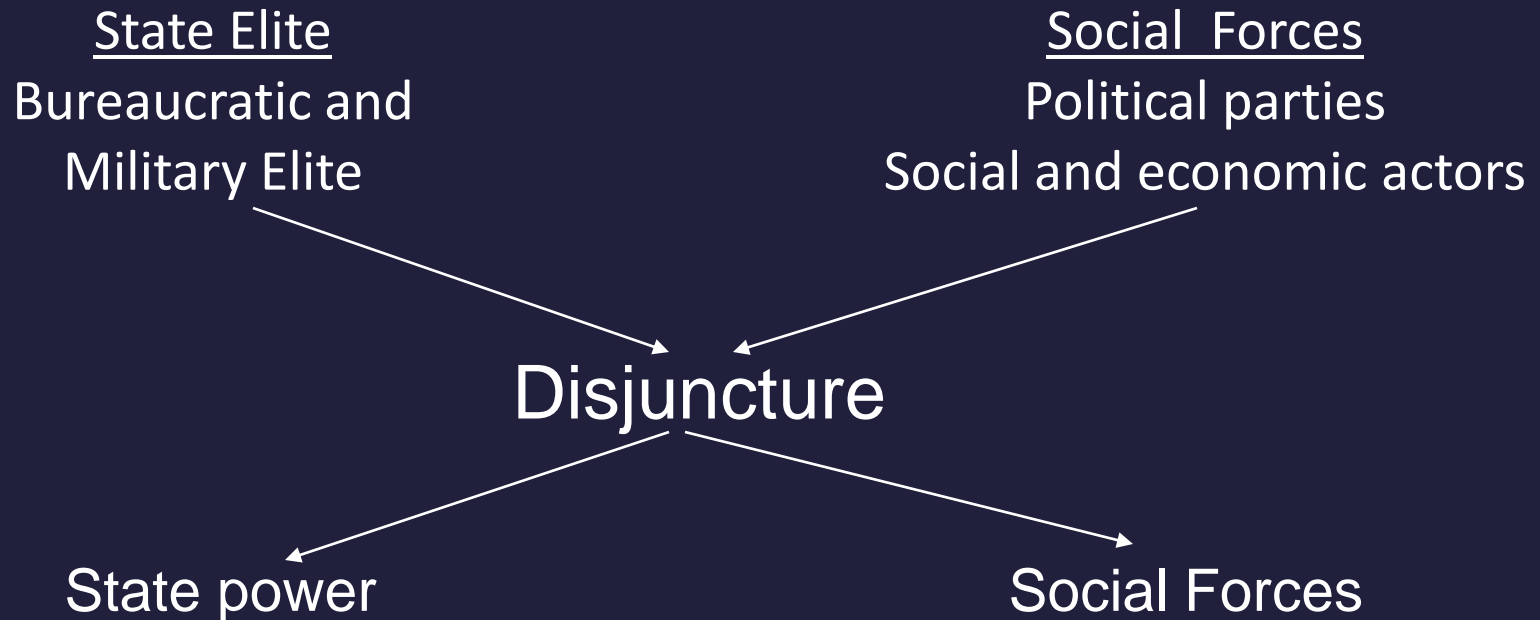


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Turkish Modernity

A Bifurcated Programme of Modernity



The bifurcated programme of modernity and the disjuncture of state power and social forces can be seen in the following ruptures in Turkey's history

- 1950 → DP
- 1983 → ANAP

But it is most visible and most effective in:

- 2002 – present → AKP → Turkey's transformation, and its globalization and Europeanization

The Result of Transformation

- Turkey has evolved into a complex society
- It has become more and more difficult to govern Turkey

Turkey as a Complex Society

1923 → Present → Modernization

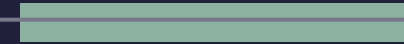
1950 → Present → Democratization

1980 → Present → Globalization

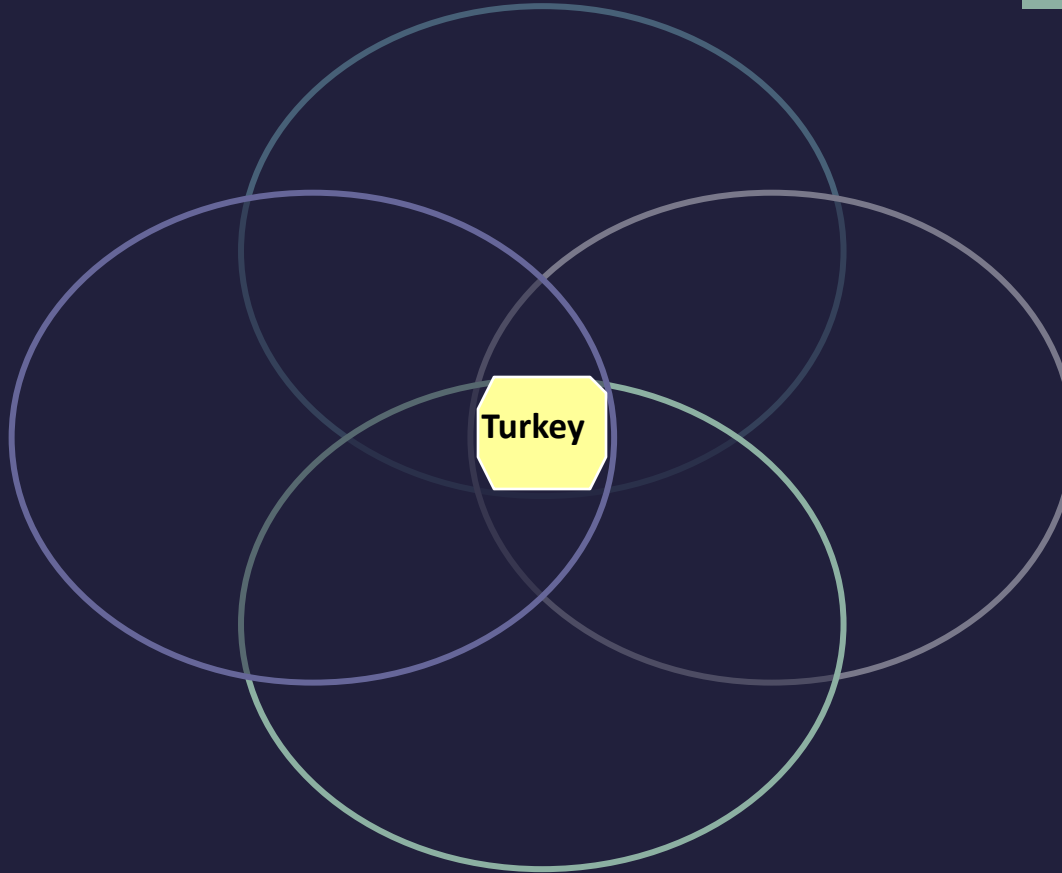
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Globalization



Democratization



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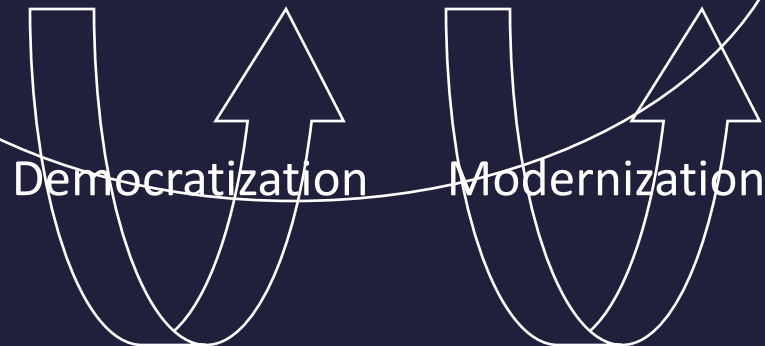
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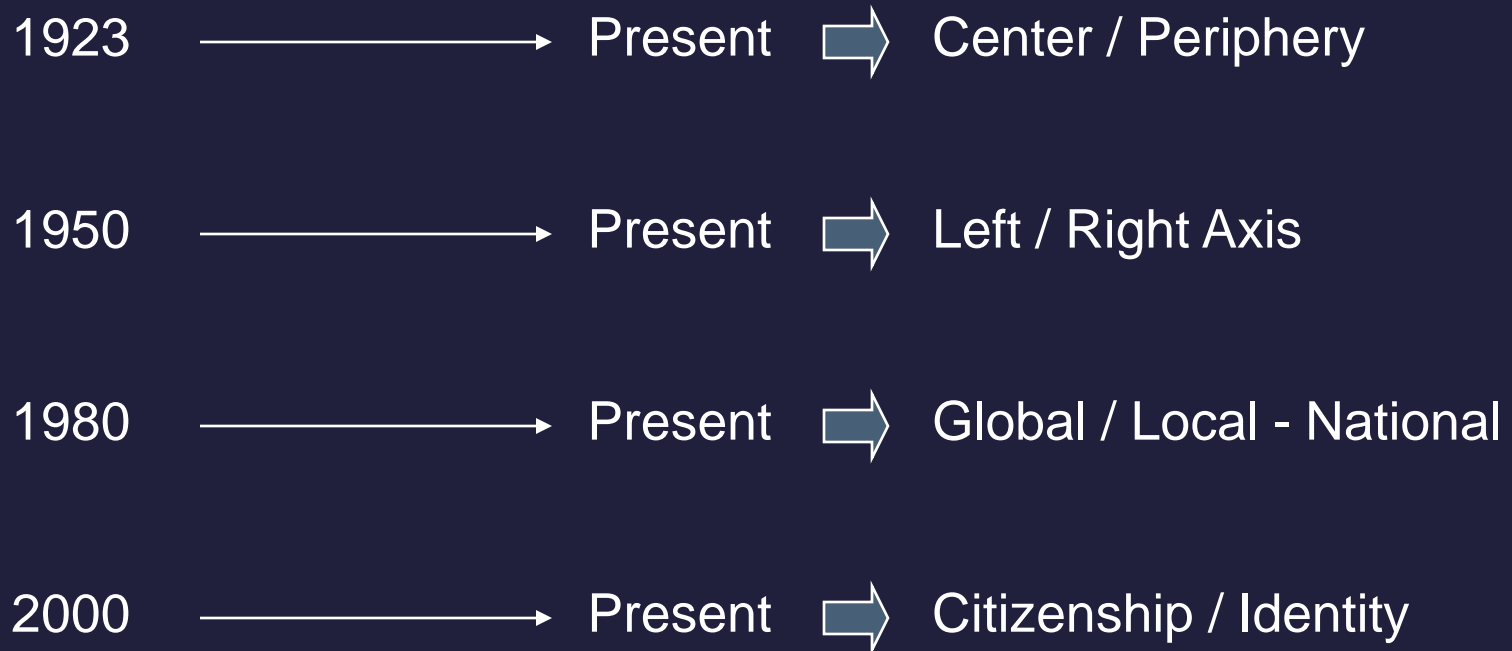
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Complex Governance and Multiple Cleavages



Failure to Govern A Complex Society

Conventional wisdom sees the following:

- Weakness of political parties
- Civil - military relations
- Clientelistic / populist politics

But all these are partial explanations...

Obstacles to Democratization in Turkey

- Securitization of politics
- Instrumentalization of democracy
- Dysfunctional political parties
- The collapse of public reason
- The decline of the public

More particularly:

- A new constitution
- Strengthening Turkey – EU relations
- Reinforcing the domain of social justice

distribution

recognition

participation