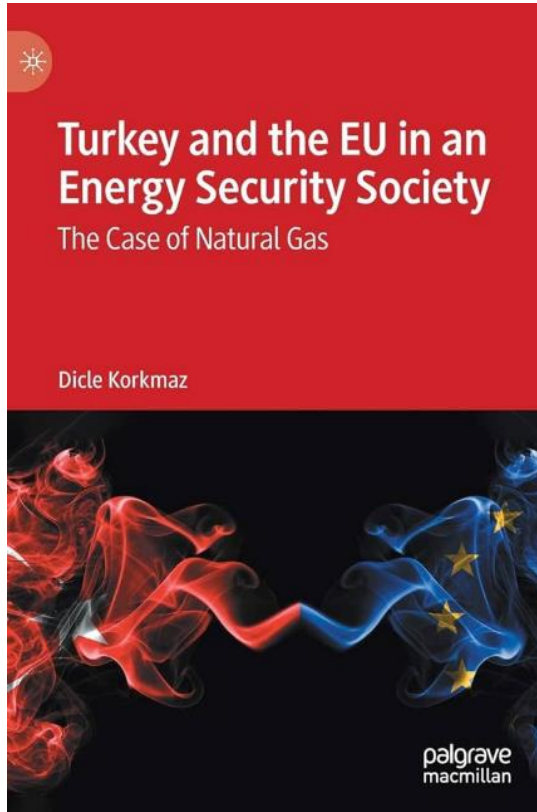


Book Review: Turkey and the EU in an Energy Security Society: The Case of Natural Gas

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In her research paper "Turkey and the EU in an Energy Security Society: The Case of Natural Gas", Dicle Korkmaz analyses Türkiye's energy policy and its relationship with foreign affairs. The author examines various viewpoints on establishing an energy terminal, covering crucial issues like supply security, power balance, and market institutions. Korkmaz weaves a rich narrative, offering readers a deep understanding of the complexities involved in Türkiye's energy policy and its implications for broader foreign policy objectives.

Korkmaz's analysis delves into the potential impacts of an energy terminal on Türkiye's supply security, power balance, and market institutions. This scholarly work takes a systematic approach, considering viewpoints from key stakeholders and dissecting various narratives surrounding Türkiye's energy policy. The study employs theoretical frameworks, including Buzan's interpretations approach from the English School theory and narrative policy analysis, as foundational pillars that attest to its intellectual rigour. These frameworks also function as robust tools for unravelling the intricacies of Türkiye's energy dynamics within the context of the European Union (EU).

Türkiye's energy policy is critical and has a complex relationship with the EU. This has significant implications for international relations, energy security, and geopolitics. As a transit country for energy resources, Türkiye's decisions and policies have implications beyond its borders. This book thoroughly examines Türkiye's positioning, decision-making processes, and geopolitical implications, offering readers a comprehensive exploration that extends beyond immediate contexts to encompass the broader global landscape.

Korkmaz's book follows the norms of academic non-fiction flawlessly. The scholarly writing style, which includes theoretical frameworks, academic references, and empirical analysis, caters to a diverse audience, including scholars, researchers, policymakers, and students. Although some may find the writing dense, its formality and structure serve a purpose by meeting academic discourse expectations and providing a solid foundation for conveying complex ideas.

After conducting an in-depth examination of Korkmaz's work, it becomes clear that it is a highly scholarly and rigorous piece. The book's strength lies in meticulously using theoretical frameworks and integrating narrative policy analysis as a methodological tool. This nuanced approach enriches the depth of the study by unravelling how narratives, constructed by various actors, ultimately shape policy outcomes. For instance, the analysis could delve into specific cases in which these narratives influenced policy decisions. This provides readers with concrete examples to enhance their understanding of the subject.

The book covers various chapters, each contributing to a complete understanding of Türkiye's energy landscape. The initial chapters set the foundation and explain the English School theory and Buzan's conceptual framework. The English School theory emphasizes shared values, norms, and institutions and provides an effective lens for analyzing Türkiye-EU relations. Buzan's framework, which includes three traditions of international society and three types of integration, offers a nuanced perspective for understanding energy security dynamics.

In "Türkiye and the EU in an Energy Security Society: The Case of Natural Gas," Dicle Korkmaz takes readers through Türkiye's energy policy and relationship with foreign affairs. The story is told logically, starting with Chapter 1, "Introduction and Research Objectives." This foundational chapter outlines the research's scope, objectives, and methodology, providing readers with a roadmap to navigate the complexities of Türkiye's energy policy.

Chapter 2 focuses on the theoretical basis that forms the groundwork for the study. The chapter explores the English School theory and Buzan's conceptual framework, highlighting shared values, norms, and institutions. This chapter plays a crucial role in helping readers understand the following analyses. The importance of these theoretical foundations becomes evident as they provide a vital perspective for analyzing the dynamics of energy security in the context of Türkiye-EU relations.

Moving seamlessly to Chapter 3, Korkmaz explores the intricate relationships and factors influencing energy security between Türkiye and the EU. This chapter provides valuable insights into the nuanced dynamics that shape Türkiye's energy policy within the broader European context. The geopolitical implications of Türkiye's strategic positioning as a transit country for energy resources are brought into sharp focus, enriching the comprehension of the complexities involved.

Chapter 4 of the exploration analyses the significance of natural gas pipelines in shaping Türkiye's energy landscape. This chapter provides readers with a comprehensive understanding of how these infrastructures impact regional energy security while shedding light on Türkiye's role as a crucial player in the transit of energy resources. Additionally, the chapter reveals the geopolitical implications of Türkiye's strategic choices, making it a critical piece of the puzzle for readers seeking insights into the country's energy policies.

In Chapter 5, Korkmaz delves into the narratives and discourses surrounding the liberalization of Türkiye's natural gas market. This chapter sheds light on how these narratives affect policy decisions, comprehensively examining the discursive landscape. The factors influencing Türkiye's energy policy are brought to the forefront, offering a nuanced perspective on decision-making.

In Chapter 6, the final analytical chapter of the book, the author uses Buzan's English School approach to synthesize the findings from the previous chapters. This synthesis evaluates the potential for energy security cooperation between Türkiye and the EU. This chapter offers a comprehensive analysis that ties together all the different themes explored throughout the book. It is a crucial endpoint that provides readers with a holistic understanding of the implications of Türkiye's energy policy choices on the broader European energy landscape.

In her book, Korkmaz analyses Türkiye's energy dynamics by examining various case studies and examples. One of the most significant case studies in the book focuses on the construction and operation of the Trans-Anatolian Natural Gas Pipeline (TANAP). By utilizing Buzan's conceptual framework and the English School theory, Korkmaz meticulously analyses the geopolitical implications of TANAP. The case study highlights the interconnectedness of energy and foreign policy and demonstrates how infrastructure projects can shape regional power dynamics. Overall, the book provides a nuanced

understanding of the practical application of theoretical frameworks in comprehending Türkiye's energy landscape.

The book explores an exciting example of Türkiye's natural gas market liberalization. Korkmaz analyses the different stories related to this process through narrative policy analysis. The book provides clear insights into the complex relationship between discourses and policy outcomes by examining specific situations where these stories have influenced policy decisions, such as regulatory changes and market reforms.

Korkmaz's work provides a detailed analysis of Türkiye's energy policy, potential policy recommendations and future implications. The book suggests that Türkiye and the EU could benefit from enhancing their cooperation in energy security. Collaborative efforts in developing and securing energy resources could contribute to regional stability by leveraging shared values and norms from the English School theory.

Furthermore, examining the stories and discussions regarding Türkiye's natural gas market opening highlights essential considerations for those in charge of creating policies. Korkmaz suggests that comprehending and handling these narratives are critical for developing effective policies. The book implies that a well-rounded strategy considering economic and geopolitical factors is necessary to steer the liberalization process and guarantee a balanced and safe energy market.

Korkmaz's exploration of examples and policy implications enriches the reader's understanding of the book's real-world relevance. The author connects theoretical frameworks with tangible cases, advancing academic discourse and providing insights for policymakers and stakeholders involved in shaping the energy landscape of Türkiye and the EU.

The book is based on a solid theoretical framework to gain a better understanding, primarily drawing from the English School theory and Buzan's conceptual framework. The English School theory emphasizes shared values, norms, and institutions, making it a reliable analytical tool for examining the relationship between Türkiye and the European Union. Moreover, Buzan's framework, which includes three traditions of international society and three types of integration, provides a nuanced perspective that is extremely valuable in unravelling the complex dynamics of energy security. This theoretical foundation supports the entire exploration, contributing significantly to the depth and breadth of the insights presented in the book.

While the book "Türkiye and the EU in an Energy Security Society" provides valuable insights into the energy security dynamics between Türkiye and the European Union, some areas could be improved. The authors could enhance transparency by providing a more detailed exposition of their methodology, including specific data sources and research methods. This would enable readers to evaluate the study's rigor thoroughly. In addition, the book could benefit from a more explicit engagement with alternative perspectives or critiques within the theoretical frameworks employed.

The book is a comprehensive and invaluable resource for scholars, researchers, policymakers, and students who want to understand Türkiye's energy policy in detail within the broader context of international relations. Korkmaz's work explores theoretical foundations, empirical analyses, and real-world examples. It sheds light on the

geopolitical complexities that shape the energy dynamics between Türkiye and the European Union, making a significant contribution to academic discourse.