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Current research project (100 words)	<b>Nationhood and citizenship in Turkish Friday sermons: from 1908 Young Turk Revolution to early 21st century pro-Islamist governments.</b> This is a study of modern Turkish citizenship and nationhood with focus on the Friday sermons ( <i>hutbes</i> ). The sermons combine admonitions with various narratives, often alluding to well-known religious traditions. Even though politics have been banned from mosques and sermons, questions of how to be a good citizen and how to merge into and honor the Turkish nation have been of utmost importance. The purpose of the project is to read the <i>hutbes</i> from the point of view of state-individual relationships (citizenship) and national identities and their transformation in a long-term historical perspective.
Keywords (5-10)	Secularism, state, nation, Turkey, identity, citizenship, Friday sermons, Islam
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