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*Debating Turkish Modernity* explores how Turks spoke about the prospect of joining the European Economic Community between 1959 and 1980. It argues that these debates created deep, bitter divides among Turks by bringing up long-standing questions about Turkey’s past and its ambivalent relationship with Europe. The prolific literature on Turkish–European Union relations focuses on the contemporary period (1993–present), but this book is the first English-language account of how Turks initially approached the predecessor to the European Union, exploring a time when they were able to talk about themselves and Europe on their own terms.

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To my parents, Ayşe and Mustafa,
who believed, in their own way,
that another world was possible.
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Abbreviations

**POLITICAL PARTIES**
DP Democrat Party (Demokrat Partisi)
JP Justice Party (Adalet Partisi)
NAP National Action Party (Milliyetçi Hareket Partisi)
NOP National Order Party (Milli Nizam Partisi)
NSP National Salvation Party (Milli Selâmet Partisi)
RPP Republican Peoples Party (Cumhuriyet Halk Partisi)
WPT Workers Party of Turkey (Türkiye İşçi Partisi)

**TURKISH STATE INSTITUTIONS**
MFA Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Dışişleri Bakanlığı)
NSC National Security Council (Milli Güvenlik Kurulu)
NUC National Unity Committee (Milli Birlik Komitesi)
SPO State Planning Organization (Devlet Planlama Teşkilati)
TGNA Grand National Assembly of Turkey (Türkiye Büyük Millet Meclisi)

**EUROPEAN ORGANIZATIONS**
EEC European Economic Community
EP European Parliament
EU European Union
NATO North Atlantic Treaty Organization
OECD Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development