

HABILITATION THESIS REVIEWER'S REPORT

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Transformation of Islamist and Kurdish Parties in
Turkey: Consequences for Regime Change

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The habilitation thesis by Dr. Pelin Ayan Musil presents a detailed analysis of Kurdish and Islamist political parties in Turkey, with implications not only for Turkey itself but also for the broader Middle Eastern region. The text is substantiated by a huge number of relevant sources and demonstrates the considerable expertise of the author. Dr. Musil not only showcases an expert understanding of the region and the subject matter but also exhibits sufficient methodological and conceptual proficiency. The book constitutes a significant contribution to the expert debate on Turkish domestic politics. The conclusions drawn offer avenues for further research—both within this specific domain and in terms of their application to other regions or as a subject of comparative analysis.

The book is clearly and systematically structured, providing both a foundational context for the topic and an in-depth analytical examination. It unequivocally demonstrates the author's ability to conduct rigorous scientific research and to produce high-quality academic writing. Prior to publication, the book underwent a thorough peer-review process before. There is obviously not so much space for the current reviewer to find any significant errors and issues. There aren't any. It is a fully-fledged scholarly work that meets the highest standards for academic publications, including those required for a habilitation thesis.

Reviewer's questions for the habilitation thesis defence

The book was published in 2022. The dynamics of developments in Turkey and the broader Middle Eastern region is high. I assume that the author continues to monitor the issue. Have there been any significant or noteworthy shifts in the past two years regarding Islamist and Kurdish parties in Turkey? How are these parties responding to Turkey's increasingly assertive foreign policy, which is often characterized as neo-Ottomanism?

Conclusion

The habilitation thesis entitled "Transformation of Islamist and Kurdish Parties in Turkey: Consequences for Regime Change" by Dr. Pelin Ayan Musil **fulfils** requirements expected of a habilitation thesis in the field of Political Science.

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