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Author in his thesis treats the question of relation between Turkish Nationalism and its European origins and models of inspiration. At the beginning the author focused on the general context of relation between Europe and the Ottoman Empire.

In next chapters author expains main Theories of Nationalism of some chosen important theorists of Nationalism. The following part is concentrated on a comparison between the specific cases of German and French understanding of Nationalism and comparison of their features. This comparison is in author’s view crucial for the understanding to Turkish modernisation and the phenomenon of Turkish Nationalism.

In the second half of the Thesis the author define classical view on Turkish Nationalism and its development in the context of Turkish Modernisation processes and European models of nationalism. He focused on the particularities of Turkish Nationalism. The goal of this work is to point out to the components adopted from European Nationalisms and to the components which are specific and different from European ones.

In the last part of Thesis the author refers to postmodern theories and opinions of chosen Turkish theorists of Nationalism and to a relation between Nationalism in Turkey and the modernisation movement and the goals of the reformists lead by Mustafa Kemal Atatürk and related oncoming disucssions in Turkish society about possible future development of nationalism in Turkey.

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