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## List of Abbreviations

Art.	Article
C.C.	Civil Code
C.C.Pr.	Code of Civil Procedure
C.Cr.Pr.	Code of Criminal Procedure
C.E.B.	Code of Excution and Bankruptcy
C.O.	Code of Obligations
Ch.	Chapter (in footnote)
Comm.C.	Commercial Code
Cons.	Constitution
Law of Soc.	Law of Socities.
para.	Paragraphs
PC	Penal Code
R.G.	<i>Resmi Gazete (Official Gazette)</i>
Soc.	Society
TGNA	Turkish Grand National Assembly
TNA	Nationality Act of 1964

## Preface

The Introduction to Law course at Middle East Technical University at Ankara is a two-semester course given in the English language for first year students of the Faculty of Administrative Sciences. During the first semester general principles of law, such as justice, equity and sources of law are discussed. The second semester covers some of the fields of Turkish positive law administered by Turkish courts and other agencies.

The main purpose of this book is to serve as a text for the second semester of this course, although it does not in fact include all the subjects which are covered in the semester. However, it is also hoped that this book will be of some use to foreign practising lawyers and scholars as preliminary reference and key to the basic institutions, principles and rules of Turkish law. For this reason some details have been added in footnotes, bibliographies given at the end of Chapters and a selected bibliography of books and articles is annexed to the book.

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## Preface to the Sixth Edition

The preparation of the new edition of the Introduction to Turkish Law book took more time than we had predicted. This is mainly because of the continuous adaptation process of the Turkish law to international standards. Especially hopes of membership in the European Union forced the Turkish law maker to modify some basic laws intensively or change them entirely. Meanwhile the Penal Code and the Code of Criminal Procedure are completely changed. The process of up-dating still continues. We decided not to postpone the publication of the new edition for an indefinite day.

During the preparation of this edition many persons, in different stages helped us. We would like to express our thankfulness especially to Bill Mays for the editing of Chapter 10 on Penal Law, Chapter 11, Part 3 on Criminal Procedure and Chapter 12 on Criminal Procedure.

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