Area Studies Center Summer Global Teacher Seminar 2021
Teaching Resources for “Music as a Tool of Protest and Political Activism in Turkey” (Case Study #3)

The following resources are for teaching about protest music in Turkey and other countries of the Middle East and North Africa. We include music playlists, films, and articles about protest music. The resources emphasize Turkey, but we also include material for teaching about Egypt, Iran, Morocco, Palestine, and Tunisia. Enjoy!

**Turkish Music Playlist:**


**Films and Videos about Sulukule:**

Canim Sulukule/ My Beloved Sulukule by Najla Osseiran. [https://vimeo.com/19842109](https://vimeo.com/19842109)

Last Days of Sulukule by Mundi Romani. [https://youtu.be/dP6bZgqDM9c](https://youtu.be/dP6bZgqDM9c)

Sulukule Mon Amour by Azra Denix Okyay. [https://vimeo.com/188335859](https://vimeo.com/188335859)

Ghetto Machines by Tahribad-i Isyan. [https://youtu.be/wx36mnZvEO0](https://youtu.be/wx36mnZvEO0)

Wonderland with Tahribad-i Isyan, by Halil Altindere. [https://youtu.be/hHZUOTxkBDQ](https://youtu.be/hHZUOTxkBDQ)

**Gezi Park Protests:**

(There are a ton of videos about this if you just Google search Gezi Park protests, but these are 2 that Dr. Schoon uses in her classes.)

Taksim Commune: Gezi Park and The Uprising In Turkey by Brandon Jourdan. [https://vimeo.com/71704435](https://vimeo.com/71704435)


Articles about hip hop group Tahribad-i Isyan: [https://pulitzercenter.org/stories/turkey-tahribad-i-isyans-rap-rebellion](https://pulitzercenter.org/stories/turkey-tahribad-i-isyans-rap-rebellion)
Articles about Turkish Protest Music:


Alessandrini, A., Nazan Üstündağ, and Emrah Yildiz, Eds. (Fall 2013). "'Resistance Everywhere': The Gezi Protests and Dissident Visions of Turkey." JadMag


Schoon, Danielle van Dobben. (2014) 'Sulukule is the gun and we are its bullets': Urban renewal and Romani identity in Istanbul. City, 18:6, 655-666, DOI: 10.1080/13604813.2014.962885


Protest Music in Other Countries of the Middle East & N. Africa:

Articles on Protest Music of Egypt:

https://merip.org/2012/05/the-people-want/
https://merip.org/2013/01/egypts-music-of-protest/

Iranian Protest Music:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WKAi4Z204jI - Eendo (Naale ye Shabgeer) from Iran, on the "Green Revolution" of 2009 - the link includes lyrics in English

Article on Protest Music in Morocco:

https://merip.org/2012/05/protest-song-marocaine/

Palestinian Protest Music:

1. Return David Rovics
2. Palestine: Music of the Intifada

by Various Artists, Sabaya Al Intifada, et al. | 1992

3. Ehda'a - In Solidarity with the Palestinian People

4. My Favorite Enemy: Tracks- By the Lake; Yal Leil; Blessed; Hases Maei Almusika; Ripples; Balaila; Then There's You; Tzamaa Nafshi; Sameera; Stones (2011 MUSIC CD)

5. One Sky Rahim Alhaj

6. Exile Gilad Atzmon
Tunisian Protest Music:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rxtCKKFhvWw - El General (Rayes Lebled) from Tunisia, on the Ben Ali and the first days of Arab Spring