Turkey has experienced social, economic, political and technological transformations during the last three decades. A critical overview of the transformations, especially those of political ones is the aim of this study. It first gives a general overview of the transformations. Second, it introduces the basic structure of the system and the basic constitutional principles that it is built upon.

Third, the study presents an overview and evaluation of the Turkish political party system in retrospect. Fourth, it presents a historical background of the political system and reforms in Turkey. Fifth, the study discusses the main reasons, dimensions and contents of the recent political reforms. The last section concludes the paper by presenting and discussing policy implications and future prospects.