Democratic Governance Reforms in Turkey and Their Implications

This chapter is an attempt at presenting the political and administrative structure as well as constitutional principles in Turkey, the transformation in these structures, and the driving reasons and dynamics behind them. Besides, the recent reforms are reviewed and discussed, and their implementation and outcomes are evaluated. In this respect, economic liberalization, decentralization, deregulation, changes towards governance and efforts to democratize and shrink the state, the impact of European Union and globalization, among others are presented and examined. The last section concludes the chapter by presenting and discussing implications for public administration and public policy and future prospects.