

## Political Leaders and Democracy in Turkey By Feride Acar

Since the founding of the modern Turkish republic in 1923 Turkey's political leaders have been decisive in shaping the development of their country's democratic patterns and processes. Beginning with Mustafa Kemal Ataturk Political Leaders and Democracy in Turkey analyzes the origins political careers beliefs and policies of eleven of modern-day Turkey's most influential leaders. This crucial addition to Turkish studies and comparative politics is the first book to undertake a systematic study of the role political leaders have played in shaping the successes as well as the shortcomings of Turkey's grand democratic experiment: The chapters offer a unique perspective into the complex and fascinating world of Turkish political leadership and the transition to and consolidation of democracy. Political Leaders and Democracy in Turkey

