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The Meaning of Names: A Cultural and Political History of Turkish Personal Names
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The talk examines how Turkish naming practices reflect modernity, class mobility, and national identity. It shows that male names often evoke nationalism and heroism, while female names emphasize beauty and nature. Rather than a sharp break in the 1930s, naming trends evolved gradually, with each decade producing distinct patterns. It also highlights that names function as class markers, spreading from elites to broader society, revealing how personal choices mirror wider social and political aspirations.