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# **FORWARD**

Health, by its nature, is in the centre of interest of political institutions, and thus, of elections. This book aims to analyse the relationship of ‘elections, health, and politics’ in the context of general election hold in Turkey on 7 June 2015.

We believe that our book fills an important gap in electoral politics and health discussions, and hope that you enjoy it.

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# ABBREVIATIONS

AK PARTİ	Adalet ve Kalkınma Partisi (AK Party - Justice and Development Party)
CHP	Cumhuriyet Halk Partisi (Republican People's Party)
EHMA	European Health Management Association
et al.	et alii
EU	European Union
EVIPNet	Evidence Informed Policy Network
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GPA	Graduate Point Average
G20	The Group of Twenty
HDP	Halkların Demokratik Partisi (Peoples' Democratic Party)
HL	Health Literacy
HLS-EU	Health Literacy - European Union
HLS-TR	Turkish Health Literacy (TR-HLS)
HTP	Health Transformation Programme
HPBs	Health Policy Books
IOM	Institute of Medicine
MHP	Milliyetçi Hareket Partisi (Nationalist Movement Party)
NGOs	Non-Governmental Organisations
NUTS-1	Nomenclature d'Unités Territoriales Statistiques-1

R&D	Research and Development
Sađlık-Sen	Sađlık ve Sosyal Hizmet alıřanları Sendikası (Health and Social Workers Union)
SİODER	Sađlık, İnovasyon ve Organizasyon Derneđi (Health, Innovation and Organisation Association)
TOBB	Türkiye Odalar ve Borsalar Birliđi (The Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey)
TÜBA	Türkiye Bilimler Akademisi (Turkish Academy of Sciences)
TÜSEB	Türkiye Sađlık Enstitüleri Başkanlıđı (Health Institutes of Turkey)
TÜSPE	Türkiye Sađlık Politikaları Enstitüsü (Turkish Institute for Health Policies)
WHO	World Health Organisation
%	Percent



