

Fault Lines  
TURKEY/EAST/WEST  
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Condemned by geography to occupy an intermediate position between Asia and Europe, Turkey is more than a century a place of permanent tension between modernity and tradition, the secular state and Islamic forces, centralism state and the demands for autonomy, democratic freedoms and the repressive order. Contradictory trends that feed on the often violent clashes, mostly in Istanbul and the eastern part of Anatolia. But this does not prevent the country to continue its transformation process. I was very surprised by the speed of change, "says George Georgiou, who has spent four and half years in Turkey. One is struck, over the months and years, by the extremely rapid evolution of landscapes. For one built around a phenomenal rate: the road to disrupt the appearance of the countryside, but also huge quantities of housing blocks to allow cities to absorb rural migration and the rapid increase population.

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