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Suzan Ilcan: “The Ambiguous Architecture of Precarity: Temporary Protection, Everyday Living, and Migrant Journeys of Syrian Refugees.”

Abstract:

Millions of Syrians are currently displaced, living without adequate protection, and struggling to access residency, rights, and citizenship in the broader context of migration governance. Understanding migration governance through a focus on Syrian refugees in urban Turkey is telling for what it reveals about international and national commitments to refugee protection, and the relations among precarity, refugee everyday living, and migrant journeys. Drawing on and contributing to the critical migration and precarity scholarship, this paper focuses on *the ambiguous architecture of precarity*, where the objectives of providing protection to refugees simultaneously produce forms of precarity and ambiguities for them. The paper advances the argument that three forms of precarity underscore the experiences of Syrian refugees in Turkey: precarity of status as revealed through the granting of temporary protection rather than legal refugee status; precarity of space as demonstrated through the challenges refugees experience in accessing services and with restricted mobility, and; precarity of movement as developed through new border cooperation arrangements and through migrant journeys that are undertaken in search of greater protection and security. This paper is based on collaborative research and includes in-depth interviews and informal conversations with refugees and representatives of agencies and organizations in urban Turkey that aid Syrians, and critical discourse and policy analysis.

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