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Precarity Beyond Status : A Political Economy Analysis of Syrian Refugees' Incorporation Into Turkey

In this presentation, we situate Syrian refugees' precarity within the context of Turkey's political economy. In the absence of a well-planned strategy, refugees' incorporation has been largely shaped by conflicting practices and perspectives among various actors.. This presentation unpacks contentions among these actors and argues that discourses and policies of the Turkish state, the humanitarian "universalist" framework of international organizations and the altruistic agenda of city-based activists remain ineffective in obstructing the market forces shaping the living and working conditions of recently settled Syrians. As such, "unregulated" processes and the conflicting views and practices shape the incorporation of refugees. This analysis is based on an ethnographic study carried out in İzmir, Turkey in 2016 and 2017, and interviews with NGOs, municipal governments, as well as workers and other actors of the labour market in the textile, shoe and agricultural sectors.

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4:00 pm, SSC 5220

Refreshments at 3:30pm in SSC 5220

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