



# Western

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**Fall Colloquium  
Series 2021**

## **Suzan Ilcan**



Suzan Ilcan is a Professor of Sociology in the Department of Sociology and Legal Studies at the University of Waterloo. Her research covers three main areas: migration and border studies, critical development and humanitarian aid, and citizenship and social justice. She is the author of *Longing and Belonging: The Cultural Politics of Settlement* (Praeger), editor of *Mobilities, Knowledge and Social Justice* (MQUP), and co-author of *Governing the Poor*, with A. Lacey (MQUP) and of *The Precarious Lives of Syrians: Migration, Citizenship and Temporary Protection in Turkey*, with F. Baban and K. Rygiel (MQUP). Suzan Ilcan's new research project is on "*Border Frictions: Shaping Transnational Relations via Migrant Journeys, Resettlement, and Community Building in the Context of Syrican Displacement*," with co-investigator S. Dağtaş (University of Waterloo). She volunteers her time at a local organization, *Community Coalition on Refugee and Immigrant Concerns*, in the Kitchener-Waterloo region.

### **“Syrian Experiences of Displacement and Precarious Living in Turkey”**

Turkey now hosts the largest number of Syrian refugees in the world, more than 3.6 million of the 12.7 million displaced by the Syrian Civil War. The presentation reflects on the experiences of people on the move who have survived the current Syrian war to confront the challenges of forced displacement. It draws on scholarly documents, migration policies, and in-depth, qualitative interviews with displaced people from Syria who have relocated to urban Turkey. Building on existing scholarship about migration, displacement, and precarity, the presentation highlights Syrians' struggles and the 'architecture of precarity' shaping their lives.

**Thursday, November 25th, 2021**

**4:00 pm, Virtual Zoom Event**

***All Welcome!***

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