

**Title:** Forced displacement and access to the labour market: The case of Gaziantep

**Abstract:**

This article entails an overview and analysis of the location of forcibly displaced people (FDP)'s labour in the specific case of Gaziantep which is an export-based growth neoliberal city in Turkey. This, of course, necessitates a scrutinization of the location of the displaced and particularly FDP's labour in interaction with class dynamics as well as the variegated legal regimes (carried out with actors of various scales) that shape this interaction. The fragmented legal geography of rights and the local and international institutional actors are crucial for understanding this interplay. Drawing on in-depth interviews with FDP in Gaziantep, the article aims to answer the questions of how different forms of displaced people are located in the labour market?; in what terms and conditions do FDP become part of the labour?; how are different discursive and institutional sources, including the presence of European institutions, pulled in? I focus on the experiences of FDP's access to the labour market in Gaziantep and argue that a neoliberal approach of Gaziantep to their access to the labour market reshapes class and power dynamics between FDP.

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