

Insights on the Syrian Refugee situation

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Syrians in Turkey: Neither Guests nor Refugees-Negotiating Citizenship Rights

As a consequence of the war in Syria, Turkey has become host to over 2 million Syrian refugees who live in government-run refugee camps and urban areas of the country. My talk will focus on Syrian refugees in Turkey as a case for studying pathways into citizenship status. I will look at the Turkish government's legal and policy frameworks that provide Syrians with some citizenship rights while simultaneously regulating their status and situating them in a position of limbo, as 'neither refugee nor guest'. My talk will further discuss that while Syrian refugees are making claims to citizenship rights, as well as negotiating their access to social services and employment in different ways, they continue to be part of the multiple pathways to differential inclusion and precarity.

Dr. Feyzi Baban received his Ph.D. from Carleton University. His areas of expertise are the Middle East and the European Union. His current research interests include the politics of citizenship in late modern societies, and alternative forms of modernity in non-Western cultures.

