Migrants as Entrepreneurs: Rethinking Migration, State and Entrepreneurship in the Neo-liberal Era (Ayşe Seda Yüksel)

This research project aims to provide a comparative-critical analysis of the relation between migration, entrepreneurship and neoliberalism by focusing on two cities from the Southeast region of Turkey, Diyarbakır and Gaziantep, which indicate two different articulations with neo-liberal policies and two contradictory histories in relation to migration. With such a dual focus on neoliberalism, this research seeks to understand and explain how different trajectories of cities under neo-liberal policies account for the variation in tactics and strategies of incorporation and adaptation for migrant entrepreneurs. These strategies and tactics are embedded in not only the socio-economic and politico-institutional environment of the receiving locality but also the social networks to which migrants are affiliated.