**Return of the Internally Displaced Kurds and Reconstruction of the Post-Conflict Zones: Negotiation Among Actors Involved in the New Phase (Ayşe Betül Çelik)**

This project looks at the role that the state, local governments, non-governmental and international organizations play in the facilitation of the internally displaced (IDP) Kurds’ return migration; reform and reconstruction in the previous conflict-zone in Turkey. It will analyze the problems the possible returnee population may face as addressed by these actors; new migration-related issues that arise in the post-conflict phase of the “Kurdish Question” in Turkey; the official and civic efforts to promote a “peaceful” post-conflict environment in the places, which produced Kurdish internal displacement; and the way these issues are tackled by the above-mentioned parties.

Making use of a broad range of literature from various social science disciplines such as sociology, political science and conflict resolution, the objective of this proposed research is to study: a) the implications of the recent political developments and the start of the return migration following these; b) the role that the state, local governments, NGOs and international organization play in reforming the previously conflict zones and overcoming the problems of return migration; and c) how these actors negotiate over the nature of the problem, the definitions of the paradigms conditioning reform in the region and return migration, the strategies to be adopted, and policies to be produced.