

*The way to Displacement and Exploitation is Full of Good Intentions: The 'Stations Precinct', Tel-Aviv*

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In recent years the Ne've Sha'an'an neighbourhood in southern Tel Aviv has become the main destination for migrant workers and asylum seekers. This article critically examines this spatial phenomenon in relation to the production of Tel Aviv as a global city. The area's re-branding as the "Stations District" is analyzed relating the concept of 'diversity' to global city production. The analysis reveals the gap between everyday life - of poverty, conflict and concentration of subaltern communities - and its representation in planning schemes and discourse. It is argued that the 'diversity' discourse serves to hide planning's dark side, and thus actually supports the exploitation and displacement of the residents of southern Tel-Aviv (both migrants and veterans), who do not get to enjoy the benefits of globalization.

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*Citizenship at Work: the Struggle over Vita Galilee Factory*

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In this paper we examine a struggle waged by production line workers at a factory located in Israel's northern periphery. Its limited scope notwithstanding, we argue that it ought to be seen as an all-out struggle through which laborers deployed their peripheral location and ethno-class identities to make claims for - and enact their citizenship (at work). Drawing on two years of ethnographic research, we argue that despite — or perhaps because of—years of persistent labor market reforms, traditional industrial factories remain critical spaces for the constitution of citizenship in Israel. In contrast to the past, when state-sponsored industrial employment created a perfect congruence between labor market participation and citizenship, recent processes aimed at enhancing labor market flexibility have fundamentally altered these relations. Under constant threats of downsizing, precarious industrial workers in privatized factories experience a restless citizenship, a