


From Nomad Winter Quarters to Rural, From Rural to Urban: Social Change and Rural Gentrification in Döşemealtı

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ABSTRACT

In this study, social change and rural gentrification were examined in the light of population data and observations in Antalya Döşemealtı district, which had a rural character until the 2000s. Today, urban change and gentrification practices encountered in urban areas are also experienced in rural areas. Some rural areas (due to their natural, historical, and touristic features) have started to turn into commodities with the globalization process. Rural areas are more natural, healthy, and far from the chaos of the city compared to the city. With the development of transportation and communication technologies, this situation causes migration from the city to the countryside and causes economic and socio-cultural changes. Rural gentrification studies have started to increase in the literature. Urban dwellers who settle in rural areas become dominant in rural areas due to their economic power and class differences. They carry their city-specific habits and tastes to rural areas. However, this situation causes the emergence of social and ecological problems in rural areas and urban areas. In addition, interaction problems may arise between migrants from urban areas and residents of rural areas. In this sense, the study is expected to contribute to the literature regarding the sociology of rural regions.

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