

Rural Planning in Globalizing World / The Case of Turkey

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Abstract

Rural planning is becoming an important tool for survival and enhancement of rural economies and communities under the threat of global economy. This paper is about how rural planning can deal with the economic, social and cultural repercussion of globalized era. The discussion is basically on the case of Turkey.

The world economic system had always been towards embracing rural areas that have been recognized as uneven places hindering diffusion of capitalistic organization of production and modern way of life. Most of the 'development' activities that originated from cities had been slowing down in rural areas. However the last wave of globalization accompanied by the neo-liberal policies made the diffusion of global capital to rural areas possible. Two main policies have been carried out for bringing the production into free market; reducing tariff wall for agricultural products and diminishing the role of the state in supporting and organizing agricultural production.