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Factors Affecting Return Immigration: A Critical Look at Migration Literature / Geri Dönüş Göçüne Etki Eden Faktörler: Göç Literatürüne Eleştirel Bir Bakış

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ABSTRACT

Recent migration literature emphasizes the inclination of people migrating for reasons such as changing spatial dimension, economic opportunities, influenced by globalization and nationalization. This inclination can be either forward or backward for a temporary or permanent duration. As a matter of fact, the concept of "mobilization" is used instead of "immigration" in order to emphasize that immigration is an endless process at this point. Therefore, return migration may be temporary, cyclical or permanent depending on the satisfaction and conditions provided in the returning countries. A thought of ideally returning back home is amongst many migrants' long term plans, however, with the influence of economic, political, social, family and individual factors, this idea cannot be easily fulfilled. In other words, these factors are often very significant in deciding on and going ahead with return migration. Return migration is increasingly becoming interesting as a "win-win scenario" in migration literature. Although in the literature, it is assumed that immigrants contribute as a workforce where they go and after returning to their own countries, they contribute as a skilled manpower and contribute with the money they transfer back home, in contrast, the return migration is a controversial issue. In this study, the relevant literature on return migration will be reviewed in a critical framework.

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