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Biographical Note

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Lecture Abstract
“The Crisis Effect: Global Moral Obligations and National Responses to
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A crisis – once perceived as a decisive moment of intense difficulty and danger – is increasingly being seen as a protracted experience, even as part of everyday life. The condition of emergency has seemingly become a continuous companion of global entanglement and neoliberal policies. Nonetheless, as soon as a certain situation is framed in terms of a crisis, debate becomes heated and allows for interventions that are unlikely to occur under “normal” conditions. Against this background I claim for a shift of the analytical framework and will show how a “crisis” powerfully contributes to the construction of a particular object of knowledge, and shapes moral obligations as well as political and legal responses. In this paper, I will discuss the effects of crises on the everyday life of young Syrian refugees in Turkey.