

A Joint Seminar with the Department of Geography

Topic: What Kind of Mobility of Workers in Global Production Networks? Migrant Workers and Refugees in the Jordanian Apparel Industry

ABSTRACT

Over the last two decades, Jordan has emerged as an unlikely production location in the apparel GPN. This was driven by a trade agreement with the United States that unleashed different types of flows: Foreign direct investments from Hong Kong, Taiwan, Korea, and India; Fabrics and inputs from India, China, and Taiwan; and workers from Bangladesh, the Philippines, Myanmar, and Nepal; all making products for Wal-Mart, Target, JC Penny, and other US retailers from Jordan. This presentation will use the case of Jordan to explore key theoretical themes related to the issue of labour in global production networks particularly around the issue of mobility. The presentation will develop this further by examining ongoing effort by international donors to promote the employment of Syrian refugees in Jordanian factories.

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