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A Discussion on Rural Transformation in Turkey: Negative Effects of Applied Policies

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Rural Areas

Man

Uniqueness of a Society

Nature

Rural Life
- Custom & Traditions
- Rural Production Types
- Rituals - Ceremonies
- Clothes
- ...

Physical Environment
- Agricultural Lands
- Settlements
- Rural Architecture
- ...

Rural Areas
The Decrease in Rural Population

Between 1927 – 2016 (TUİK (Turkish Statistical Institute), 2017).

Worldwide Policies (Mechanization, Globalization, etc.)

Agricultural, Legislative, Administrative Policies
Improvisation of Farmers, especially Small Landowners
Decrease of Agricultural Production

Milestones of Agricultural Policies Affected Rural Transformation in Turkey

- 1924: Inequitable Land Distribution (Ottoman Period)
- 1930: First Mechanization
- 1950: Great Depression
- 1980: Modernization Marshall Plan
- 2000: Liberalization (Ignorance of Agricultural Sector)
- 2006: Economical Crisis and Refinement of Subsidies
- 2017: Seed Growing Law

Withdrawal of the "Agricultural Price Supports"

“Direct Income Support”
Unconscious Consumption

Overtaken urbanization and development

Mass production by using chemical additives

Loss of Natural Resources

Production in accordance with industry

Industrialized Food Production

1980s

Destroyed Rural Life

Destroyed Traditional Agriculture
No Valid definition for rural areas

Villages to Neighbourhoods
- Prohibited animal husbandry

Rural Areas are zoned for new constructions
Instability of Administrative Policies

Milestones of Administrative Policies Affected Rural Transformation in Turkey

1920: Land Reform Discussions
1950: Agricultural Reform
1960: Five Year Development Plans
1980: Investments for Urbanization and Industrialization
2000: Policies of EU
2017: Inconsistency with the framework Turkey
Administrative Policies: State Tools and Supports

1950 – Marshall Plan
1963 – Five Year Development Plans:
(1963-1967) and (1968-1972) -- Community Development
(1974-1978) Central Village
(1979-1983) Village Town

2000 - Land Consolidation discussions
Administrative Policies: State Tools and Supports

(2001-2005) EU harmonization process started


National Rural Development Strategy

IPARD (Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance in Rural Development)

LEADER

Bottom-Up Approach
10 provinces - Pilot Projects
Administrative Policies: State Tools and Supports

Percentages of State Provided Supports (2017)

- Direct Payments: 34%
- Loans/Credits: 7%
- Services: 49%
- Research & Development: 10%

*Based on UKKS

- Decisions made by Central Government
- Limited Budget and Authority for Local Administrations
- Aids intending Big entrepreneurs
- Neglecting involvement of local community
- *Rural Architecture and Rural Life is considered separately.*
Administrative Policies: State Tools and Supports

Determination of Settlement Conditions:

- Local Properties in Villages
- User Needs.

Projects Done by Ministry of Public Works

“Infill Projects Convinient for Vernacular Architecture” (15 Variations)
Administrative Policies: State Tools and Supports

The Ministry of Environment and Urbanization

Selçuk University

TÜBİTAK
Scientific and Technological Research Council

Karadeniz Technical University

Pilot Villages: Salacık, Trabzon; Emen, Konya

Aim: Creating a Model on Rural Area Planning

“Conservation-Oriented Rural Area Planning: A Model Proposal”

Participatory Design Methods

The cost of is very high
Transformation with Rural Development Focus Project

Pilot project:
Taşkent: Urban Site

Alternatif Income Source – Tourism
Re-design of Environment

http://www.bizimkonya.com/taskentresimleri.html
An holistic approach including Production and Culture.

Conservation of Rural Heritage in Turkey is neglected:

No special status for Rural Sites
No guidelines for Conservation of Rural Heritage
A General Evaluation:

Rural production is reduced,
Peasants are improvised,
The production (open) spaces are opened to any kind of intervention,
Villages lost their status
A new inharmonious development model is put into action with EU harmonization process

Instable Administrative Policies: Different Systems

Lack of Valid Rural Definition
No Specific Regulations for Conservation of Rural Heritage

Continuity of Rural Life and Architecture is at Risk