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Production of urban space in light of the women service workers in Istanbul

The thesis focuses on the spatial practices and mobility of women workers of a multinational service company. It is situated at the intersection of urban geography, labor geography and gender. My research questions the location strategies of this multinational firm at different scales (national, regional and municipal) and their effects on the spatial practices of the women it employs. I seek to understand how these practices are affected by urban transformations and how urban space is shaped by social and gendered practices. In particular this thesis tries to understand how urban space becomes a site of survival for the women cleaning workers who seek to get by with the minimum wage in Istanbul. The methodology is mixed, combining qualitative data (through a feminist ethnographic approach) and quantitative data (via statistical and cartographic analysis of data).