

## **White-Collar Unemployment and New Forms of Resistance in Turkey after 2008 Crisis**

The global financial crisis of 2007/2008 has had a significant effect in the capitalist world, so much so that it is regarded as the most devastating one since the Great Depression of 1929. The effect of the crisis is experienced in Turkey, as well, especially through its negative impact on employment. On the one hand, level of unemployment increased after 2008 crisis. On the other hand, the new forms of employment mostly based upon fixed-term contracts, which characterised neoliberalism, have proliferated recently. Flexible and precarious working conditions have begun to dominate even those sectors, which had previously provided life-long employment. Both the shrinking of employment and (re)emergence of the new forms of employment created a phenomenon called white collar unemployment in Turkey. This phenomenon, in turn, created its own resistance. Oppositions to white collar unemployment have recently been organised based upon occupational groups in Turkey, a good example of which is the “platform of teachers waiting appointment”. This paper will examine the effect of global financial crisis on Turkey, in terms of employment; and focus specifically upon white collar unemployment. Here, the term refers to both being unemployed and working under flexible and precarious conditions, that is, being in a continuous search in the job market. Furthermore, through an analysis of the characteristics of resistance movements against white collar unemployment in Turkey, the paper will discuss how class relations are expressed in these new forms of resistance under global capitalism.