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### **Changing Forms and Strategies of State Intervention at Different Localities in Istanbul**

This paper outlines a theorisation of changing forms of state intervention by examining vertical level relations, which are the relations between different scales of the state (rescaling of the state) and horizontal level practices, which are differentiated interventions of the state at different localities for a particular moment in Istanbul. The Open Marxist approach adopted in the paper produces a very different understanding of relations between state and space from extant theorisations, including functionalist, pluralist, elitist, managerialist and strategic relational approach.

The (spatial) state in capitalist society is seen as a particular historical form of social relations, in particular capitalist class relations and it is an essential aspect of the development of class struggle and not an institutional entity that is above or outside this struggle. Therefore, the interventions of the state are not simply in the service of capital interests, and do not automatically assure social reproduction, but have emerged historically from the development of class struggle involving the contradictions embedded in the state. The contradictory nature of class relations disrupts their reproduction, and while the state attempts to amend these disruptions through its interventions, it does not entirely overcome them.

This paper explores why the scaling of the state and its spatial policies are constantly unstable and how the forms of interventions change at different localities in Istanbul since 2000.