



# **Workers divided as ever!**

## **Women Workers in the Turkish Garment Industry**

by Ayse Arslan



Working conditions in the garment industry, which is one of the most globalised, labour intensive and feminised industries in the world, have been deteriorating as a result of growing global competition to reduce costs of labour and expansion of subcontracting. The neoliberal working regime has not only damaged workers' material work and life conditions, but also deteriorated intra-class relationships among workers.

**A. Arslan** will in this seminar mainly take up intra-class relationships among garment workers in Izmir, Turkey, from the perspective of workers and the ways in which the neoliberal working regime shape them. She will mainly argue that job insecurity and poor working conditions cause fierce competition and the lack of trust among garment workers. The fear of losing job, poor wages, strict labour control and the lack of organised class power make workers compete with each other in order to secure their positions, get promoted, receive higher wages or work less.

ALL WELCOME!

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