An Assessment on Applications of Development Plans in Turkey

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SUMMARY

In Turkey, lands subject to property are settled with two main perceptions. Rural lands are settled with 'Land Consolidation'; while for urban territories 'Land Readjustment' is essential. Development plans with different content and purposes enable us to make interventions on rural and urban lands. In other words, the technical and legal foundations of these interventions on lands and land management are development plans. Development plans, which are supported by Turkish constitution, civil law and development law, not only determine new land property and its usage; but also delegate central and regional institutions. The problem is related with legitimacy and internalization of beneficiary. This situation brings discussions about the purposes of development plans and the methods in which they will be applied. Therefore, it is very important to prepare plans based on compromised resources. Even though development plans are prepared in detail carefully, they cause loss of time, effort and resource as long as these lands are not applied and not registered officially as new property and its use. Applications of development plans are harder and complicated than preparation.

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