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Economic Freedom and Human Development: A Panel Causality Test on Selected Countries / Ekonomik Özgürlük ve İnsani Gelişmişlik: Seçilmiş Ülkeler Üzerine Bir Panel Nedensellik Testi

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ABSTRACT

Economic and social development of a society is an important basis for the sustainability of development in the long term. At this point, people who live in a society that is considered to be economically free, by creating all the necessary conditions, also have a number of opportunities brought about by this situation. Because the level of economic freedom is an indicator of the attractiveness of a country for global capital. In addition, increased economic freedom increases stock prices and supports economic growth. On the other hand the level of human development is the most important indicator of the prestige and attractiveness of a country. This paper investigates the relationship between economic freedom and human development index, which are important indicators of economic development level and global prestige of a country. In this study, the causality between economic freedom and human development index was examined by Konya panel causality test for G7 and E7 countries data on economic freedom and human development indexes in the period of 1995-2015.

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