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Regional Development Studies in Turkey: A Bibliometric Approach / Türkiye’de Bölgesel Kalkınma Araştırmaları: Bibliyometrik Bir Yaklaşım

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ABSTRACT

The dynamics in the field of regional development around the world lead to significant changes in the objectives, processes and practices of the regional policies. In Turkey where there are high inter-regional developmental disparities, it is important that the scope of academic studies involving the new generation theories on regional development is guiding for changing policy implementations. The aim of this study is to examine the topics, collaboration structure and interdisciplinary dimension of regional development studies in Turkey. Between 1975 and 2017, 298 publications addressed by Turkey in the citation indexes (SCI, SSCI and AHCI) are examined by using social network analysis in terms of bibliometric features. In the study, the most efficient authors will be determined according to the number of publications, research areas where publications concentrate and the number of universities and institutions cooperating in the country and abroad. Collaborative organizations, authors’ networks, science fields and author citation clusters have been visualized through CiteSpace and UCINET social networking software to evaluate related publications. It is also aimed to contribute to the efforts of creating scientific publication policy in the field of regional development by identifying authors, institutions, research areas and key words with strong positions in network structures according to centrality measures.

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