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Türkiye’de Yoksulluk ve Mutluluk İlişkisi Üzerine Mekânsal Bir Analiz/ The Relationship Between Happiness and Poverty in Turkey: A Spatial Econometric Approach

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A B S T R A C T

Throughout human history; how to achieve happiness has been questioned. People work for happiness and it is the most important goal in their lives for most people. According to Maslow, people work for their happiness after satisfying necessities and it is related with economic activities. Happiness is directly related with economy. In consumption society personal happiness and satisfaction are shown as the base of happiness and people are believed to be happy as they consume, but this belief is harmed by contrast between huge developments in people’s life standards and their steady happiness level. In literature review, some cross-national happiness researches rankings show that some countries with low income level take place in a frontier row when compared to high income level. The linear relationship between income and happiness is not always valid. In this study, using TUIK poverty survey (2011), the relationship between poverty and happiness in Turkey will be examined. While happiness data is dependent variable, the effects of income, conditions of employment, health, sanitation, education and housing opportunities will be analyzed. Another objective was to investigate the effect of relative deprivation on happiness. Spatial econometric methods will be used in this study.

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