
The Economics of Women's Rights: Essence of Turkey

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ABSTRACT

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights adopted by UN in 1948 proclaimed fundamentally a new idea of people equality in the Earth and was against of all forms of discrimination. In 1954 the Convention on Political Rights of Women focused on equality rights of women and men. It was the first time in history when women were officially recognized as individuals who could participate in government. In 1979 the UN approved a comprehensive Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against women. In addition to fundamental laws, the UN adopted a number of specialized articles on selected aspects of women's status. In particular, the Equal Remuneration Convention (1951), the Maternity Protection Convention (1952), the Convention on the Nationality of Married Women (1957), the Convention concerning Discrimination in Respect of Employment and Occupation and so on. The position of women in society is attracted attention of scientific thoughts. In history, philosophy, science, religion is often conflicting opinions expressed in different ways to solve this problem. Worldwide experience shows us that supporting the role of women contributes to economic growth. International women's movement considers the problem of providing equal economic status of women, the elimination of discrimination in the labor market and equal access to economic resources in developed and more in developing countries. While Western countries is reforming labor legislation and education to ensure the full participation of women on economic activities, creating opportunities for them to achieve economic independence and realize their knowledge and creativity, the developing countries face with the feminization of poverty, collapse of the social security system, increase of female unemployment and growth of domestic labor. This study is designed to explore the essence of the women social status in Turkey, describes the main characteristics of the modern socio-economic status and studies of women in the market economy from different perspectives.

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