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**European Congress on Economic Issues-ECOEI 2017 \***

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**Abstract.** The European Congress on Economic Issues: Unregistered “Youth” Employment: Impacts, Policies, Remedies and Local Practices- ECOEI 2017 was held from 30 March to 01 April 2017 in Izmit, Kocaeli, Turkey. This international congress was organized as part of the European Union Project-“Do not Remain Indifferent to Unregistered Youth Employment (Genç İstihdama Kayıt(dışı)sız Kalma). The project is being implemented jointly by many institutions such as European Union, The Ministry of Labor and Social Security of Turkish Republic and Kocaeli University. “Question of Unregistered Employment, Especially Narrowed Down to Unregistered Youth Employment” was the main theme of ECOEI 2017 and this congress was the first of the international congress series which will be planned to organize annually on a selected topic. Many paper topics such as unemployment, labor market, taxation, shadow economy, mode of production, refugee employment, internal and international migration, welfare economics, income inequality, legislation regulations and social security, labor migration and urbanization, sustainable development, poverty and human development, disadvantaged groups (women, handicapped people) and child employment were discussed from different economic perspectives with the participation of academics, specialists, practitioners etc. With this motivation more than 100 papers were presented during the congress with parallel sessions.

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**Conference notes**

**T**he “European Congress on Economic Issues: Unregistered “Youth” Employment: Impacts, Policies, Remedies and Local Practices-ECOEI 2017 was held from 30 March to 1 April 2017 at Kocaeli University, Izmit, Kocaeli, Turkey. The congress focused on the question of unregistered employment and the main purpose of this congress is to discuss the issue from different economic perspectives. In the opening speech, Selcuk Colakoglu, the chair of the congress, gave information about the project, which the congress is based on. And also he emphasized the importance of unregistered employment and young employment in an economy. After the opening speeches, Francesco Pastore, Associate Professor of Economics at Seconda Universita di Napoli and the secretary of the Italian Association of Labour Economics (AIEL), draw attention to the determinants of youth unemployment and talked in keynote session about reforms of education and training systems in Europe Union and European target for 2020 about youth employment. Erinc Yeldan, Professor of Economics at Bilkent University and Numan Ozcan, Director of the ILO Office for Turkey also contributed to the congress with their speeches and studies. Erinc Yeldan mentioned about youth unemployment situation in European Union and Turkey

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and shared his study, “The Great Recession Era of Global Capital: De-Industrialization, Structural Unemployment and the Rise of Democracy Deficit”, with the participants of congress. In the keynote session, Numan Ozcan also spoke to future of work and emphasized the importance of youth employment.

After keynote sessions, the congress continued with parallel sessions. In the congress, more than 100 papers were presented and the papers contained many different topics including working economy, unregistered employment, youth unemployment, social security institutions, unemployment problem in countries, refugee employment, income inequality, poverty, economic growth etc. Approximately 200 academicians, researchers, practitioners, specialists, professionals from Turkey and other countries attended to the congress and they shared their studies with the participants of congress on the first and second day of the congress.

The congress sessions were classified according to various economic topics such as youth employment, globalization and social security, economic history, EU and Turkey, immigration and labor, finance, growth and unemployment, human capital and industrialization, shadow economy, taxation and finance, social capital and environment, income inequality, empirical models, welfare economics and energy economics.

My presentation was in the growth and unemployment session of the congress which took place on 30 March 2017 between 16:10-17:30. The study focused on unregistered employment, youth unemployment and economic growth in Turkey. The objective of this study is to explain the relationship between unregistered employment, youth unemployment and economic growth in Turkey. In this context, firstly the theoretical framework was mentioned and the literature was searched, then the relation between the variables was analyzed with an econometric analysis. According to results of econometric analysis, a meaningful relationship was detected between variables and it has been found that economic growth is responsive to unregistered employment and youth unemployment in the period between 2006:Q1-2016:Q3 in Turkey.



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