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Abstract. International Congress On Political, Economic And Social Studies (ICPESS) was held second of its conference series on August 24-26, 2016, at İstanbul/Turkey. This congress organized by Sakarya University and Political, Economic and Social Research (PESA). The purpose of congress is to present their research papers in the areas of politics, economics and Social. Average of five presentations were planned to be delivered in each session. Theme of opening panel on 24 August was "Shadow Economy and Tax Compliance". In Congress was held parallel sessions in the 2nd and 3rd days. In general, topics of parallel sessions was about social studies, economic studies, islamic studies and political studies. While some of presentations was in English, Turkish presentation was also made. The papers presented in this congress will be considered for publication in the peer-reviewed journals after review process. In terms of importance of the conference was highly informative and to provide significant out comes to its participants.

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Conference Notes

International Congress On Political, Economic And Social Studies (ICPESS) was organized by The Center for Political, Economic and Social Research (PESA) in collaboration with Sakarya University and Revenue Administration at İstanbul/Turkey on 24-26 August, 2016. PESA founded in Sakarya in 2012 to become a bridge between academia and society as a whole. So the aim of ICPESS is to provide a platform for researchers, academicians as well as industrial and business professionals from all over the world to present their research papers in the areas of politics, economics and Sociology. The congress launched with a cocktail in which all participant were present in Titanic Business Bayrampasa Hotel, in the evening of August, 24th and also congress sessions started. The topics of the papers presented in the congress were involved various both areas of the economy, the political and the social. Papers written in Turkish and English were presented. Adnan Ertürk the President of Turkish Revenue Administration (TRA) speech at opening session about the fight against shadow economy and some taxation issues. And the other keynote speakers were Prof. James Alm (Johannes Kepler University Linz, Austria) and Friedrich Schneider (Tulane University, USA). Prof. James Alm, one of the invited speakers, presented about "Size and

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Development of the Shadow Economy in 35 Highly-developed Countries: What do We (not) Know?" in congress. And Friedrich Schneider, the another invited speakers, talked about "W(h)ither the Tax Gap?".

A lot papers were presented at the congress with parallel sessions. Generally the topics of presented papers on the first day was about Islamic economics and financial studies, area studies, economic growth, financial crisis, international trade. Under the session of selected topics in Economics our paper was presented on the second day of the congress. I was one of the co-authors of the paper written by Candan Yılmaz and Hümeyra Uğurlu. "The Impact Of Trade And Financial Openness On Government Size: An Analysis On Eurasian Economic Union Countries" was the topic of the presented by Candan Yılmaz. The aim of our study was to identify the impact of the openness and financial openness on government size. In the empirical part of the study, share of export-import in the total Gross Domestic Product (GDP) as a indicator of the openness and the share of Foreign Domestic Investment (FDI) in GDP as a indicator of financial openness dates were used as independent variables in the model. As a indicator of the government size, the share of public expenditures in GDP has been included in the model as the dependent variable. Results of our empirical research shows that it was a positive correlation between public expenditures and trade openness, while a negative relationship between public expenditures and financial openness. Three more presentations were made in the same session. Temel Gürdal was the chair of our session. The papers presented in ICPESS will be considered for publication in the peer-reviewed journals after review process.

Finally, it has been announced by PESA that 3rd ICPESS in 2017 will be the Bosnia. While thanks to the conference held together with participants from various academicians and countries were evaluated both Turkey and world economies by the different perspectives, various proposals were submitted in order to find solutions to local and global problems.



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