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Course Code	Course Name	Semester	Theory	Practice	Lab	Credit	ECTS
ECK 603	Selected Topics in Labor Economics	1	3	0	0	3	8

Prerequisites	
Admission Requirements	

Language of Instruction	Turkish
Course Type	Elective
Course Level	Doctoral Degree
Objective	The aim of this course is to examine the functioning of labor markets, wage and employment determination, and labor market inequalities through selected theoretical and empirical studies. The course seeks to develop students' ability to compare theoretical approaches, evaluate empirical research methods, and analyze contemporary labor market issues.
Content	Wage determination and wage inequality; labor market discrimination; compensating wage differentials and working conditions; determination of working hours; social comparisons and labor supply; minimum wages and labor market institutions; wage distribution decomposition; theoretical and empirical studies of the Turkish labor market.
References	Cahuc, P., Carcillo, S., & Zylberberg, A. (2014). Labor Economics (2nd ed.). MIT Press. Rosen, S. (1986). The theory of equalizing differences. In O. Ashenfelter & R. Layard (Eds.), Handbook of Labor Economics, Vol. 1, 641–692. Elsevier. Becker, G. S. (1957). The Economics of Discrimination. University of Chicago Press. Blau, F. D., & Kahn, L. M. (2017). The gender wage gap: Extent, trends, and explanations. Journal of Economic Literature, 55(3), 789–865. DiNardo, J., Fortin, N. M., & Lemieux, T. (1996). Labor market institutions and the distribution of wages, 1973–1992: A semiparametric approach. Econometrica, 64(5), 1001–1044. Bowles, S., & Park, Y. (2005). Emulation, inequality, and work hours: Was Thorsten Veblen right? The Economic Journal, 115(507), F397–F412. Oh, S.-Y., Park, Y., & Bowles, S. (2012). Veblen effects, political representation, and the reduction in working time over the 20th century. Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, 83(2), 218–242. Bakış, O., & Polat, S. (2023). Wage inequality dynamics in Turkey. Empirica, 50(3), 657–694.

Theory Topics

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2	Wage Determination and Wage Differentials
3	Compensating Wage Differentials and Working Conditions
4	Labor Market Discrimination: Theoretical Models
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7	Wage Distribution Decomposition and Counterfactual Analysis
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