**The Relationship between Rural-Central Finance in the Ottoman Empire in the Late 19th Century: An Evaluation in the Context of Taxes in the Province of Konya**

**Abstract**

This study includes an evaluation in the context of taxes in the province of Konya in order to reveal the financial dimension of the rural-central relationship in line with the centralization reforms in the financial field in the post-Tanzimat period in the Ottoman Empire. In the last period of the 18th century and throughout the 19th century, the changes in the financial, economic, political and administrative fields in the world conjuncture affected all countries as well as had significant effects on the Ottoman Empire. In the modernization process that started with the Tanzimat period, besides administrative, legal and social reforms, the effect of the central authority on the provincial administration was tried to be increased with the reforms implemented to ensure economic and financial development. The aim of this study is to reveal the relations of Konya, which is an important settlement with its population, tradesmen groups, tax revenues and which was turned into a province with the 1868 Provincial Regulation, with the central finance in the last period of the nineteenth century, within the framework of Konya Province Yearbooks. As a result of the researches, it is seen that the share of the revenues obtained throughout the province in the central budget revenues during the period until the arrival of the railway to Konya was very low, and it started to increase gradually after the railway project.

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