

Pollution Haven, Pollution Halo, or Pollution Hell? The Impact of Foreign Direct Investment on CO2 Emission and Temperature Rise in Fragile Five Countries

Kirlilik Cenneti, Kirlilik Halesi veya Kirlilik Cehennemi? Doğrudan Yabancı Yatırımların Kırılgan Beşli Ülkelerindeki CO2 Emisyonu ve Sıcaklık Artışı Üzerindeki Etkisi

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Abstract

Purpose: The purpose of this study is to investigate how foreign direct investment (FDI) affects the environmental quality of the Fragile Five countries, with a particular emphasis on how it may transfer ecologically damaging sectors to host countries. The link between FDI inflow, CO2 emissions, and temperature rise in the selected countries between 1970 and 2021 is specifically examined.

Design/methodology: The Panel Fourier Granger Causality Test is used in the study to examine the causative relationships among temperature rise, CO2 emissions, and FDI. In order to effectively approximate the structural breaks in the series, Bahmani-Oskooee et al. (2014) Panel Unit Root Test with Sharp and Smooth Breaks was used. Additionally, the Pollution Haven Hypothesis (PHH) is tested for the selected countries.

Findings: In the Fragile Five countries, the findings show a causal relationship between CO2 emissions and temperature rise, as well as between FDI inflow and CO2 emissions. PHH for these countries is supported by these findings, which also imply that FDI inflows worsen environmental deterioration and contribute to warming.

Originality/value: This study contributes to the body of literature by offering empirical proof of the long-term environmental effects of FDI inflows into the Fragile Five countries. Additionally, the PHH is tested for selected countries and one-way causality from FDI to CO2 emission reveals that PHH is valid for selected countries.

Keywords: Foreign Direct Investment, CO2 Emission, Temperature Rise, Pollution Haven

Öz

Amaç: Bu çalışmanın amacı, doğrudan yabancı yatırımın (DYY) Kırılgan Beşli ülkelerindeki çevresel kaliteyi nasıl etkilediğini ve özellikle ekolojik olarak zararlı sektörlerin ev sahibi ülkelere transferini nasıl sağladığını araştırmaktır. Seçilen ülkelerde 1970-2021 yılları arasında DYY girişi, CO2 emisyonları ve sıcaklık artışı arasındaki ilişki özellikle incelenmiştir.

Tasarım/metodoloji: Çalışmada sıcaklık artışı, CO2 emisyonları ve DYY arasındaki nedensel ilişkileri incelemek için Panel Fourier Granger Nedensellik Testi kullanılmıştır. Serilerdeki yapısal kırılmaları etkili bir şekilde tahmin etmek için Bahmani-Oskooee ve ark. (2014) tarafından geliştirilen Keskin ve Yumuşak Kırılmalı Panel Birim Kök Testi uygulanmıştır. Ayrıca, seçilen ülkeler için Kirlilik Sığınağı Hipotezi (KSH) test edilmiştir.

Bulgular: Kırılgan Beşli ülkelerinde, CO2 emisyonları ile sıcaklık artışı ve DYY girişi ile CO2 emisyonları arasında nedensel bir ilişki olduğu bulunmuştur. Bu bulgular, DYY girişlerinin çevresel bozulmayı kötüleştirdiğini ve sıcaklık artışına katkıda bulunduğunu ortaya koyarak KSH'nin bu ülkeler için geçerli olduğunu desteklemektedir.

Özgünlük/değer: Bu çalışma, Kırılgan Beşli ülkelere yönelik DYY girişlerinin uzun vadeli çevresel etkilerine dair ampirik kanıtlar sunarak literatüre katkıda bulunmaktadır. Ayrıca, seçilen ülkeler için KSH test edilmiş ve DYY'den CO2 emisyonlarına tek yönlü nedensellik, KSH'nin bu ülkeler için geçerli olduğunu ortaya koymuştur.

Anahtar Kelimeler: Doğrudan Yabancı Yatırım, CO2 Emisyonu, Sıcaklık Artışı, Kirlilik Sığınağı

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1. INTRODUCTION

The initial phase of economic development is often characterized by a surge in Carbon Dioxide Emissions (CO₂) (Bahse et al., 2017; Fan et al., 2011; Zhang & Zhou, 2016) attributed primarily to early industrialization and an increase in energy consumption (Tanga & Tan, 2015). However, a pivotal transition occurs as countries achieve higher income levels, steering towards the adoption of greener policies and a reduction in their emissions footprint. The Environmental Kuznets Curve (EKC) (Cole, 2004) postulates an inverted U-shaped relationship between a country's income and its environmental degradation (ED), offering a conceptual framework to analyze this transition.

The phenomenon that fossil fuel consumption triggers economic growth while also leading to significant CO₂ emissions is crucial to reconsider, especially within the context of the developing countries. This indicator underscores the critical need for a comprehensive understanding of the interplay between economic development, foreign direct investment (FDI), CO₂ emissions, and the ancillary factors of urbanization, innovation, and governance. It advocates for informed policy decisions and strategic planning as instrumental in navigating the path towards sustainable development for emerging markets and the global community at large, in confronting the challenges posed by global warming (Murta & Ito, 1996) since the combustion of fossil fuels and the resulting CO₂ intensifies global warming and climate change, posing an urgent threat to the international community (Das et al., 2011).

The phrase "Fragile Five" was coined in August 2013 by a Morgan Stanley research analyst to describe five developing countries, consisting of Brazil, India, Indonesia, Türkiye and South Africa, which have grown overly reliant on erratic foreign investment to support their future growth (Chadwick, 2018). The "Fragile Five" countries seek foreign investments due to their current account deficits and relatively high inflation rates. In response, these countries have implemented policies aimed at attracting FDI. Additionally, their status as emerging economies with significant growth potential further enhances their appeal to investors.

While FDIs are economically beneficial to the host country, the environmental impacts of FDIs still remain a controversial issue. To reveal the controversial issue, the pollution haven hypothesis (PHH) has been developed to frame discussions in the environmental economics literature about the impact of FDI on ED (Botanic et al., 2007). The PHH is concentrated on how FDI degrades the quality of the environment and relies on the supposition that when industrialized advanced economies seek to increase and relocate their production capacity. By doing so, international companies strive to invest in countries where environmental regulations (ER) are weak, and carbon emissions are not priced (not penalized). Thus, it is possible for polluting businesses to move from developed to developing countries (Bulut et al., 2021).

Even if developed countries have taken steps to lower their own carbon emissions, it is unrealistic to assert that global emission reduction initiatives have been very effective. As shown in Figure 1, all five of the countries that our study examined have concerningly high emission rates. While India stands out from the rest of these five countries, the emission rates of the other four countries are very similar. This is further evidence that the economies of the so-called "Fragile Five" countries are similar.

Contrary to convention, critically examining the dualistic nature of trade, FDI, and financial development on CO₂ emissions would be beneficial (Cole et al., 2017; Zheng et al., 2023). The discussion includes the possibility of technology transfer and green energy investments, recognizing the complex and context-specific results of these relationships that allow the development of the pollution halo hypothesis (Cole, 2004; Cole & Elliott, 2005). The vast analysis on pollution halo bifurcates the positive aspects of FDI, such as economic augmentation and technological advancement, from its negative ramifications, including potential escalations in emissions and the exploitation of lax ER by multinational corporations (Islam et al., 2021).

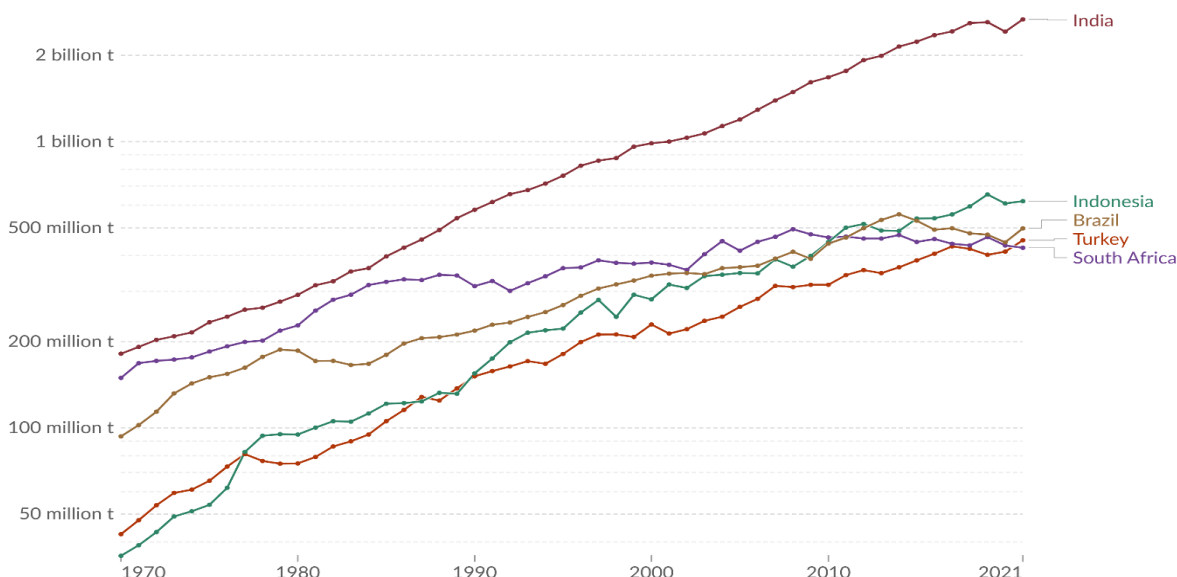
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Figure 1: Annual CO₂ emissions by country

Annual CO₂ emissions

Carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions from fossil fuels and industry¹. Land-use change is not included.

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in Data



Data source: Global Carbon Budget (2024)

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1. **Fossil emissions:** Fossil emissions measure the quantity of carbon dioxide (CO₂) emitted from the burning of fossil fuels, and directly from industrial processes such as cement and steel production. Fossil CO₂ includes emissions from coal, oil, gas, flaring, cement, steel, and other industrial processes. Fossil emissions do not include land use change, deforestation, soils, or vegetation.

Source: (Global Carbon Budget, 2023)

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2. LITERATURE REVIEW AND THEORETICAL BACKGROUND

In most cases, both donors and host countries may profit from FDI. For instance, the host countries might get financial support, innovative technology and managerial abilities, jobs, and a workforce with enhanced capabilities. In contrast, the donor country benefits from those resulting from factor costs and seeks to combine low-cost labor, dependable infrastructure, and the stability of various

institutional, political, and legal environments (Van Den Bulken & Zhang, 1998). On the other hand, FDI might affect the environmental quality of the host country. Regarding how FDI affects the host country's environmental quality, there are two opposing viewpoints (Liang, 2008). It is thought to have a favorable impact on the environment of the hosts country, nevertheless, it is contended that while FDI quickens the pace of economic expansion, it may also have unfavorable repercussions for the environment of the host countries since it causes an increase of CO₂ (He, 2006; İviyor & Arminen, 2014).

The rise in CO₂ and other Green House Gas (GHG) in the atmosphere has several detrimental effects in addition to environmental deterioration. Among the principal adverse consequences is a rise in Temperature (Y. Chen et al., 2014; Das et al., 2011). Moreover, the persistent rise in greenhouse gas concentrations and CO₂ rise in the atmosphere is anticipated to cause climate shifts, which in turn would impact ecosystems and perhaps cause catastrophic disruptions to human health, living standards, and economic activity (Golani, 2009; Sharma et al., 2006). This section will first describe the relationship between FDI and CO₂, and then it will explore the relationship between CO₂ and Temperature rise.

2.1. FDI and CO₂ Nexus (Pollution Haven- Pollution Halo Hypothesis)

FDI inflows boost the economy of the host country, but they also increase pollution from unregulated industrial activity (Kan & Ozturk, 2020). Developing countries purposefully downplay ER in order to draw in international capital. Thus, to take advantage of the few strict ER, global investors typically relocate their businesses to less wealthy countries (Mabet & McNally, 1998). Thus, countries with high pollution levels have seen a rise in foreign investment because they have lax environmental restrictions that attract overseas polluting firms (Hoffmann et al., 2005; Karshya & Riddel, 2010; Waldkirch & Gopinath, 2008). This trade shift has been criticized for failing to take into consideration trade patterns, which in and of itself may help to explain, at least in part, why pollution is declining in high-income economies while rising in low-income ones. The hypothesis is known as pollution haven (PHH) (Cole, 2004b). Over the past few decades, the environmental economics literature has examined the impact of FDI on ED, primarily in relation to the PHH. The PHH is concentrated on how FDI degrades the quality of the environment.

Previous research has extensively examined the association between environmental pollution and FDI, as well as a few other variables (Cole, 2004; Zheng et al., 2023). The most well-known and convincing idea among recent research supporting the detrimental effects of FDI on the environment is PHH (Sun et al., 2017). ED caused by FDI can be attributed to multiple factors. The first explanation is that heavy industries receive the majority of investments from foreign companies. Lax ER, inadequate infrastructure, and the need for investment in the industrial sector are major factors that draw foreign investments to underdeveloped or developing countries. It also has the greatest impact on international businesses' desire to relocate their ecologically hazardous production, often referred to as "dirty sectors", outside of the nation in order to maintain their reputation (Cole, 2004b). As nations become wealthier, they export pollution by moving their Emissions-Intensive Industries (EII) such as iron and steel, cement, aluminum, and textiles to less developed countries (Poelhekke and Van der Ploeg, 2015). The second reason is that multinational corporations strategically relocate their operations to host countries with more permissive regulatory frameworks to mitigate the financial burden associated with stringent environmental standards in their home countries. This relocation results in reduced marginal productivity for highly polluting goods. Such shifts occur as home countries implement rigorous regulations to address environmental challenges (Singhania & Saini, 2021).

The PHH has been the subject of numerous studies, but the situation of Fragile Five has received less attention. Bağlıtaş and Öztürk Yaprak (2019) tested the validity of PHH in the Fragile Five countries. However, the findings failed to come to a consensus regarding PHH for this set of countries. According to results, while PHH is valid in Türkiye and Indonesia, in Brazil, India and South Africa PHH is not valid. Due to the lack of studies on PHH in Fragile Five countries another country group examined for the purpose of literature review was BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China

and South Africa), since it covers countries similar to the Fragile Five countries. The BRICS countries, which comprise sizable rising economies and account for about half of the world's population, are major drivers of global growth, making FDI crucial to their economies. However, these countries rose to become the world's biggest energy users and among the top 20 pollutants of the entire world (Menegaki & Ozturk, 2016). In this regard the relationship between FDI, carbon emissions and ED has become quite prominent. While some studies obtained results that FDI increases CO₂ emissions and confirmed the validity of PHH in BRICS countries (Apergis et al., 2023; Chaudhry et al., 2022; Wen et al., 2022), Shao et al. (2019) did not validate PHH in the BRICS countries, whereas Yilanci, Gorus, et al. (2019)'s study only verified PHH for India. Lastly, there are a number of research investigating PHH's validity for Türkiye. Bulut et al. (2021), Terzi and Pata (2020), and Seker et al. (2015) concluded that PHH is valid for Türkiye. Similarly, Balsalobre-Lorente et al. (2019) and Bakirtas and Cetin (2017) discovered data supporting PHH for Indonesia.

While some data suggests that FDI could have a negative impact on the environment, other research in the literature suggests that multinational corporations may be able to reduce environmental pollution intensities in the host country by using advanced and environmentally friendly technologies in their production processes, along with improved management and operational practices (Zarsky, 1999). Furthermore, several studies emphasize that, in comparison to domestic businesses, international corporations have access beneficial technologies (Eskeland & Harrison, 2003; Lee, 2013). Concerning this assumption, it is widely deduced that multinational companies participating in FDI have the ability to introduce sophisticated technology and elevated production standards to the countries they invest in, consequently aiding in the decrease of regional emissions of pollutants (Pao & Tsai, 2011; Zhu et al., 2016). As a result, FDI might reduce environmental pollution in a country by introducing cleaner technologies to the host country. The literature refers to this point of view as the pollution halo hypothesis (Seker et al., 2015). Shahbaz et al. (2013). discovered that since FDI helps transfer energy-efficient technologies to local companies, globalization had the opposite effect on CO₂ emissions in Turkey. Similarly, the pollution halo theory was further supported by Mert & Caglar (2020). Authors discovered that increases in FDI in Turkey resulted in a short- and long-term decline in the country's rate of emission growth. The pollution halo theory is also supported by Zhang and Zhou's (2016b) finding that FDI inflows and CO₂ emissions are inversely correlated. Lastly, Yilanci et al. (2023) investigated the relationship between FDI and the fishing environment in Indonesia and concluded that FDI has a positive impact on the fishing sector. By this results authors claimed that PHH is not valid in fishing environment in Indonesia.

2.2. CO₂ Emission and Temperature Rise Nexus

Since the temperature has risen dramatically over time, climate change has emerged as one of the most important challenges on a global scale. Unprecedented human activity has led to a sharp rise in greenhouse gas emissions worldwide since the late 1700s. 2005 saw the highest levels of CO₂ and CH₄ in the atmosphere in the previous 65 million years (IPCC, 2007). Thus, researchers have given a great deal of attention to the question of whether Temperatures influence economic activity and vice versa (X. Chen & Fang, 2024).

Researchers have connected the rise in carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases (GHG) to the Temperature trend that began in the 20th century. Additionally, as greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere continue to rise, ecosystems will likely vary due to climate change, which might have disastrous effects on people's health, living standards, and economic activity (Sharma et al., 2006). The average surface Temperature has increased globally by 0.4–0.8 °C in the past century (Goklany, 2009). And, both the scientific and public populations have identified CO₂ emissions as the factor most strongly associated with global warming. Both past data and projected climate models demonstrate that the rise in CO₂ concentrations in the atmosphere is (roughly) closely correlated with global warming. To be more precise, for every 10 ppm (parts per million) increase in CO₂ concentrations, the mean global temperature rises by 0.1 °C. (Fakta o klimatu, 2024).

Increasing carbon emissions also increases the mean Temperature increase. However, the reasons for countries' increasing carbon emissions vary. Das et al. (2011) investigated the relationship

between rising Temperatures and CO₂ in India in their study. The conclusion reached by the authors was that fossil fuels not only contribute to economic growth but also result in significant CO₂ emissions. And as a result, the surface Temperature may rise by 0.0008 percent year by 2020, with the CO₂ level rising to 1.5 times that of 2008. Similarly, employing Temperature sensitivity, Y. Chen et al. (2014) investigated the impact of CO₂ emission on Temperature growth. Furthermore, the findings showed that between 1990 and 2010, CO₂ emissions were accountable for 50.2% of the increase in global Temperature. This suggests that CO₂ emissions are a major contributor to global warming. Lastly, using a simple climate model, Ekwurzel et al. (2017) investigated the relationship between CO₂ emissions, surface Temperature, and sea level. The authors calculated that approximately 57% of the observed increase in atmospheric CO₂ and 42-45% of the rise in global mean surface temperature were caused by emissions linked to 90 carbon producers.

3. MODEL AND DATA SET

We obtained the 1970–2021 time series of CO₂ emissions (metric tons per capita) from Global Carbon Budget (2023) – with major processing by Our World in Data, the FDI, net inflow (percentage of GDP) series from the World Bank online database and, Temperature change on land data from The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) for estimating the Temperature rise over the same time period. The variables that represent changes in temperature (TEMP), foreign direct investment (FDI), and total CO₂ emissions (lnCO₂) are correspondingly named. A natural logarithm was applied to minimize fluctuations in CO₂ data. Each series was sourced from a separate data source since FDI data can be found on the World Bank, while FAOSTAT provided data on land Temperature change and Our World provided net CO₂ emissions. Considering the discussion from before, this paper follows a panel causality analysis to test the PHH hypothesis by examining the relationship between FDI and CO₂ emissions and later examines whether FDI and CO₂ cause the Temperature rise in the Fragile Five countries.

3.1 Cross Section Dependence Tests

Table 1: Cross Section Dependence Tests

Constant Model	TEMP		FDI		lnCO ₂	
	Statistic	p-value	Statistic	p-value	Statistic	p-value
CD_{lm} (BP,(1980))	76.329	0.00 ^a	38.225	0.00 ^a	37.280	0.00 ^a
CD_{lm} (Pesaran, (2004))	14.832	0.00 ^a	6.311	0.00 ^a	6.100	0.00 ^a
CD (Pesaran, (2004))	-3.350	0.00 ^a	-5.245	0.00 ^a	-5.200	0.00 ^a
LM_{adj} (PUY, (2008))	-0.331	0.63	3.321	0.00 ^a	3.383	0.00 ^a

Note: $\Delta y_{i,t} = d_i + \delta_i y_{i,t-1} + \sum_{j=1}^{p_i} \lambda_{i,j} \Delta y_{i,t-j} + u_{i,t}$ In the model, the number of lags (p_i) is taken as 1. a $p < 0.01$, b $p < 0.05$, c $p < 0.1$.

Clearly, according to all test results, FDI and lnCO₂ variables have cross-section dependence. Only the TEMP variable does not have cross-section dependence on the LM_{adj} test. However, the other test results provide evidence to support the opposite.

3.2 Panel Unit Root Test with Sharp and Smooth Breaks

The economic structures of numerous countries have altered dramatically over the last several decades, which may have an impact on the trajectory of CO₂ emissions and FDI inflow in the developing economies (Uğur, 2022). The CO₂ and FDI emission series' sharp breaks are largely captured by earlier research. Nonetheless, the breaks typically include both the smooth and sharp types. Enders and Lee (2012) propose that because economies differ in terms of their structure, there are also smooth breaks in economies. In order to effectively approximate the structural breaks in the series, the authors suggest a unit root test using the Fourier function. In the same way, a panel unit root test with both smooth and sharp breaks is proposed by Bahmani-Oskooee et al. (2014). The time-varying intercepts provided by the Bahmani-Oskooee et al. technique may better fit the trajectory of the economic indicators under investigation.

In the Fourier panel unit root test, Bahmani-Oskooee et al. (2014) have added sharp and smooth breaks to the Fourier equations. The variables in this equation are time (t), sample size (T), sharp break time (mi), and dummy variable (DU).

$$y_{i,t} = a_i + \sum_{l=1}^{m_i} \theta_{i,l} DU_{i,l,t} + \gamma_{1,k} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi kt}{T}\right) + \gamma_{2,k} \cos\left(\frac{2\pi kt}{T}\right) + u_{i,t}$$

And using the equation below, the model is estimated. Break dates are shown by TB, whereas DU denotes a dummy variable.

$$DU_{i,l,t} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } t > TB_l^i \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

The LM test statistic is derived following the application of Newey- West to estimate the long-term variance. Then the F test statistic is found.

Table 2: Bahmani-Oskooee et al. (2014) Panel Unit Root Test with Sharp and Smooth Breaks

Panel A. TEMP					
Countries	Optimal k	Barlett	10%	5%	1%
Brazil	1	32.2831 ^a	2.5189	3.4894	5.2220
India	2	2.2225 ^c	2.1526	2.9482	3.7740
Indonesia	3	3.9207 ^b	3.1952	3.7133	5.1046
South Africa	2	8.5846 ^a	2.1526	2.9482	3.7740
Türkiye	1	5.8595 ^b	2.2444	3.0611	6.3760
Panel B. lnCO2					
Brazil	3	57.1057 ^a	2.2195	3.0563	4.3195
India	3	36.9783 ^a	2.2148	2.9040	4.2070
Indonesia	3	37.0088 ^a	2.2887	2.9662	3.9486
South Africa	2	32.0624 ^a	1.9621	2.3038	3.1469
Türkiye	3	26.3978 ^a	2.2376	3.0478	3.9986
Panel C. FDI					
Brazil	3	11.1474 ^a	2.2135	3.1042	3.8254
India	3	2.8558 ^c	2.2781	2.8995	4.1794
Indonesia	1	26.8898 ^a	2.1143	3.6217	4.1660
South Africa	2	3.7080 ^a	2.5596	2.9463	5.6530
Türkiye	2	0.5363	2.7411	3.8122	6.3111

Note: p<0.01 a, p<0.05 b and c<0.1

According to the unit root test results developed by Bahmani-Oskooee et al. (2014), TEMP variable is affected by unit root in all countries. In terms of optimal frequency, Indonesia has the highest frequency value and Brazil and Turkey have the lowest frequency values. A similar situation is also valid for lnCO2. The null hypothesis of a unit root cannot be rejected at the 1% significance level in all countries in the panel. In the FDI variable, only the Turkish economy does not have a unit root problem.

Frequency values show the cyclical behavior of each country's air temperature data and help us to understand the long-term nature of changes in air temperature across countries. Frequency values reveal the frequency of non-linear and periodic trends in temperature. These frequency values help us to reveal the cyclical fluctuations and environmental factors inherent in the temperature changes of countries and to reveal the impact of environmental interactions of climate policies. A frequency value of 1 in Brazil and Turkey indicates that periodic fluctuations in temperature may occur once a year (seasonal cycles) and that temperature changes generally have a cyclical structure of one year (Doğan & Kan, 2019; Serrano et al., 2024). In India and South Africa, the frequency value is 2. This number indicates that temperature changes have a periodic structure that repeats twice a year. The frequency value of 3 for Indonesia indicates that the temperature undergoes a cyclical change three times a year, indicating that there are more frequent and complex seasonal patterns related to the equatorial climate and temperature changes. The frequencies obtained in carbon emissions provide important clues in

analyzing the carbon emission trends of each country and can be used in shaping the emission policies, economic activities and climate strategies of economies. The frequency value of 3 in Brazil indicates that economic activities (such as industrial and agricultural production, deforestation) can lead to frequent and significant fluctuations in carbon emissions (Haseeb et al., 2017). The frequency value of 3 in Turkey, Indonesia and India indicates that seasonal economic activities (such as strong energy demand in summer, differentiated energy use in winter, fluctuations in energy prices) have significant impacts on carbon emissions (Alper et al., 2023). In South Africa, the frequency value of 2 indicates that carbon emissions occur cyclically twice a year. The reason for this cyclicity is carbon emissions and seasonal changes in energy consumption due to the dependence of the South African economy on the energy sector and coal consumption (Adebayo & Odugbesan, 2021). The frequency value of FDI in the Brazilian economy is 3. This ratio shows that FDI in the Brazilian economy may fluctuate periodically three times a year at certain intervals. The frequency value of 3 in the Indian economy may be due to uncertainties in financial markets and uncertainties in monetary and fiscal policies (Singhania & Gupta, 2011). The frequency value of 2 in Turkey and South Africa can be explained by Turkey's dependence on commodity imports, geopolitical position and deviations in international relations Haug & Ucal (2019) and South Africa's dependence on commodity exports, political uncertainties periodically changing investor perception (Yılancı, Ozgur, et al., 2019).

When the fourier plots of TEMP variable are analyzed, it is seen that the increase in temperature in all countries is in an increasing trend with structural breaks. This situation prevents the fitting of the fourier functions to the raw data. Moreover, except for Turkey, the fourier functions contain question marks that the temperature increase will continue. In the CO2 variable, both the raw data and the fourier functions are in a linear trend in the countries in the panel. However, the long fourier wavelengths prevent carbon emissions from following a certain path. In the post-2015 period, the continuation of the fourier functions with a negative slope indicates that the effects of the policies implemented to reduce carbon emissions have emerged. Among the three variables included in the analysis, the most consistent variable with the fourier functions is FDI. However, trend distortions in Brazil between 1995-2003, India between 2005-2010, Indonesia between 1995-2005 and Turkey between 2005-2011 cause the wavelengths of the fourier functions to lengthen. The fourier functions for Brazil, Indonesia and Turkey show that FDI has entered a downward trend.

By including Fourier functions into the panel causality test, Yılancı and Görüş (2020) propose the panel Fourier causality test. The following is the two-variable panel Fourier vector autoregression model that incorporates Fourier functions.

$$y_{i,t} = \mu_i + \sum_{j=1}^{k_i} A_{11}y_{i,t-j} + \sum_{j=1}^{k_i} A_{12}x_{i,t-j} + A_{13}\sin\left(\frac{2\pi t f_i}{T}\right) + A_{14}\cos\left(\frac{2\pi t f_i}{T}\right) + u_{i,t}$$

$$x_{i,t} = \mu_i + \sum_{j=1}^{k_i} A_{21}y_{i,t-j} + \sum_{j=1}^{k_i} A_{22}x_{i,t-j} + A_{23}\sin\left(\frac{2\pi t f_i}{T}\right) + A_{24}\cos\left(\frac{2\pi t f_i}{T}\right) + u_{i,t}$$

The null hypothesis states that there is no causation in the following equation, $\sum_{j=1}^{k_i} A_{12}x_{i,t-j}=0$, where f_i is the fourier function's frequency number. The F test is used to the independent variable's delays in test statistics.

Figure 2: Fourier Graphs of TEMP, CO2, FDI

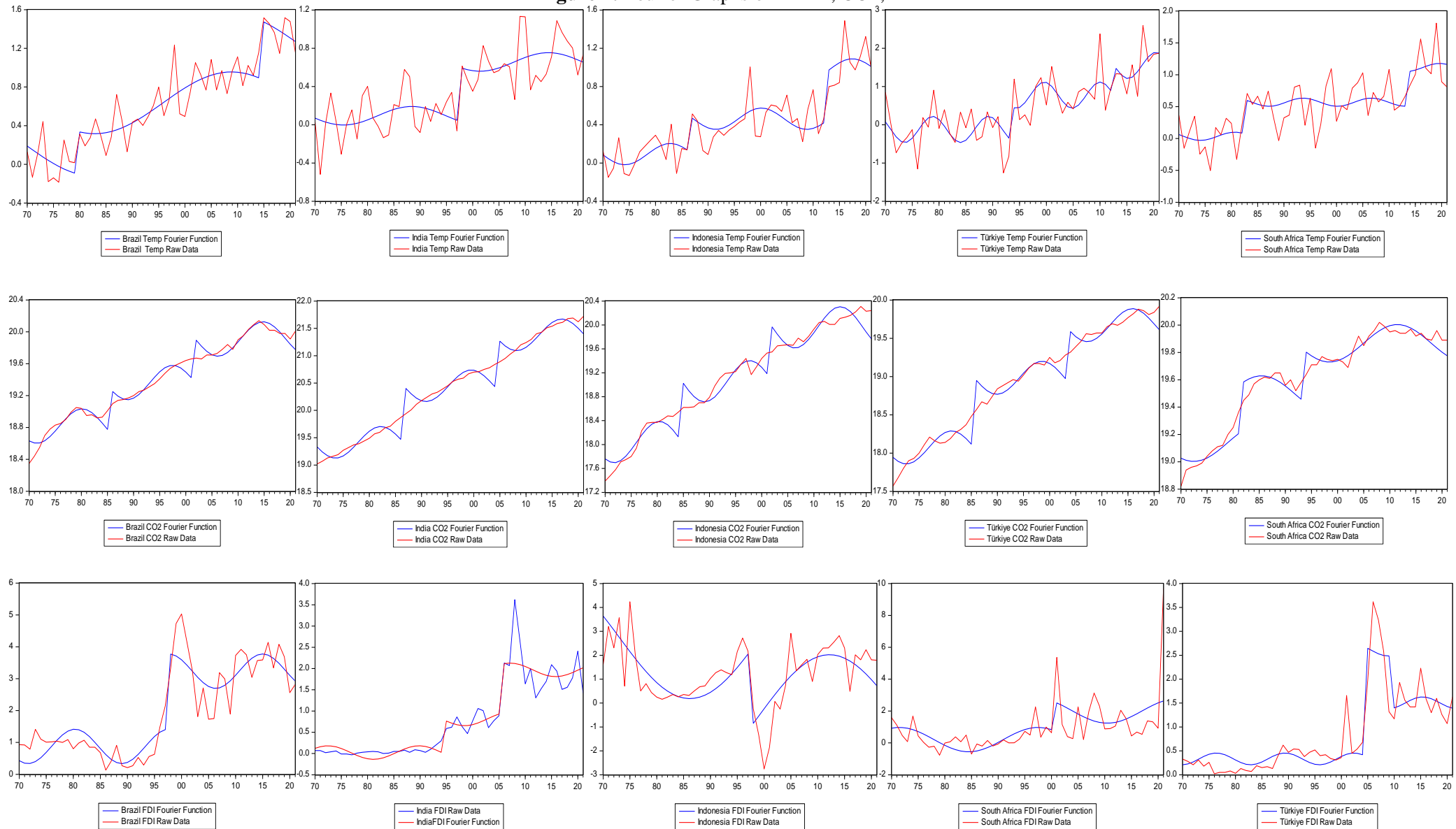


Table 3: Panel Fourier Granger Causality Test

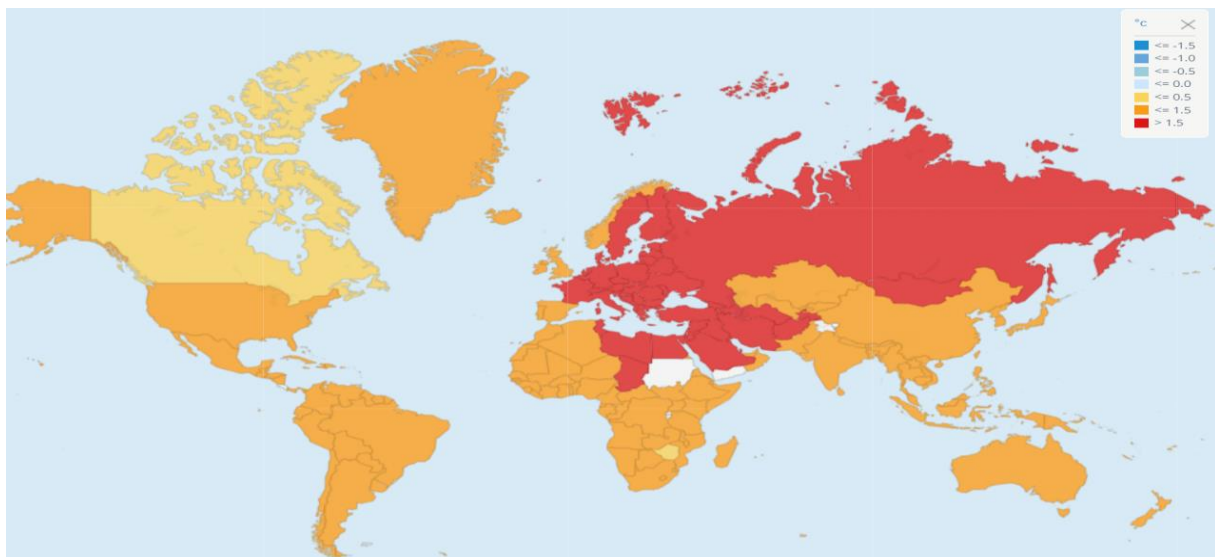
Countries	Lag	k	lnCO2 \nRightarrow FDI	FDI \nRightarrow lnCO2	lag	k	TEMP \nRightarrow lnCO2	lnCO2 \nRightarrow TEMP
			Wald (Prob)	Wald (Prob)			Wald(prob)	Wald(prob)
Brazil	2	2	0.284 (0.868)	5.572 (0.062) ^c	2	3	1.459 (0.482)	11.107 (0.00) ^a
India	2	2	0.373 (0.830)	7.652 (0.022) ^b	2	1	33.827 (0.00) ^a	38.288 (0.00) ^a
Indonesia	3	3	3.256 (0.196)	9.450 (0.00) ^a	2	3	7.257 (0.027) ^b	15.485 (0.00) ^a
South Africa	2	2	2.182 (0.336)	4.769 (0.092) ^c	2	2	1.914 (0.384)	16.260 (0.00) ^a
Türkiye	1	1	6.036 (0.014) ^b	7.957 (0.00) ^a	2	2	1.467 (0.48)	8.926 (0.012) ^b
Panel			0.738 (0.461)	6.223 (0.00) ^a			9.185 (0.00) ^a	18.013 (0.00) ^a

Note: p<0.01 a, p<0.05 b and c<0.1

There is Granger causality from LNCO2 to FDI only in Turkey at 5% significance level. On the contrary, there is Granger causality from FDI to lnCO2 in all countries in the panel. Accordingly, there is a reciprocal causality relationship between FDI and lnCO2 only in Turkey. The fact that the lag length and the optimal frequency length are low in the Turkish economy leads to the conclusion that carbon emissions and FDI have an effect in a shorter period and within a narrow band than expected. On the other hand, the fact that both the wave and lag lengths are high in Indonesia indicates that the effect of regulations on FDI on carbon emissions emerges with a lag.

There is Granger causality from TEMP to lnCO2 in India and Indonesia at 1% and 5% significance level, respectively. There is Granger causality from lnCO2 to TEMP in all countries. Thus, there is a reciprocal causality relationship between TEMP and lnCO2 in India and Indonesia. In Indonesia, which has high frequencies and lag lengths, the impact of policies to improve environmental quality takes a long time but is effective. Considering the frequency values, there is a suspicion that the institutional structure in Brazil and Indonesia does not support policies to improve environmental quality sufficiently.

Although the TEMP data used to measure temperature change does not show the temperature increase in each country cumulatively (in the form of a trend), the average temperature increase in the countries subject to the research was 1.5-2 °C during the time period examined in Figure 3.

Figure 3: Temperature Changes (1970-2021)

Source: FAOSTAT (2024)

4. DISCUSSION

According to empirical data, FDI inflows significantly and pollutes all five of the Fragile Five countries, which might be linked to the high levels of carbon emissions in these countries. Nonetheless, governments may choose to overlook environmental issues because of financial

limitations if foreign investment flows the country and the economy expands. According to results, it appears that the PHH is valid in the Fragile Five countries. Our findings indicate certain parallels with Wen et al. (2022), Apergis et al. (2023) and Chaudhry et al. (2022) for India, Brazil and South Africa, and with Seker et al. (2015) and Bulut et al. (2021) for Türkiye.

On the other hand, because FDIs are advantageous to the host country, they can have a favorable impact on the country's growth process. Numerous studies demonstrate that FDI benefits the environment by introducing new technology and eco-friendly industrial methods to the host country, as opposed to raising CO₂ emissions. While Mert and Caglar (2020) demonstrate that FDI has positive impact on environment for Türkiye, Shao et al. (2019) revealed that FDI flow to BRICS countries has increased the environmental quality. Compared to these studies, this study falls apart.

Concerns over increasing temperatures is the subject of several investigations nowadays. These factors are mostly related to CO₂ emissions by describing several worldwide consequences. Although not the primary cause, rising CO₂ emissions are one of the main ones contributing to the temperature increase in the atmosphere. In parallel with the studies Y. Chen et al. (2014), X. Chen & Fang (2024), Ekwurzel et al. (2017), our study concluded that CO₂ emission causes temperature rise in selected countries.

5. CONCLUSION AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The "Fragile Five" countries require significant foreign investment due to their financial deficiencies in terms of economic growth and development. In response, these countries have implemented policies aimed at attracting FDI. However, environmental concerns are often ignored when implementing these policies. Thus, even if FDI might benefit the host country economically and financially, it can also have negative environmental effects.

In this study, we offer fresh evidence of the relationship between economic activity and climate change from the standpoint of FDI, which advances our knowledge of the mechanisms by which economic activity influences temperature increases. Although it is a commonly researched topic in the literature that FDI to developing countries results in ED and an increase in the host country's overall CO₂ emissions, assessments of the impact of CO₂ emissions on temperature change are limited. Using CO₂ emissions as a point of reference, we empirically examine in this study how FDIs affect climate change in Fragile Five countries. We further tested the Pollution Haven and Pollution Halo hypothesis in these countries.

The Panel Fourier Granger Causality Test is used in this work to investigate the correlation between FDI inflow and carbon dioxide emissions, as well as the relationship between temperature variations and CO₂ emissions, in the "Fragile Five" countries between 1970 and 2021. The findings indicate that in these nations, there is a causal relationship between FDI and both CO₂ and temperature variations. Additionally, in certain nations, the results validate the PHH thesis.

The Fragile Five countries face significant challenges in addressing climate change due to their heavy reliance on FDI. While FDI's effects on the environment are considered, investments' contribution to economic growth is typically given priority. Climate change and rising temperatures, however, are detrimental to many industries, particularly the food and agriculture industries. Fragile Five countries that are highly desirable for FDIs have the potential to mitigate the long-term negative effects of FDIs by implementing policies and regulations that lessen the environmental impact of foreign investments.

To attract FDI while ensuring environmental sustainability, countries should implement stricter ER, introduce environmental taxes and incentives for green investments, facilitate green technology transfer, and create special investment zones with pre-prepared green infrastructure. In addition, monitoring and accountability mechanisms should be developed to regularly monitor and transparently report on the environmental impact of investment projects. These measures can enable sustainable development by supporting economic growth and ensuring environmental protection.

There are several limitations to our study that serve as a basis for more investigation for further research. Initially, our research has been limited to the analysis of how FDI affects CO₂

emissions and temperature changes in the home country by using the temperature change in land data. Long-term cointegration of the variables was impossible to observe since this data set displays the difference between temperature changes rather than the yearly average temperatures. Furthermore, temperature change and ED were solely examined using the CO₂ emission variable. While it is one of the primary causes of rising temperatures and ED, the CO₂ emission variable is not the only one. Several factors may be used in future research to assess these impacts.

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