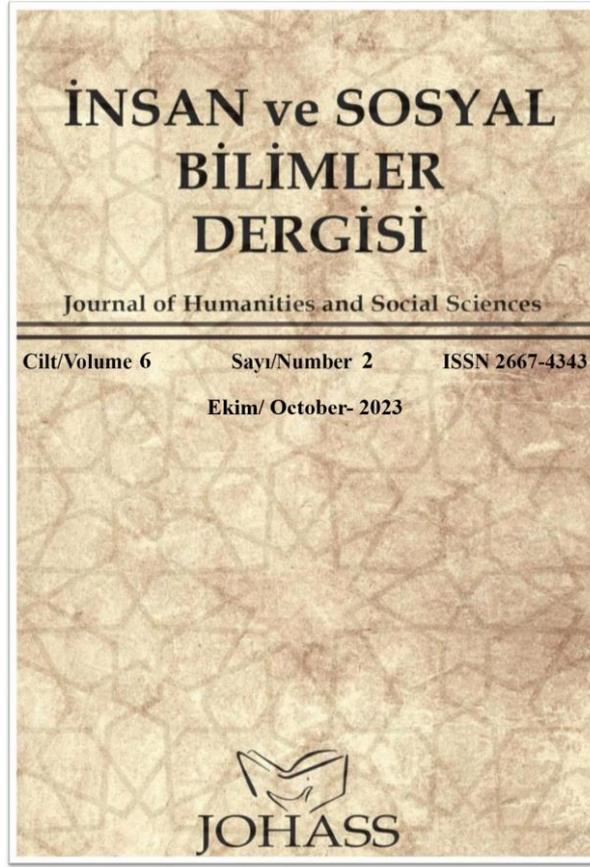


JOURNAL OF HUMAN AND SOCIAL SCIENCES (JOHASS)



<https://dergipark.org.tr/tr/pub/johass>

**Content Analysis of Master's and PhD Thesis on Climate: Studies
Conducted in The Field of Education in Türkiye**

İbrahim DEMİRBAŞ¹

Kastamonu University, Faculty of Education, Department of Social Studies Faculty

Asst. Prof.

idemirbas28@gmail.com

Orcid ID: 0000-0002-8692-1059

Article Type: Research Article

Received: 12.10.2023

Revision received: 15.10.2023

Accepted: 26.10.2023

Published online: 27.10.2023

Citation: Demirbaş, İ. (2023). Content analysis of master's and phd thesis on climate: Studies conducted in the field of education in Türkiye. *Journal of Human and Social Sciences*, 6(2), 322-342.

Content Analysis of Master's and PhD Thesis on Climate: Studies Conducted in The Field of Education in Türkiye

İbrahim DEMİRBAŞ¹

Kastamonu University, Faculty of Education, Department of Social Studies Faculty

Abstract

Through geography education, students make connections between natural phenomena, environment and behavior, and climate and climate change. Climate Science is positioned as “a sub-branch of geography classified under physical geography as a basic field of study”. Climate; It is expressed as the average condition of weather conditions such as precipitation, temperature, pressure, humidity and wind as a result of long-term observations in a place. When the literature is examined, there are many studies on climate in the field of education. These studies differ in terms of research topic, method and sample. It has been determined that there are no studies aimed at determining the direction of master's and doctoral theses on climate in the field of education. The aim of our research is to reveal the current situation by evaluating the content of master's and doctoral theses on climate in the field of education. Document review method was used in the research. The data were analyzed through content analysis. As documents, 73 studies, including master's and doctoral theses on climate in the field of education in our country, were examined. According to the results obtained, it is seen that the postgraduate studies on climate in the field of education are predominantly on master's thesis and the majority of the studies were conducted in 2022. In addition, it was seen that most of the climate theses were made at Gazi University. In the studies, climate change and global warming were mostly discussed, and it was determined that the method used was mostly descriptive scanning method. In the studies, the preferred sample group was students.

Keywords: Education, master's thesis, doctoral thesis, climate, content analysis

Research Article

Received: 12.10.2023

Revision received:
15.10.2023

Accepted: 26.10.2023

Published online:
27.10.2023

¹ Corresponding author:

Asst. Prof.

idemirbas28@gmail.com

Orcid ID: 0000-0002-8692-1059

Introduction

Geography is “a collection of sciences consisting of many branches of science that investigates and examines the mutual interactions between human beings and the natural environment, adhering to the principles of distribution, relation, comparison, causality of situations with the activities that develop as a result of these interactions, and by applying various research methods, and presenting the results in a synthesis” (Özçağlar, 2009). Within the subject area of geography, climatic events such as precipitation regime and temperature distribution, which are included in the physical characteristics of the environment we live in from near to far, are also included (Atalay, 1994; Doğanay & Sever, 2011; Unfamous, 2014). Geography is essential to “a real education as a way of thinking.” As individuals living on Earth, “the main purpose of our lives is to understand the world and the processes and tendencies of the activities on it” (Ari, 2010). Through geography education, students make connections between natural phenomena, the environment and behavior, and climate and climate change (De Blij, 2005). Climatology or climate science is a sub-branch of geography classified under physical geography as an essential field of study. As one of the branches of physical geography, climate science examines the weather conditions of the natural environment (Yakar, 2019).

The concept of climate is generally defined as “the combination of the average characteristics of all weather conditions observed in any part of the world for many years, as well as the frequency of these events, their temporal distribution, observed extreme values, severe events, and variability types” (Türkeş, 2001). What is known about Earth’s climate is based on observations of the atmosphere, oceans, and land surface, including the hydrological and carbon cycles and the cryosphere (all frozen places on Earth). Using regular weather observations over some time, long-term average conditions can be measured, and information about the climate of a region can be obtained. Climatologists use climate normals (average 30-year historical averages of variables such as temperature and precipitation) as a shorthand to place the magnitude of the current heatwave or rainstorm in a historical context (World Meteorological Organization [WMO], 2023).

One of the most important factors affecting human life has always been climate. Especially settlement; Industry, transportation, agriculture, scientific studies, and city planning are essential fields of study carried out by evaluating climate information and data. When talking about climate, which is vital for human life, the first thing that comes to mind is

the atmosphere, which causes the concepts of weather and climate to be confused (Çalış, 2022). Weather describes short-term natural phenomena such as fog, rain, snow, blizzards, wind and thunderstorms, tropical cyclones, etc., at a specific place and time (WMO, 2023). In other words, the atmospheric conditions experienced or observed in any part of the world for a short time (within twenty-four hours at most) are the weather, while the average characteristic of the weather conditions experienced or observed for a long time is the climate (Erlat, 2016). As can be understood from the definition, the most critical feature distinguishing weather and climate is time (Çalışır, 2022). The climate must be in a particular state of equilibrium. Maintaining this balance means maintaining life balance. In addition, climate is not inherently fixed and permanent but can change naturally over time or due to human activities (Sabancı, 2023). Throughout the approximately 4.5 billion years of life of our world, changes in the climate have always been experienced as a result of natural conditions without human influence caused by “changes in the radiation rate from the Sun, continental movements and volcanic eruptions “ (Atalay, 2005), and “increases in some periods and decreases in some periods” have occurred in global temperature (Yuva, 2020). In addition to naturally occurring climate change, a period has begun since the 19th century in which human activities have also played a role in climate change. For this reason, today, the concept of climate change is defined by considering the increasing accumulation of greenhouse gases as a result of human activities (Doğru & Yüzbaşıoğlu, 2023). Accordingly, climate change is defined as “long-term and slow-developing changes in climatic conditions with large-scale and significant local effects, regardless of the cause” (Türkeş et al., 2000).

With climate change, “changes that will occur in the form of temperature increases, irregularities in the precipitation regime, periodic increases or decreases in snow and rain events, melting of glaciers due to increasing in temperature and the resulting rise in sea level, extinction of species in the ecosystem or proliferation of harmful species” can occur socially and socially changes are expected (Harvey, 2008). Global warming, on the other hand, is defined as “the increase in the earth’s temperature as a result of the proliferation of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere as a result of various activities of humans” (Doğan, 2005). Human-induced greenhouse gases are the most important factor that “causes global warming and consequent climate change.” Greenhouse gas formation is primarily caused by the use of fossil fuels, garbage, wastes, and agricultural activities in transportation, industry, and energy production (Öztürk, 2002; Doğru & Demirbaş, 2020). In the studies conducted by

scientists, it is stated that global warming and climate change are largely caused by humans (Anderegg et al., 2010; Cook et al., 2013).

Harvey (2008) stated that climate change is the most important of the consequences of global warming. The concepts of global warming and global climate change are similar and can be used interchangeably by humans. The climate of the world we live in is changing, and the reason for this change is considered to be the warming of the atmosphere and the increase in temperature due to global warming (İklimbu, 2023). Global warming refers to the increase in the world's average temperature values that can lead to climate change. On the other hand, climate change refers to changes in seasonal temperature, precipitation, and humidity values in a certain region (ISU, 2023). Global climate change, which has emerged with the combination of these two concepts in recent years, refers to “the increase in the average surface temperatures of the earth and the changes in the climate as a result of the rapid increase in greenhouse gas accumulations released into the atmosphere by human activities such as burning fossil fuels, land use changes, deforestation, and industrial processes, strengthening the natural greenhouse effect.” Global climate change is a change that is “caused by human activities in addition to the natural variability of the climate experienced throughout the long geological history of the earth” (General Directorate of Meteorology [MGM], 2023).

When the literature is examined, it is seen that there are many studies on climate in the field of education (See Table 1). However, it has been determined that there needs to be research to determine the trends of graduate theses on climate in the field of education in Türkiye. Based on this situation, it aims to examine and compare the graduate theses on climate in Türkiye's education field in terms of different variables. This review is important in revealing the preference of graduate theses on climate in the field of education in Türkiye, comparing graduate theses, guiding new research on climate in the field of education in the future, and drawing attention to the use of less preferred variables in theses. Along with graduate education, it aims to provide students with the ability to access information by using scientific research methods to interpret and evaluate it. In doctoral education, it is aimed to provide the student with the necessary skills to interpret scientific events independently from a broad perspective and to reach new results (Karaman & Bakırcı, 2010). It aims to interpret the findings obtained by the content analysis method by combining the study with graduate theses. However, it is also expected that researchers who want to use the content analysis method will contribute to using this method.

This research aims to evaluate the content of master's and doctoral theses on climate in our country's education field and to reveal the current situation. The research answered the following questions:

Within the scope of this purpose, the following sub-problems have been identified:

1. What are the types of master's and doctoral theses on climate in education?
2. In which years were the master's and doctoral theses on climate in the field of education completed?
3. In which universities have the master's and doctoral theses on climate in the field of education been made?
4. What topics do master's and doctoral theses on climate in the field of education include?
5. What are the research methods of master's and doctoral theses on climate in the field of education?
6. With which sample/study group were the master's and doctoral theses on climate in the field of education made?

Method

Model

A qualitative research design was used in this study to examine master's and doctoral theses on climate in the field of education. Yıldırım & Şimşek (2018) defined qualitative research as a research process in which perceptions and facts are revealed realistically and holistically by using data collection techniques such as observation, interview, and document analysis (Boğdan & Biklen, 1992). In this study, Karasar (2008) used "document analysis," which is one of the qualitative research methods, "because it focuses on analyzing existing records and documents, allows the finding, examining and interpretation of documents related to the subject, the data collection process is more economical and reliable, and it is suitable for the research." Document analysis is a "systematic method used to examine and evaluate all documents, including printed and electronic materials that can be accessed" (Wach, 2013 cited in Kırıl, 2020).

Data Collection Tools

In this study, the following steps were followed while collecting the data. First of all, the database to be used during data collection was decided. Since national theses will be preferred, it is thought that the Council of Higher Education YÖK National Thesis Center will be the most accurate database to achieve the goal. While scanning the database, it was researched with the help of keywords such as “climate, climate education, climate change, global warming, air, humidity, atmosphere, natural disaster, primary school, primary education, geography education, life science, social studies, science/sciences.” No year interval was determined during data collection, and all documents obtained as a result of the scan were included in the research. This situation also reveals the limitation of the research. Then, some criteria were decided for content analysis. These criteria are 6: “type,” “year,” “university,” “subject,” “method,” and “sample.” Along with master's and doctoral education, students are given the ability to access information through scientific methods. At the same time, it is aimed to provide students with the necessary skills to independently interpret scientific events from a broad perspective and reach new results. It was thought that studies with these qualifications would contribute to science.

Analysis of Data

The data collected in the study were analyzed with the help of content analysis. Several methods are recommended in qualitative data analysis. The researcher, who uses the first method, descriptive analysis, content analysis, and thematic analysis, should analyze the data by including his own interpretations in addition to these techniques. Secondly, while obtaining the data, the data should be presented with a descriptive approach by adhering to the original version or, when necessary, by directly quoting the discourses of the individuals participating in the research. The third method is using some themes in addition to the descriptive approach. Themes suitable for the subject should be determined, and relationships should be established between these themes. These methods can be used separately, or the data can be analyzed by using all three methods together in the same research (Yıldırım & Şimşek, 2018). The researcher is obliged not to disturb the reality of the subject he is researching while making a description. When making interpretations, events and facts should not be separated from their reality, and their originality should not be distorted (Miles & Huberman, 1994). As the reasons for using content analysis in research; It is due to its features such as “focusing on identifying certain words or concepts in the document being

studied and allowing the words and concepts in the document to be systematically analyzed with smaller content categories in line with certain rules” (Büyüköztürk et al., 2008). In the descriptive analysis, “the data summarized and interpreted are subjected to a deeper processing in content analysis, and concepts and themes that cannot be noticed with a descriptive approach” can be discovered as a result of this analysis (Yıldırım & Şimşek, 2018). While analyzing the data, “explicit content coding, which is one of the content coding types, was based on the direct determination of various features of the theses (subject, method, etc.)”. As a result of the coding process, the data were expressed as “frequency (f) and percentage (%)”.

In qualitative research, “since subjectivity is slightly higher, it is sometimes exposed to criticism about validity and reliability” (Arastaman, Fidan & Fidan, 2018). Therefore, in qualitative research, “reporting the collected data in all details and explaining in detail how the results were reached increases the study’s validity.” In qualitative research, it is accepted from the very beginning that “the researchers cannot give the same results since it is known that everyone’s methods of perceiving and interpreting events are different” (Yıldırım & Şimşek, 2018). This study ensured reliability and validity by paying attention to these issues. The study’s results, which are formed by handling master’s and doctoral theses on climate in education, are compatible with the conceptual framework. The data collected in the research were collected and reported in “all details.” The studies conducted between 2006 and 2023 were scanned, and the data were collected in detail under the type of studies, years, universities where the theses were done, subjects, methods, and samples of the studies. The part about how the results are obtained is explained in detail in the “data source and data collection” section. The results reflect reality. The results are consistent with the research questions and related theories. Doing all these contributes to the validity of the research. With all these applications, measures have been taken for validity and reliability.

Compliance with Ethical Standard

In this article, the journal writing rules, publication principles, research and publication ethics, and journal ethical rules were followed. The research is not included in the study group that requires ethics committee permission.

Findings

In this research, which was carried out to evaluate the content of master's and doctoral theses on climate in the field of education in Türkiye, some findings were reached.

Findings on the First Sub-Problem

In the research, "What are the types of master's and doctoral theses on climate in the field of education? The types of studies that emerged according to the first sub-problem are given in Table 1:

Table 1

Types of Master's and Doctoral Theses on Climate in the Field of Education

Type	Frequency (f)	Percent (%)
Master's Thesis	64	87.8
Ph.D. Thesis	9	12.2
Sum	73	100

Information on the types of master's and doctoral theses on climate in the field of education in Türkiye As can be seen from the table above, a total of 73 theses have been reached, 64 (87.8%) of which are "master's and doctoral theses" and 9 (12.2%) are "doctoral theses" of the "master's and doctoral theses" on climate in the field of education.

Findings on the Second Sub-Problem

In the research, "What are the publication years of master's and doctoral theses on climate in education? The years of the studies that emerged according to the second sub-problem are shown in Table 2:

Table 2

Publication Years of Master's and Doctoral Theses on Climate in the Field of Education

Year of Publication	Master's Thesis Frequency (f)	Ph.D.Thesis Frequency (f)	Percentage (%)
2006	2	2	5.5
2007	2	-	2.7
2008	1	1	2.7
2009	2	-	2.7
2010	4	-	5.5

2011	2	-	2.7
2012	1	1	2.7
2013	2	-	2.7
2014	6	1	9.6
2015	1	-	1.4
2016	1	-	1.4
2017	1	-	1.4
2018	5	2	9.6
2019	10	-	13.7
2020	6	1	9.6
2021	4	-	5.5
2022	10	1	15.1
2023	4	-	5.5
Sum	64	9	100

Table 2 shows the publication years of “master’s and doctoral theses” on climate in the field of education in Türkiye. Accordingly, the first studies that can be accessed were published in 2006. The highest number of thesis were completed in 2022 (15.1%), 10 (13.7%) in 2019, and 7 (9.6%) in 2020, 2018, and 2014, respectively.

Findings on the Third Sub-Problem

In the research, “In which universities were the master’s and doctoral theses on climate in the field of education made? Universities where the studies are carried out according to the third sub-problem” are as follows:

Table 3

Universities where Master’s and Doctoral Theses on Climate in the Field of Education are Made

Universities	Frequency (f)	Percent (%)
Gazi University	12	16.5
METU	6	8.2
Kirsehir Ahi Evran	4	5.5
Aksaray	3	4.1
Ataturk	3	4.1
Ondokuz Mayıs	3	4.1
Ankara	2	2.7
Alanya Alaaddin Keykubat	2	2.7
Burdur Mehmet Akif Ersoy	2	2.7
Giresun	2	2.7
Hacettepe	2	2.7
Inonu	2	2.7
Marmara	2	2.7
Necmettin Erbakan	2	2.7

Ankara Yıldırım Beyazıt	1	1.4
Agri Ibrahim Chechen	1	1.4
Aydin Adnan Menderes	1	1.4
Bahcesehir	1	1.4
Boğaziçi	1	1.4
Bursa Uludag	1	1.4
Dokuz Eylul	1	1.4
Erciyes	1	1.4
Erzincan Binali Yildirim	1	1.4
Fırat	1	1.4
Gumushane	1	1.4
Istanbul Bilgi	1	1.4
Istanbul	1	1.4
Istanbul Technical	1	1.4
Kastamonu	1	1.4
Kirikkale	1	1.4
Manisa Celal Bayar	1	1.4
Nigde Omer Halisdemir	1	1.4
Recep Tayyip Erdogan	1	1.4
Sakarya	1	1.4
Suleyman Demirel	1	1.4
Tokat Gaziosmanpasa	1	1.4
Van Yuzuncuyıl	1	1.4
Yildiz Technic	1	1.4
Bülent Ecevit (Zonguldak Karaelmas)	1	1.4
Sum	73	100

In Table 3, the universities where “master’s and doctoral theses” on climate in the field of education were made, and their rates are as follows: Gazi University 12 (16.5%), Middle East Technical University 6 (8.2%), Kırşehir Ahi Evran University 4 (5.5%), Aksaray University, Atatürk University and Ondokuz Mayıs Universities 3 (4.1%).

Findings on the Fourth Sub-Problem

In the research, “What topics do master’s and doctoral theses on climate in the field of education include? The topics included in the studies that emerged according to the fourth sub-problem are shown in Table 4:

Table 4

Topics of Master’s and Doctoral Theses on Climate in the Field of Education

Topics	Frequency (f)	Percentage (%)
Climate Change and Global Warming	41	55.4
Climate, Seasons, Rainfall, etc. Topics	11	16.2
Teaching Climate with Multiple Intelligences, GIS, Active Learning, Google	10	13.5

Earth, Material-Supported Teaching, Argumentation, Extracurricular Activities, etc.		
Misconceptions About Climate and Concept Teaching	9	12.2
Climate Literacy and Scale Improvement	2	2.7
Sum	73	100

From Table 4, the studies mainly focus on climate change, global warming, climate, seasons, precipitation, etc.; teaching climate through multiple intelligences, GIS, active learning, Google Earth, material-supported teaching, argumentation, extracurricular activities, etc.; It is seen that there are issues related to climate-related misconceptions and concept teaching, climate literacy, and scale development.

Findings on the Fifth Sub-Problem

In the research, “What are the research methods of master’s and doctoral theses on climate in the field of education? The research methods of the studies that emerged according to the fifth sub-problem are shown in Table 5:

Table 5

Methods of Master’s and Doctorate Theses on Climate in the Field of Education

Methods	Frequency (f)	Percent (%)
Descriptive Survey Method	29	39.7
Experimental Method	20	27.4
Case Study	16	21.9
Phenomenology (Phenomenology)	5	6.9
Document Review	2	2.7
Action Research	1	1.4
Sum	73	100

Accordingly, "the experimental method," "document analysis," "case study," "action research," "phenomenology," and "descriptive survey methods" were used in the studies. The most preferred methods were "descriptive survey method" (39.7%), "experimental method" (27.4%), "case study" (21.9%) and "phenomenology" (6.9%), while the least preferred methods were "document analysis" (2.7%) and "action research" (1.4%)

Findings on the Sixth Sub-Problem

In the research, “What are the samples/study groups of master’s and doctoral theses on climate in the field of education? The sample/study groups of the studies that emerged according to the sixth sub-problem” are shown in the table below.

Table 6*Sample/Study Groups of Master's and Doctoral Theses on Climate in the Field of Education*

Sample/Study Groups	Frequency (f)	Percent (%)
Student	44	60.8
Pre-service teachers	19	26.5
Teacher	7	9.9
Curriculum	1	1.4
Domain Expert	1	1.4
Medical Staff	1	1.4
Sum	73	100

When 73 studies on climate in the field of education are examined in Table 6, it is seen that the most studied group is students (60.8%). It was determined that the second group was pre-service teachers (26.5%), and the third group was teachers (9.9%).

Discussion and Results

In the study, graduate theses on climate in the field of education were evaluated. Accordingly, a total of 73 thesis, 64 of which are master's theses and 9 of which are doctoral theses, have been reached among the graduate theses on climate in the field of education. Among the reasons for the low number of doctoral theses reasons for the high number of doctoral studies can be explained as the fact that it requires expertise, is more challenging to write, is comprehensive, and takes more time, there are few doctoral programs, the number of master's programs is high and the master's degree is the first step of an academic career. In addition, it can be shown by the low number of faculty members in the relevant field, and the number of doctoral staff needs to be higher. On the other hand, the fact that only nine doctoral theses have been made in the relevant field reveals that there is a need for more doctoral theses on climate in the field of education. There needs to be a study examining graduate theses on climate in education. However, the same results were obtained in the studies examining graduate theses in the literature (Bektaş & Karadağ, 2013; Çiçek & Yeşilbursa, 2019; Demirbaş & Aydınöz, 2022; Güven & Sword, 2017; Kaymakçı, 2017; Yavuz, 2016).

The first climate study in the field of education was completed in 2006. The most studies were conducted in 2022, 10 in 2019, and 7 in 2020, 2018, and 2014, respectively. Looking at the publication years of the studies it varies between 2006 and 2023. While most studies were conducted in 2022, the most minor studies were conducted in 2015, 2016 and 2017. Considering that the studies discussed in the research are only climate studies in the

field of education, it is seen that there has been a relative increase since 2019. However, there has been a decrease or increase in graduate thesis studies. It is necessary to raise students' awareness about global climate change, which is seen as one of the most critical problems of recent times, and turn this awareness into behavior (Budak, 2021). It can be stated that the increase in this way has started to raise awareness about climate education. In addition, it can be said that the concerns caused by the rapid increase in the effects of climate change in recent years have increased the number of studies on climate in the field of education. Studies in the literature support this (Papadimitriou, 2004; Groove and Gutter, 2007; Ayvacı & Şenel Çoruhlu, 2009; Bozdoğan & Yanar, 2010; Karışan, 2011; Aydın, 2014; Emlı & Afacan, 2017; Gürer & Sakız, 2018; Koca, 2019; Mahanoğlu, 2019)

According to the universities where graduate theses are made, Gazi University ranks first, and 12 theses have been made. It is seen that similar results have been obtained in various studies conducted in the field of education (Adlığ, 2021; Akgün & Akgün, 2021; Güleç & Hüdavendigar, 2020; Şimşek, 2019; Oğuz Haçat & Demir, 2019; Tarman et al., 2010; Uzun & Çakmak, 2021). Middle East Technical University was determined as 6. Among the reasons for the overstudy in these universities compared to other universities it can be related to the fact that "master's" and "doctorate programs" were opened in previous years, the high number of lecturers and graduate students, and the fact that they have a well-established structure in terms of practical and establishment dates. On the other hand, Kırşehir "Ahi Evran University" was determined as 4, "Aksaray University," "Atatürk University" and "Ondokuz Mayıs University" were determined as 3. Another striking finding is that all universities where the theses were completed, except for Bahçeşehir University, are state universities.

According to the subject content of the graduate theses on climate in the field of education, the studies that directly deal with climate change and global warming (55.4%) are the most. Secondly, topics such as climate, seasons, precipitation, etc. (16.2%) were examined in theses. On the other hand, multiple intelligences teaching of climate, climate teaching with GIS, climate teaching with active learning method, climate teaching with Google Earth, climate with material-supported teaching, teaching climate with argumentation, extracurricular activities, etc. (13.5%) are also the topics included in the theses. In addition, topics related to climate-related misconceptions and concept teaching (12.2%) and climate literacy and scale development (2.2%) were also included.

Preferred methods in theses are “experimental method,” “document analysis,” “case study,” “action research,” “phenomenology,” and “descriptive survey methods.” The most preferred methods were descriptive survey method (39.7%), experimental method (27.4%), case study (21.9%), and phenomenology (6.9%), while the least preferred methods were document review (2.7%) and action research (1.4%). The researchers prefer Quantitative research methods, and the descriptive survey method is mostly used. When the qualitative research methods used are evaluated, it can be said that the case study method is the most preferred. Similarly, Koçoğlu & Gökalp (2021) stated in their study that the most preferred quantitative research methods are the survey method and the case study for qualitative research. Again, in the studies conducted in the literature for the analysis of graduate theses, the scanning method has been the most used (Akaydın & Kaya, 2015; Güleç & Hüdavendigâr, 2020; Daytime, 2022; Shrewd, 2021; Lightning, 2019)

When 73 studies on climate in education are examined, it is seen that the most studied group is students (60.8%). The second group (26.5%) is pre-service teachers. Considering that the teacher candidates are also university students, it is as high as 87.3%. It will be seen that the majority of the studies are students. The focus on this group may be because it is easier to reach and work with university students. Most of the studies in the literature have been conducted for students (Oğuz Haçat & Demir, 2018; Güleç & Hüdavendigâr, 2020; Gürkan, 2023; Blackbird, 2020; Karakuş, 2020; Koçoğlu & Gökalp, 2021; Sevgili, 2023; Long & Lighter, 2021). The third group studied in the study was teachers (9.9%). In the literature reviews, Şahin, Calp, Bulut, & Kuşdemir (2013) determined the sample as students and teachers in their studies. In another study, the sample was primary school students, then classroom teachers, and textbooks were in third place (Şimşek, 2019; Guven & Sword, 2017). Altay’s (2020) article review study also shows that the sample group consists of students and teachers.

Recommendations

Based on the results of the research, the following suggestions can be made:

When we look at the studies on climate in the field of education, it is seen that the studies need to be more comprehensive. Therefore, more work should be done to raise awareness about the climate issue.

This research, which reveals the current situation of the studies on the climate issue in the field of education in Türkiye, may allow a comparative study with various research that will reveal the current situation in different countries.

Academic studies on climate in education should be increased in graduate education, especially in doctoral education.

In general, the studies were applied to the students. Therefore, studies can be carried out to examine climate issues and climate change from the perspective of adults.

In the research methods, mostly (67.1%) quantitative research methods such as screening and experimental methods were used. Qualitative research methods can be emphasized in new studies.

Compliance with Ethical Standard

In this article, the journal writing rules, publication principles, research and publication ethics, and journal ethical rules were followed. The research is not included in the study group that requires ethics committee permission.

References

- Adlıđ, D. (2021). Investigating the Theses on the Field of History Education. *International Journal of Social Sciences*, 6(11), 329-348. <https://doi.org/10.32579/mecmua.810048>.
- Akaydın, B., & Kaya, S. (2015). Studies conducted in the field of life science and social studies and published in national journals in Türkiye. *Mustafa Kemal University Journal of Social Sciences Institute*, 12(30), 251-264. <https://dergipark.org.tr/en/pub/mkusbed/issue/19576/208755>
- Akgün, İ. H., & Akgün, M. (2021). Review of theses on the use of technology in social studies education. *Mehmet Akif Ersoy University Journal of Education Faculty*, 58, 227-247. DOI: 10.21764/maeuefd.799454.
- Altay, N. (2020). Evaluation of article written in the area of social studies education in Türkiye. *Adnan Menderes University Faculty of Education Journal of Educational Sciences*, 11(1), 22-35. <https://dergipark.org.tr/en/pub/aduefebder/issue/55094/636910>.

- Anderegg, W. R., Prall, J. W., Harold, J., & Schneider, S. H. (2010). Expert credibility in climate change. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 107(27), 12107-12109. <https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.1003187107>.
- Arastaman, G., Fidan, İ. Ö., & Fidan, T. (2018). Validity and Reliability in Qualitative Research: A Theoretical Analysis. *YYU Journal of Education Faculty*, 15(1), 37-75. <http://dx.doi.org/10.23891/efdyyu.2018.61>.
- Arı, Y. (2010). Concepts and Changes in Geography Education, Özey, R. & İncekara, S. (Ed.). In: *The contribution of geography to general education*. Ankara: Pegem A Publishing.
- Atalay, I. (1994). *Geography of Türkiye*. Izmir: Ege University Press.
- Atalay, I. (2005). *General and physical geography* (6th Expanded Edition). Izmir: Meta Publishing.
- Ayvacı, H. Ş., & Şenel Çoruhlu, T. (2009). A developmental research on students' perspectives on global environmental problems and identification of misconceptuals *HAYEF Journal of Education*, 12/2, 11-25. <https://dergipark.org.tr/tr/pub/iuhayefd/issue/8793/109894>
- Bektaş, M., & Karadağ, B. (2013). The tendencies and assessments of post graduate thesis made in the field of life study teaching. *International Journal of Human Sciences*, 10(2), 113-129. <https://www.j-humansciences.com/ojs/index.php/IJHS/issue/view/28>.
- Boğdan, R. C., & Biklen, S.K. (1992). *Qualitative research for education: An introduction to theory methods*. Needham, MA.
- Bozdoğan, A.E., & Yanar, O. (2010). Prospective elementary teachers' perceptions on the effect of global warming in the next century. *The Black Sea Journal of Sciences*, 2(1), 48-60. <https://dergipark.org.tr/en/pub/kfbd/issue/22234/238671>.
- Budak, U. (2021). *The comparison of pedagogical content knowledge of social studies teachers about global climate change*. [Unpublished Master's Thesis], Ankara University, Ankara.
- Büyüköztürk, Ş., Kılıç Çakmak, E., Akgün, Ö.E., Karadeniz, Ş., & Demirci, F. (2008). *Scientific research methods*. PegemA Publishing, p. 252-256.
- Çalışır, E. (2022). *Analysis of global climate change awareness of primary school students*. [Unpublished Master's Thesis], Ankara Yıldırım Beyazıt University, Ankara.

- Çiçek, S., & Yeşilbursa, C. C. (2019). An examination of the graduate thesis by nurses and midwives in Türkiye on gender. *Journal of Social Policy Studies*, 19(43), 149-176. <https://doi.org/10.21560/spcd.v19i46288.458193>.
- Cook, J., Nuccitelli, D., Green, S. A., Richardson, M., Winkler, B., Painting, R., ... & Skuce, A. (2013). Quantifying the consensus on anthropogenic global warming in the scientific literature. *Environmental research letters*, 8(2), 024024. DOI: 10.1088/1748-9326/8/2/024024.
- De Blij, H. J. (2005). *Why geography matters: 3 challenges facing America: Climate change, the rise of China and global terrorism*. Oxford. Oxford University Press.
- Demirbaş, İ., & Aydınöz, D. (2022). Content evaluation of studies in the field of geography education at primary school level in Türkiye. *The Journal of International Social Science Education*, 8(2), 297-329. <https://doi.org/10.47615/issej.1174661>.
- Doğan, S. (2005). Türkiye's role in global climate change and its attempts to participate in the preventive global effort. *C. Ü. Journal of Economics and Administrative Sciences*, 6(2), 57-73. <http://esjournal.cumhuriyet.edu.tr/tr/pub/archive>.
- Doğanay, H., & Sever, R. (2011). *General and Physical Geography*. Ankara: Pegem A Publishing.
- Doğru, M. S., & Demirbaş, İ. (2020). Examining the connection between secondary students' ideas about electricity and renewable energy resources, *Turkish Studies- Education*, 15(6), 4151-4167. <https://dx.doi.org/10.47423/TurkishStudies.45576>.
- Doğru, M. S., & Yüzbaşıoğlu, F. (2023). Examining students' thoughts on climate change in the context of basic concept. *Research on Education and Psychology*, 7(2), 316-329. <https://dx.doi.org/10.54535/rep.1340429>
- Emli, Z., & Afacan, Ö. (2017). The mental models of secondary school 7th class students about global warming. *Journal of the Hasan Ali Yücel Faculty of Education*, 14-1/27, 183-202. <https://dergipark.org.tr/tr/pub/iuhayefd/issue/30378/328135>.
- Erlat, E. (2016). *Climate system and climate changes* (6th b.). Izmir: Ege University Press.
- General Directorate of Meteorology (MGM), (2023). *Climate change and current situation* <https://www.mgm.gov.tr/iklim/iklim-degisikligi.aspx> accessed on 11.06.2023.
- Güleç, S., & Hüdavendigar, M. N. (2020). Examination of the postgraduate theses prepared under the title of literacy skills in the field of social studies education. *International Journal of Humanities and Research*, 3(3), 24-36. <https://dergipark.org.tr/tr/pub/ijhar/issue/52575/692095>.

- Gürkan, K. (2023). *Examination of graduate theses made by using creative drama method in the field of science between 2003-2021 in Türkiye*. [Unpublished master's thesis], Necmettin Erbakan University, Konya.
- Güven, S., & Kılıç, Z. (2017). Content analysis of graduate thesis on the effectiveness of teaching methods followed in the life science course. *The Journal of Turkish Educational Sciences*, 15(2), 200-223. <https://dergipark.org.tr/tr/pub/tebd/issue/32959/335554>.
- Harvey, F. (2008). The Heat is on, *Financial Times*, December 2, ss. 6-9. <https://dx.doi.org/10.47423/TurkishStudies.45576>
- İklimbu, (Boğaziçi University Climate Change and Policies Application and Research Center), (2023). *Global warming or global climate change?* <http://climatechange.boun.edu.tr/kuresel-isinma-mi-kuresel-iklim-degisikligi-mi/> Accessed on 11.06.2023.
- ISU, (Kocaeli Water and Sewerage Administration Directorate). (2023). *Global warming - Climate change and its effects on Türkiye*. <https://www.obi.bilkent.edu.tr/bultenorta/ekoorta08092017.pdf> Accessed on 11.06.2023.
- Karakuş, S. (2020). An examine master thesis and Phd dissertations conducted in the field of the concepts in social studies education in Türkiye. *Academia Journal of Educational Research*, 5(1), 61-76. <https://dergipark.org.tr/tr/pub/egitim/issue/53591/700230>.
- Karaman, S., & Bakırcı, F. (2010). Postgraduate education in Türkiye: Problems and solution suggestions. *Journal of Social Science Research*, 5(2), 94-114. <https://dergipark.org.tr/tr/pub/gopsbad/issue/48557/616554>.
- Karasar, N. (2008). *Scientific research method*. Ankara: Nobel Publishing, pp.183-197.
- Karışan, D. (2011). *An explororation of preservice science teachers? written argumentation skills regarding the global climate change issue*. [Unpublished master's thesis], Yüzüncü Yıl University, Van.
- Kaymakcı, S. (2017). An evaluation on the tendency of history teaching in Türkiye. *Kastamonu Education Journal*, 25(6), 2153-2172. <https://dergipark.org.tr/tr/pub/kefdergi/issue/31577/357354>
- Kıral, B. (2020). Document analysis as a qualitative data analysis method. *Journal of Social Sciences Institute*, 8(15), 170-189. <https://dergipark.org.tr/en/pub/susbid/issue/54983/727462>

- Koca, E. (2019). *Opinions of eight class students and science teachers about global warming*. [Unpublished master's thesis], Erciyes University, Kayseri.
- Koçođlu, E., & Gökcalp, L. (2021). Analysis of the graduate thesis made global warming areas in Türkiye: A meta synthesis study. *Eastern Geographical Review*, 26 (46), 129-142. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.17295/ataunidcd.927150>.
- Miles, M. B., & Huberman, A. M. (1994). *Qualitative data analysis: An expanded sourcebook*. Sage.
- Ođuz Haçat, S., & Demir, F. B. (2018). Evaluation of the doctoral dissertations conducted on social studies education (2002-2018). *Eurasia Journal of International Studies*, 6(15), 948-973. <https://doi.org/10.33692/avrasyad.510136>.
- Ođuz Haçat, S., & Demir, F. B. (2019). Analysis of postgraduate theses on literacy in the field of education. *Anatolian Cultural Research Journal (ANKAD)*, 3(2), 116-145. <http://www.ankad.org/index.php/Ankad/article/view/53>.
- Oluk, E.A., & Oluk, S. (2007). Analysis of higher education students' perceptions of greenhouse effect, global warming and climate change. *Buca Faculty of Education Journal*, 22, 45-53. <https://dergipark.org.tr/tr/pub/deubefd/issue/25429/268279>.
- Özçađlar, A. (2009). *Introduction to geography*. Ankara: Ümit Ofset Printing.
- Öztürk, K. (2002). Global climatic changes and their probable effect upon Türkiye. *Gazi University Gazi Faculty of Education Journal*, 22(1), 47-65. <https://dergipark.org.tr/tr/pub/gefad/issue/6766/91033>.
- Papadimitriou, V. (2004). Prospective primary teachers' understanding of climate change, greenhouse effect, and ozone layer depletion. *Journal of Science Education and Technology*, 13(2), 299–307. <https://doi.org/10.1023/B:JOST.0000031268.72848.6d>.
- Sabancı, H. (2023). *Climate change training action research in the context of climate literacy with thematic teaching approach in preschool education*. [Unpublished master's thesis], Çankırı Karatekin University, Çankırı.
- Şahin, D., Calp, Ş., Bulut, P., & Kuşdemir, Y. (2013). Investigation of the graduate theses in the department of primary teacher education in terms of various criteria. *Journal of World of Turks*, 5(3), 187-205. https://www.dieweltdertuerken.org/index.php/ZfWT/article/view/515/sahin_calp.
- Sevgili, C. (2023). *Evaluation of postgraduate theses on socioscientific issues in science education between the years 2008 and 2022*. [Unpublished master's thesis], Gazi University, Ankara.

- Şimşek, A. (2019). *An analysis of post-graduate theses related to life sciences and social studies course in terms of some variables*. [Unpublished master's thesis], Necmettin Erbakan University, Konya.
- Tarman, B., Acun, İ., & Yüksel, Z. (2010). Evaluation of theses in the field of social studies education in Türkiye. *Gaziantep University Journal of Social Sciences*, 9(3), 725-746. <https://dergipark.org.tr/en/pub/jss/issue/24245/257053>.
- Türkeş, M. (2001). *Weather, climate, severe weather events and global warming*. General Directorate of State Meteorological Affairs 2000 seminars, Technical Presentations, Seminar Series, 1, 187-205. https://mgm.gov.tr/FILES/genel/makale/4_Havaiklim.pdf.
- Türkeş, M., Sümer, U., & Çetiner, G. (2000). *Global climate change and its possible effects*. Ministry of Environment United Nations Climate Change Framework Convention Seminar Notes, 7-24. https://www.mgm.gov.tr/FILES/genel/makale/1_iklimetkileri.pdf
- Ünlü, M. (2014). *Teaching geography*. Ankara: Pegem A Publishing.
- Uzun, A., & Çakmak, M. A. (2021). An examination of graduate theses on skills in social studies education in Türkiye in view of various criteria. *International Journal of Eurasia Social Sciences*, 12(46), 1335-1354. <http://dx.doi.org/10.35826/ijoes.3060>.
- World Meteorological Organization (WMO), (2023). *Climate*. Accessed on 04.06.2023 from <https://public.wmo.int/en>.
- Yakar, H. (2019). Determination of the climate literacy competencies at secondary school level by Delphi technique. [Unpublished doctoral dissertation], Gazi University, Ankara.
- Yavuz, G. (2016). *A content analysis related to completed theses in the field of project-based learning in science education: The case of Türkiye (2002-2014)*. [Unpublished master's thesis], Bülent Ecevit University, Zonguldak.
- Yıldırım, A., & Şimşek, H. (2016). *Qualitative research methods in the social sciences*. (11th ed.). Ankara: Seçkin Publishing.
- Yuva Association (2020). *Climate literacy education*. Instructor's Manual.