



Strengthening the Role of Islamic Studies for Harmonization and Peace

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Abstract. the contribution of Islamic studies in seeking harmonization in spaces that have experienced disruption and the forms of change as a result of these conditions. This article will review the study of Islamic studies based on current themes that are human issues throughout the world. Muslim intellectuals involve themselves in resolving world conflicts through academic writings and studies in order to provide better information to the masses who are confused in facing today's problems. Second, conducting research on major issues that can threaten world peace. Harmonize the relationship between theology and Islamic law – theology informs Islamic law. Harmonize between old and new ijihad in Islamic law – review old ijihad to make it more relevant for contemporary life.

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1. Introduction

The era of disruption has created changes in various dimensions of human life, both because of technological innovations that can change the order and system of life and crises in the form of conflicts that have occurred in several countries. Wars between countries in several countries, climate change, and the Covid-19 virus have caused new problems for human life. This creates VUCA conditions (Volatility, Uncertainty, Complexity, and Ambiguity).

The need to resolve these issues is urgent. Social and political crises have caused many innocent victims. Wars in the Middle East over the decades have claimed a huge number of lives. Likewise, the issue of climate change has attracted a lot of attention from various scientific circles and the Covid-19 virus. Covid-19, in addition to causing many victims, has also caused adjustments to Islamic culture, spirituality, and theological dimensions. This article tries to see the contribution of Islamic studies in seeking harmonization in spaces that have experienced disruption and the forms of change as a result of these conditions. In this case, the contribution of Islamic studies in providing an approach and methodology in resolving the problems faced by all people in the world (Solehudin, et al, 2021).

2. Methods

Several recent studies place Islamic studies as both an approach and a methodology in viewing societal issues. Islamic studies as an important approach is put forward considering that Islamic societies that have spread throughout the world have become an important part of the development of socio-political issues that occur today. Meanwhile, as a methodology, Islamic studies is seen as a discipline that can provide methodological direction in the research process, both Islamic history, Islamic politics, and theology. This article will review the study of Islamic studies based on current themes that are human issues throughout the world.

3. Results and Discussion

3.1. Islamic Studies Contribution to Peace

There are four contributions that Islamic studies can offer in adapting to social changes resulting from the era of disruption. First, Muslim intellectuals involve themselves in resolving world conflicts through academic writings and studies in order to provide better information to the masses who are confused in facing today's problems. Second, conducting research on major issues that can threaten world peace. Third, promoting dialogue and building relationships for world peace. Fourth, conducting research and teaching on the importance of peace and a good life from within the Islamic tradition.

3.2. Areas Where Harmonization is Required

Reconciliation between classical Islamic civilization and modernity in building a new Islamic civilization. Islam and politics are harmonized where Islam is not politicized but guides social and political life (Atsani, 2024). Maintain the harmony between the new and traditional male/female gender roles. Harmonization between other disciplines and Islam to address major problems facing the world – approach issues as teams of researchers rather than stand alone academics (Naim, et al, 2021).

Harmonization between university and madrasa approach to Islamic Studies – take best of both worlds within universities. Epistemological harmony between science and Islam. Harmonize the relationship between theology and Islamic law – theology informs Islamic law. Harmonize between old and new ijthad in Islamic law – review old ijthad to make it more relevant for contemporary life. Harmonize AI (Artificial Intelligence) and traditional approaches to learning and teaching.

4. Conclusions

We have a lot of work to do in Islamic Studies. We need more talented men and women to enter the field. Governments and private donors should fund Islamic Studies as a necessity and priority.

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