

Islamic Public Policy: Fundamentals, Historical and Contemporary Applications

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Abstract : This research presents the theoretical framework and real-world empirical implementations of Islamic public policy on present-day governments. The study explores how the principles of Islamic Shariah which are derived from the Quran and Sunnah may be applied in the modern states with a view to achieving justice and progress in present-day governance system. Thus, the present qualitative approach used secondary data through text analysis, as based on the conventional, classical Islamic sources and peer-reviewed articles and case studies. In this study, an evaluation of the historical and the current aspects of Islamic public policy as critiqued through the method of content analysis. Further it was observed that although the Islamic governance offers a full ethical agenda based on justice, equity and public interest yet it faces certain shortcomings in its practice, some of them are how can we explain the revealed truths in the light of modern world and the deficiency of competent scholars in the sphere of policy making. Such challenges were discovered to be tractable with a dynamic approach that accommodates ijthad and partnerships between scientists and economist. Based on this study, it was found that the incorporation of Islamic ethics into policy system could offer a workable solution to current challenges of governance, not simply restricted to the Islamic countries only, but as part of the discussion on justice and governance in the international level as well. Islamic public policy was present as a model for contemporary management of the state pointing out social justice, economic justice and the public good as its rationales.

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