

OPEN CALL FOR BOOK CHAPTER CONTRIBUTIONS

Handbook on Islamic Environmental Law

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Islamic Environmental Law is simultaneously a classical legal framework and contemporary approach for environmental protection, human rights, and an earth-centered jurisprudence. This area of the law, while nascent in many respects, but developed in others, may be able to reconcile many global environmental challenges and corporate disputes; disputes that emerge from human and commercial interactions with nature along with the tensions between the Global North and Muslim-majority countries in the Global South due to scarce natural resources.

The book develops the synergies between Islamic Law, Environmental Law, and Corporate Social Responsibility to situate the concern of environmental degradation looking at regional, transboundary and global disputes between the state, corporate actors, and stakeholders. This book will lay the foundations of Islamic thought related to environmental protection, air quality control, and water rights. Through the lens of environmental law, the work will broaden the framework for Islamic law and critique political and economic dynamics in Muslim-majority countries that give rise to increased levels of environmental toxicity, hazardous waste, water stress, and rampant extractivism. This collection examines these concerns in terms of rigidities and interdependencies, between competing claims to resources, rights and responsibilities, strategy and governance, between state and corporate actors, and the implications for equity and the common good over the long term.

The book explores three jurisprudential features of classical Islamic thought and integrates them with a contemporary formulation for environmental protection: 1) Taharah – Cleanliness of the Earth; 2) Hurmah – Sanctity of Life; and 3) Waqf – Endowed Future. The majority of research on Islamic Environmental Law has thus far focused on the field as the unit of analysis, set within a developed Islamic Law framework. Less examined is the ongoing debate within Muslim-majority countries in the Global South (on pragmatic and ideological grounds) about whether environmental legal constructs are a function of an Earth-centered approach to jurisprudence. There is a desire for self-determination and sovereignty, which is wedged between the harnessing and extracting of scarce human, natural, and financial resources, and a desire to contextualize the responsibilities and duties of Investor and Host Nations in the Islamic Environmental Law framework.

There is also a desire to consider the significance of stakeholders in the national and subnational legal constructs as agents of environmental innovation, compliance, and enforcement. To what extent have faith-based approaches to environmental protection worked to achieve and enhance efforts at sustainability? What is the possibility of Islamic Environmental Law as an alternative legal framework to aspire to sustainability?

This book will be a valuable resource to researchers, professors, lecturers, practitioners, postgraduate and final year undergraduates in environmental studies, environmental law, international relations, area studies, business strategy, international business and international management, public sector policy and management, international development, political economy. It is also suitable for more specialist courses on sustainability, corporate responsibility, governance, international development, Islamic law, water law, and transboundary disputes.

We seek contributions that provide theoretical and empirical perspectives on these issues from scholars around the globe, in any relevant discipline and at any career stage.

Handbook is organized by section, around the following key topics:

- 1) A Historico-Legal Trajectory of Islamic Environmental Law
- 2) Challenging Existing Environmental Law Paradigm
- 3) Reconciling Islamic Customs and Norms
- 4) Corporate Actors and Sustainability for a Faith-Based Approach

Authors' Instructions

Interested colleagues are requested to submit extended abstracts of 400-500 words by June 15, 2020.

Please indicate which of the sections above you see as the best fit for your contribution. Contributions should be no more than 8,000 words. Please direct all submissions to nahmad@barry.edu.

Decisions regarding abstracts will be communicated by late June 2020.

Timeline for completion of papers:

- First draft of papers due by September 2020
- Final revised pieces received and edited late 2020
- Plan to submit final manuscript in spring 2021