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**ABSTRACT**

**Trends in Contemporary Criminal Policy and Sharia**

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This book has a preface by the President of the Nayif Academy, ‘Abd al-‘Aziz bin Saqr al-Ghamidi, who explains the work’s objective as exemplified through its comparison of criminal policies in sharia with contemporary trends in criminal policy. The work also seeks to clarify the shortcomings of contemporary trends in criminal policy, which have led to the spread of crime. The preface is followed by an introduction in which the author, Muhammad ibn al-Madani Busaq, explains that he intends to provide a picture of criminal policy in positive law. He also pledges to discuss the relevant aspects of criminal policy in positive law and sharia in order to eliminate any misconception and confusion, establish the necessity of sharia, and explain the common aspects of both legal systems.

Busaq defines criminal policy in Islamic and secular laws and compares the definitions of criminal policy in sharia and contemporary legal systems. He depicts the academic trends of criminal policy in modern nations, and looks at the problems and possible solutions relating to contemporary criminal policy. He dedicates a chapter to criminal policy in sharia and compares it with secular policies.

This book deals with the important subject of punishment and prohibition in Islam – a major issue for those waging fierce campaigns against Islam today. It is vital to shed light on how Islamic law is distinct from other positive legal systems. Busaq emphasises the importance of applying Islamic legal rulings in order to prevent and prohibit crime in all societies. As such, he argues that sharia punishment is a remedy against crime and provides a safeguard against a fall into criminality.

Busaq has carefully referenced information in the footnotes that appear on most pages and in a reference list at the end of the book. He has organised information according to titles and subtitles. However, some chapters and references are missing from the electronic version of this work.

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