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**ABSTRACT**

**Inquiries into the History of Islamic and Turkish Law and the Establishment of a Trust**

İslam ve Türk Hukuk Tarihi Araştırmaları ve VakıfMüessesesi

This work by M. Fuad Köprülü consists of articles published in various periodicals and compiled by Orhan Köprülü, the author’s son, following the author’s death. Köprülü states that Turkish legal history has long been neglected in Turkey and “can only gain the important place it deserves by raising real legal scholars and serious efforts to establish it”.

The book has three chapters. The first consists of articles about general matters in Islamic and Turkish law. These articles have appeared in periodicals such as *Türk Hukuk Tarihi ve İktisat Tarihi Mecmuası* (“Periodical of History of Turkish Law and Economics”) and *Türk Hukuk Tarihi Dergisi* (“Periodical of History of Turkish Law”). Köprülü examines whether Turkish public law is different from Islamic public law, Turkish-Islamic feudalism in the Middle Ages, Turkish motifs used in legal symbols, and the obligation not to harm Turkish and Mongolian dynasty members.

The second chapter comprises articles published in the Encyclopaedia of Islam, 1941–50, concerning titles, expressions and idioms relating to the history of Turkish and Islamic law. Although some of these articles are not related to the history of law, they are included for the purpose of continuity.

The third chapter comprises articles published in the periodical *Vakıflar* (“Trusts”) about the history and development of trusts. These articles examine the establishment of trusts, phrases and idioms related to trusts, and the importance and historical development of trusts.

Taking into account the particular time in which these articles were written, the language is plain and simple. The book has a detailed index comprising the names of authors, translators, editors and other sources used in its preparation. It is recommended to all academics interested in the history of Turkish and Islamic law.

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