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**ABSTRACT**

**Objectives and Independent Reasoning: Studies on the Philosophy of Sharia**

*Makasid ve İçtihat: İslam Hukuk Felsefesi Araştırmaları*

This book is a collection of essays and studies on *maqasid* and Islamic jurisprudence. *Maqasid* and *ijtihad* are considered two inseparable legal terms. They represent the will and objectives of legislature as well as the concept and scope of the legal system. In Islamic law, the scale of the law is determined in accordance with the Qur’an and the Sunnah. *Maqasid*, the will of legislature in normative law, is described as *Makasidu'ş-şeri'a*, *Makasidu'ş-şari* or *felsefetu’t- teşri*.

The book comprises two parts and twenty seminal articles by the authors Gustav Radbruch, Orhan Munir Cagil, Vecdi Aral, Yasar Karayalcin, Ibrahim Kafi Donmez, Ali Bardakoglu, Ahmet Rasyuni, Ahmet Yaman ve H. Yunus Apaydin, Ali Pekcan, Gazali, Abdurrahman Hackali, H. Yunus Apaydin, Necmeddin et-Tufi, Ferhat Koca, Ibn Kayyim el-Cevziyye, Satibi, H. Mehmet Gunay, Ebubekir Sifil and Hayrettin Karaman.

The first part gathers together selected papers from leading legal scholars on theory of legal and/or *fiqh* philosophy. The second part, “People and approaches”, is a collection of articles on Islamic jurisprudence in the context of *maqasid* (*el-ictihadu-l-maksadi*). The collection has a free style. As it gathers various articles from different writers, the writing styles, spellings and formats are mixed. The editor has preserved each writer’s particular style and voice.

This book is a great contribution to Islamic legal philosophy and fills a gap in a field in which literature is limited. It would serve as a good reference for legal philosophy, though the language may be overly technical for readers who are unfamiliar with a critical approach to philosophy and theology. Still, this work is a recommended source of information for any readers interested in Islamic legal philosophy.

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