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**ABSTRACT**

**Marriage in Islamic and Ottoman Law**

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*Marriage in Islamic and Ottoman Law* focuses on provisions regarding Islamic family law, particularly marriage. It aims to provide an insightful interpretation of the entity of marriage in Islamic law. Halil Cin presents a comprehensive work that takes into account the modern statutory marriage.

The book has two parts: “Marriage in Islamic law” and “Marriage in Ottoman law”. The first part discusses general provisions related to marriage in Islamic law. The introduction is a general overview of marriage and family in primitive societies, the institution and types of marriages in pre-Islamic Arabia, the Arabic foundations of Islamic law, and family law. Cin then discusses marriage in Islamic law, providing a definition of marriage and its legal entity in Islamic law and exploring the period from engagement to marriage.

The conditions of marriage are examined under a separate title, with the fundamental conditions regarding marriage – both positive and negative – and relative obstacles explained in detail. Cin also provides a detailed examination of conditions for the invalidity of a marriage.

As it is a significant aspect in literature, Cin focuses on the issue of *mehr* (dowry in Islamic law). After briefly explaining the *mehr* in different sectors of Islam, Cin comprehensively examines types of mehr, legal features, finalisation, payment, result of payment, possible disputes between parties of marriage, and the regulation of mehr according to twentieth-century Islamic laws.

The second part of the book focuses on Ottoman law. Following a brief introductory chapter on the concept of marriage among pre-Islamic Turks, Cin explores the intervention of the state to marriage and provides an overview of Turkish Civil Law and statutory marriage. In conclusion, Cin highlights the importance of gaining comprehensive knowledge and a rational interpretation of Islamic law in today’s society and legal system.

Cin has contributed to academic literature with this detailed, comprehensive work on Islamic law. He brings a new understanding to the entity of marriage in Islamic law within ongoing debate and constant reinterpretation.

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