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**ABSTRACT**

**Basic Researches for Islamic Law and Social Institutions**

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This work discusses research methods in the fields of Islamic law and social institutions. It has ten chapters, the first four of which identify areas for research. Research paradigms are discussed in chapter five, and research methods are examined in the last three chapters.

The work deals with new variants of research areas in Islamic law, in which social institutions, or traditions, have an important place. The areas of Islamic law discussed include sharia, science, *fiqh*, *fatwa*s, the legal system, regulation, government, legal decrees and customs. The social institutions discussed include worship, kinship, education, science, broadcasting, politics, law, economics, health, social care, and the arts.

This work is a useful resource for both junior and advanced scholars. Research methods are clearly set out and illustrated with examples. Readers wishing to deepen their knowledge of research methods in the fields of Islamic law, social institutions and the development of Islamic legal thought can benefit from the book. The author, Hasan Bisri, is an Indonesian writer specialising in Islamic law and related themes.

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