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**ABSTRACT**

**Philosophy of Islamic Law**

*Filsafat Hukum Islam*

This book is intended as a resource for *mujtahids* (Muslim jurists) who have to make a legal judgment. It is divided into three chapters covering philosophy and its relation to Islamic law, the relation between reason and revelation in formulating Islamic law, and the principles to be followed in formulating Islamic law. The methods used in discussing and writing the book follow the curriculum of the Sharia Faculty of IAIN, 1995.

The work begins with a study of Western philosophy and *hikmah* (Islamic philosophy) in order to understand the relation between reason and revelation as the two main sources of religion. This in turn is a basis for understanding and formulating *maqasid al-shari‘ah* (the objectives of Islamic law) and the ethical guidelines to be followed by the *mujtahid* in formulating new Islamic laws, in accordance with the public perception of justice.

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The work is particularly valuable for readers interested in the philosophy of Islamic law and its practical application in *ijtihad* or *fatwas*, particularly in Indonesia.

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