

AL-MAQASID-BASED APPROACH TO ADMINISTRATION

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Abstract

Despite the making of headways towards understanding organizational behaviour and contributing to improving performance, the Western theories of administrative tasks are not compatible with Maqasid al-Shari'ah for Muslims to follow in administering their daily affairs. While some theories have centered on economic motive, others had focused on human elements and relations in administration, excluding the core values of Maqasid al-Shari'ah, which resulted in corruption, exploitation and abusing the administrative positions. This paper examines the philosophy of administration in the light of Maqasid al-Shari'ah. It emphasizes the objective of administrative tasks in line with the aims of al-Shari'ah. Thus, the thrust of the paper lies in shedding light on the integrity of people managing Islamic administration; what characterizes Islamic administrative work forces and tasks according to Maqasid al-Shari'ah; and what differentiates Islamic political, economic and social administration from the Western type in the light of Maqasid al-Shari'ah? Finally, the paper explores the relevance of Maqasid al-Shari'ah as solutions to various contemporary administrative problems experienced in the Muslim world. It is strongly believed that there is need to revitalize the minds of the contemporary Muslims in terms of their conductivities, actions and daily administrative tasks in line with intended purposes of the sole Creator, Allah (SWT).