This is an intensive short course that meets on a special schedule before regular classes begin.

INTRODUCTION TO ISLAMIC LEGAL THEORY AND PRACTICE

Course Number: INTL 7010  
Call Number: 000127

Semester: Spring 2015  
Professor: Hajihosseini  
Credits: 1 classroom  
Primary Basis for the Grade: Letter Grade; Class participation and 20-page paper  
Prerequisites: None  
Enrollment: Capped at 20  
Meets Seminar Requirement? No  
Meets Writing Requirement? No  
Meets Client Counseling Requirement? No  
Meeting Times: 9:30 am to 12:30 pm, Monday through Friday, January 12 - 16  
Location: 100A

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course aims to introduce students to the rich history of the formation, expansion, evolution and implementation of Islamic law in different parts of the world. One of the most important aspects of Islamic law is that it is not monolithic and static, and it is constantly changing and evolving. This course seeks to reflect on the history of a changing legal system, which seeks to maintain authenticity and continuity while catering to the needs of its adherents. As time permits, topics may include: the interplay of law, culture, politics and religion; a brief study of the history of Islam and more specifically the development of law and legal theory from the dawn of Islam to contemporary times; the formation of the different schools of law in the classical period; the evolution of Islamic laws and norms in the modern nation state; and specific topics within criminal law, family law, finance, and international law.

All viewpoints are welcome as students discuss the interplay of law, culture, politics, and religion.

SPECIAL NOTE:

Please note that this is an intensive course that meets over a condensed time period. Students must attend every class session. Do not sign up for this class if you must miss one of these sessions. Students may take only one class that meets during the short course week.

This course is subject to faculty approval before it is offered.

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