

## *The Legal System in Arab and Muslim Countries*

*Dear colleagues*

It is my pleasure to participate with you in order to have some insight look to the “*Effective Techniques for studying other Cultures, legal Systems and methods of legal education in the world to day*”.

It is truly outstanding opportunity for me as an Arab scholar coming from the hart of the Muslim and Arab Cultures to slightly emphasize on the Arab and Muslim Countries’ Legal System which you might consider as supportive approach to deeply study and assess our Legal System if you wish.

I personally as the majority of my colleagues’ scholars in our region believe that the impact of education, legal, economic and scientific studies has very active rule now days in our cultures and legal system in many ways.

For example if we look to our Legal System, we will find a variety of difference between the existing situation and the past; also, we can say the same for economic education impact due to many reasons as well due to the efforts of our qualitative graduates our economy have been growing, and the education impact really effect every sector in our society public or private.

As a consequence, the impact of the educational system in the Kingdom of Bahrain in particular the University of Bahrain as Governmental entity provides great importance to make available to the society graduate students with the capability to develop, enhance, and enrich economic and legal systems etc... and capable of dealing with the information challenges that face our nation in this time in history, especially since globalization and modern communication systems have transformed our world into a global village.

It is worth mentioning that in **nineteenth** and **twentieth centuries** the westernization of the law in many subject matters have occurred in the law of Muslim countries manly was based on *Napoleon Code*; also, was the codification of subjects which has not undergone that westernization; than the elimination by some Arab countries of special courts that were previously responsible for the application of Islamic *SHARIA*.

Furthermore, the rules taken from the Romano-Germanic or Common law families were preferred. *Constitutional law, administrative law, private and commercial law, procedure, labour and criminal law* all were westernized in many Muslim countries and still till date; *nevertheless*, in these subjects there are now slight provisions still showing traces of Muslim law itself.

*Dear Colleagues;*

As we all know education is the choice of the future, science and education have had a profound effect on human life and its development; also, history has proven that the advancement of nations and people is directly allied to the advancement both in education and science and their ability to keep pace with development.

Therefore, from my personal experience as former president to the University of Bahrain from year 2003 to 2007 for example our *College of Business Administration* at the *University of Bahrain* has just completed updating and modernizing its academic programs in line with the latest academic developments taking place in the world around us and with the changing needs of our society. Also, the College continues to be committed to teaching excellence, research, and community service

All the Bachelor Degree programs in the College build upon a series of competency courses that form a solid and relevant worldwide business foundation. We strongly believe that the programs offered in the *college of Business or in the College of Law* as such other Colleges within the University are solid but modern, strong but respected, careful but practical, exhaustive but useful.

Furthermore, our programs are recognized globally. They are intended to prepare graduates for responsible roles within a variety of organizational settings.

In addition, graduates are well equipped to continue their studies in postgraduate degree programs in any of the numerous administration, legal, and commercial fields in any educational institution around the globe.

It is evident that today we are experiencing the beginning of a new era, in which information technology and tele-communication systems are changing rapidly. This change is reflected on the development of all aspects of life in general. It has become certain that we participate in this change in order to ensure a successful future for our nation.

The Kingdom's education strategy, it has taken the responsibility to multiply the use of information technology in its broad since not only for and between the educational institutions but at the work places and local residences; and the objective being to gain the optimum benefit from the diverse educational resources available worldwide. In this respect, the use of the internet plays a key role in our society today.

Furthermore, the Kingdom of Bahrain party to mainly all the United Nation specialized agencies, and to a great number of the

international conventions and agreements which are considered as an integral part to our legal system long time ago.

**To conclude**, kindly allow me to say that Middle East and Arab countries cannot stand in isolation of the international community neither the *vise-versa*. At present there is significant hope that such parity of esteem will ever materialize.

For this reason, the study of Islamic law and legal system for Arab and Muslim countries from the international and comparative stand point is and will continue to be worthwhile for a long time to come.

*Thank you all and best of Luck,,*

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