The Basic Characteristics and Principles of Islamic Family Law

Abstract: Family, as an important building block of society, constitutes an important place in legal systems. In this context, with its own unique traits of Islamic family law, has adopted some principles in order to maintain itself. Like it being out of the state control; the principle of continuity; the norms related to family law which is not only legal norms but also ethics; the principle of haram in Islamic family law; to be unchangeable; to put restrictions on persons to be married; prohibiting the adultery; its being to be a male-dominated structure; the principle of protecting the weak (in a sense women); the adaption of legal representation; disapproval of the institution of adoption; the principle of separation of goods in family law; arbitration in case of conflict; the simplicity of marriage and divorce; the gradual divorce which aims to reunite of the family. Islamic law with those principles and characteristics, has important role in establishment of a strong family in Islamic societies.