



Continuities in Times of Change:
Islamization of Human Knowledge
amongst the AHAS KIRKHS' Academics
in the Post-Sejahtera Academic
Framework Period

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Introduction

- Islamization of Human Knowledge (IoHK) has been the philosophical foundation of the International Islamic University Malaysia since its inception.
- The advent of the Sejahtera Academic Framework (SAF) requires the revision of the original philosophy
- Revisionism is quite typical in any theoretical paradigm



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- “The Sejahtera Academic Framework is both “old” and “new”. It is “old” in the sense that the core values and the vision and mission of the University continue to be the bedrock. It is “new” in that it weaves together the current and future major agenda while demanding each and everyone of us – at both the individual and organisational levels – reflect on our roles and responsibilities to move the University into the future” (Sejahtera Academic Framework Summary, n.d.)

Research Question

- How the proponents of IoHK, particularly amongst the academics of the AHAS KIRKHS, coped with the theoretical revisions that are happening at the University?



Focus of Research

- The study focuses on:
 - 1) The academic activities conducted by these IoHK proponents
 - 2) Their revisionist discourse
 - 3) Matters related to the privacy of thoughts of these academic-intellectuals.



Research Methodology

- Data are collected through intensive interviews with these academics and from documents related to them (5 IoHK-advocate academics)
- Grounded theory is employed to analyze the data



Theoretical Framework

- Islamization of Human Knowledge as outlined by the “founding fathers” of the paradigm i.e. Al-Faruqi, AbdulHamid A. AbuSulayman, Taha Jabir, S. M. Naquib Al- Attas, etc.



Research Findings

- IoHK agenda continues to flourish albeit in/through new “forms” of academic exercises and activities as carried out by the IoHK espousers during the revision period
- Does the revision process diluted the original framework?
- The question of the privacy of thoughts?

