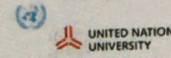
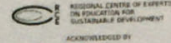




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## **The Nature of the Relationship Between Epistemology and Ijtihad in the Writings of AbdulHamid AbuSulayman**

**Abstract:** The need for evolution in Islamic Thought for AbuSulayman was necessary to address all the problems of the Ummah, and it requires concentration and comprehensive ijthadic efforts. The inclusion of Islamic Revealed Knowledge raised some epistemological issues which were addressed by AbuSulayman in his writings in the context of ijthad. AbuSulayman argued that no relevant framework for Islamization of modern Western disciplines and the development of Islamic thought can be developed without developing an authentic epistemological framework. Hence, the realization of the objectives of IOK necessitates a clear epistemological and ijthadic framework. The relationship between epistemology and ijthad for Islamization of Knowledge still needs to be discovered properly. This paper based on critical and analytical methods aims to explore, examine, and present the required framework in the light of AbdulHamid AbuSulayman’s views by focusing on the nature of the relationship between epistemology and ijthad.