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Chapter 1

Islamic Economics Education in Southeast Asian Universities: An Introduction

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1. Background

The fountainhead of the topic at hand in this edited book is the intellectual effort that has been branded as “Islamization of Knowledge” (IOK). It is an attempt to project the Islamic worldview not only in the present body of knowledge but also in any research endeavor to produce new knowledge in all disciplines. Consequently, the expected outcome of this IOK agenda would be a complete set of knowledge that is free from secular influences. Thus, knowledge of such quality would definitely allow ready application by Muslim societies in modern times.

Interestingly, in response to the ever increasing clamor for true Islamic solutions to contemporary problems, more and more people are showing a greater sense of conviction to the IOK agenda. This trend can be better observed when one analyzes the Muslims academia. This is perfectly understandable since in essence, IOK aims to be the panacea for the crisis of thought that inhibits Muslim communities from constructively engaging with the world around them. Empowered by the offerings of IOK, Muslims everywhere would be much bolder in being problem-solvers in current political, social and economic issues.