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NON-MUSLIM CITIZENSHIP IN ISLAMIC LAW:
JURISTIC POLEMICS AND MALAYSIAN REALITY

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ABSTRACT

The status of non-Muslim minorities in a Muslim nation in present day societies is a contested issue in our time. Discussing it within the framework of traditional notion of dhimmah, most of Muslim legists advance the view that non-Muslim minorities cannot enjoy equal rights with Muslims. While another school of thought arguing for equal rights, however, maintains that the dhimmi tradition in Islam represents a modification of an earlier Arab concept of jiwar, namely the practice of providing protection to foreigners. Thus, the concept of dhimmi is not something new but was adopted and implemented in the early history of Islam which did not recognized the concepts of majority and minority. This study attempts to show that the traditional concept of dhimmi still somewhat defines the position of non-Muslim minorities in the thinking of the legal scholars. Nevertheless, on critical and fundamental issues of rights, non-Muslims in Malaysia enjoy much greater rights which their counterparts in Muslim majority countries never dreamt of during pre-modern times.

Keynotes: dhimmah, privileged, protection, Malaysia, non-Muslim