Today, as we embark into the twenty first century, we are facing challenges in Muslim higher education institutions which has led to reposition and programmes vis-à-vis others. There is a need for the survival of these institutions. Top on the list are: globalisation and its accompanying effects which are being felt in every state and community throughout the world that has brought about communication technologies. The presence of these technologies, such as Youtube, blogs, Facebooks, twitter and the latest, WhatsApp, has been responsible in the mobilisation of the masses and demonstrations that may even lead to revolutions could be galvanised, as in the case of the Arab Spring and the change of guard in Thailand. These technologies and their applications on a massive scale have definitely changed the landscape of the world. This monograph deals with the issue encouraged globalisation and highlights the attempts made by Muslim higher education institutions to deal with these issues. Specifically, the issues discussed are: privatisation of education in the Arab world; internationalisation of education; cultural diversity in Malaysia; Islamic higher education of Muslim students in Europe and the United Kingdom; and three different attempts in formalising integrated higher education in Indonesia and Brunei. In addition to these, there are other critical issues peculiar to the Muslim scholarly tradition. These include the issue of the educational dichotomy of the traditional Islamic Sciences and contemporary acquired sciences such as the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences that has led to the negligence and decline of the latter in the Muslim world; secondly, the issue of the decline of intellectualism in Muslim higher education; and thirdly, the issue of academic freedom. This book gathers chapters written by scholars from various parts of the world and analyses each of these issues in depth with the hope to enlighten its readers. Awareness of a problem is the first important step towards solving it. This book will be useful to scholars and students of higher Islamic education.
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