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The discourse on family *fiqh* in Malaysia within the broader national agenda of “strengthening Islamic family values” to maintain its indigenous Islamic characteristics in the age of globalization is a part of larger scholarly discussion on constructing local *fiqh* (*al-fiqh al-mahalli*) for Muslims. For such *fiqh* to evolve, a broader understanding of multifaceted aspects of the local family institution, its current problems and concerns warrant serious academic researches and evidence-based analysis. Therefore, scholarly papers contained in this book will fulfil this need in several ways including: first, some studies outline the juristic framework for contextualizing local factors into the Islamic methodology of renewal and reform; second, other researches evaluate the existing family laws with the prime purpose of suggesting relevant legislative and policy recommendations; third, some other studies deliberate on enhancing financial and the economic wellbeing of the family by advocating the introduction of more family-oriented Shariah-compliant services and products; fourth, a few studies focus on the family health by proposing that the existing policies on vaccination and pre-marital HIV screening need further improvements; and lastly, one study calls for integrating more religiosity elements into policies on career-women to enable them to better cope with the double task of family commitments and job responsibilities.

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