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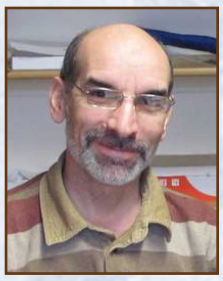
Seyed Masoud Noori

Understanding Shariah through Justice - Based Ijtihad; New Egypt's Constitution as a Case Study

Friday, February 1 • 12:30 p.m. • 1140 Eck Hall

Lunch will be served

One of most important and challenging debates in Muslim world, from North Africa to the Middle East and South Asia, is the relation between "Shariah" and "State Law". In sensitive times—such as when preparing a new constitution or enactment of a new family law—this question becomes a critical issue. Beginning with a review of the concept of "Shariah", its bases and sources, as well as "Ijtihad", the method of understanding Shariah, Dr. Noori focuses on "Justice-Based Ijtihad" as a bridge between "Shariah" and "Human Rights" and examines the results of this theoretical debate on the 2012 Constitution of Egypt.



Dr. Seyed Masoud Noori is a former Faculty member of Department of Law, Mofid University (Qom, Iran), a Member of Academic Council of the Center for Human Rights Studies (CHRS) and a member of Council Law Clinic at that university. He has served as Deputy Director and Director of Research and Education for the Center.

Dr. Noori has a keen interest in comparative studies between Islam (with special emphasis on Shi'a school) and International Human Rights Law. Another area of interest is in legal clinical education. In April 2007 he and his colleagues in CHRS founded the first academic legal clinic in Iran.

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