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Abstract

In my research, I considered finding out if there is a possibility to consider reconciliation between Islam a minority religion and European law in regards to human rights. My aim was to understand the conflict between Islam and liberal political concept human rights law to present a picture that can show human rights protection in European society of which Muslims have become an essential part. Sharia law is taken as an Islamic legal and political manifestation that considered being in conflict with contemporary liberal political concepts like European Union and its laws. With the help of comparative analysis of Islamic countries both in a non European country and a country that is a party to European convention, and historical practices of Muslim societies and regimes in relation to value of Sharia in Islamic civilizations and contemporary world. It was observed that Sharia has never been the primary source of legal and political fabric of Islamic rules throughout the history and a larger part of Islamic morals and values recognize modern liberal political concepts and values such as constitutionalism and human rights which are also practiced in modern Muslim majority states like Turkey. John Rawls' theory of overlapping consensus is used in support of my standing which says that a desired consensus is only possible if a concept affirms a *political conception* that is sufficient to express values under favorable conditions make a *just constitutional regime* despite other values may oppose them.

Key Words:

Islam, Human Rights, Sharia Law, Liberal Political Concepts, Comparative Analysis, Islamic Civilization, Overlapping Consensus, Islamic Dynasties, constitutionalism, just constitutional regime.