

Evaluating the Application of a Paradigmatic Approach in Advancing the Idea of Islamic Humanities

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Abstract

In recent years, terms such as “ijtihad paradigm of religious science” or “Islamic paradigm of humanities” have been widely used. This shows that some proponents of the idea of Islamic humanities are trying to realize the idea of Islamic humanities with a paradigmatic approach to science (presented by Thomas Samuel Kuhn) or newer versions.

In this article, after referring to the history of using the term paradigm, the meaning of paradigm in the views of Kuhn and the thinkers after him, the use of this term in Islamic humanities is evaluated and the following questions are answered:

1. What changes were made in the meaning of Kuhn’s paradigm by who used this term in humanities? And what are the criticisms to the use of the term paradigm in the humanities?
2. What is the understanding of the paradigm for those who use this term in the Islamic humanities? And what are the criticisms to the employment of this term in the Islamic humanities?
3. What are the implications of using the term paradigm in Islamic humanities? And do researchers in the Islamic humanities pay attention to these requirements?

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