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Islamization of Knowledge: A Methodology

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The booklet presents, as its Arabic title shows, Dr. Khalīl's views on how the Islamization of knowledge should be approached. The author argues that Islamization should not start from scratch but that it has to pay due attention to Islam's rich intellectual legacy which, he points out, even Western scholars came to consider as authentic part of modern intellectual thought. It is hoped that this work will contribute to the debate on Islamization, an issue which current worldwide events, especially in the Muslim world, have proved beyond doubt to be as imperative as ever.

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