

ARE REGIONAL SYSTEMS OF PROTECTION A REMEDY OR A CHALLENGE TO UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN ISLAMIC MIDDLE EAST COUNTRIES?

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Abstract

From their establishment, human rights have been considered inalienable rights of the person. Regardless of that, attacks on the universality of human rights have been persistent and widespread. These attacks have undermined the implementation and respect of human rights in different countries of the world. The main purpose of my paper will be the search for an approach that can help implement human rights in different cultures and societies. Islamic Middle East countries are an example of this important controversy between the universalism and cultural relativism points of view, and I will sustain that a regional system of human rights protection is a possible solution of this controversy. In the first chapter I will introduce the principal approaches to human rights, universalism and cultural relativism and deal with their critics. The aim of this chapter is the elaboration of theoretical bases for the regional system claim. The second chapter will address the problem of the validity of human rights in Islamic Middle East countries. The third chapter will discuss the role of regional systems as a possible solution to the limits of the implementation of human rights all over the world.

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