

The Creation of Islamic Environmental Law: A Study on Muslim Scholars' Commitment to Climate Change

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Abstract

This study aims to reveal the role of Islamic law in the context of climate change in Indonesia. Although classical Islamic materials do not explicitly mention climate change, decarbonization, or even energy, there has been increasing commitment by ulama (Muslim scholars) from policy to grassroots activities based on Islamic principles since 1990s. Some studies see this as a trend out of moral demand among Muslims, and others see modern and secular pressure from the national and global movement. This presentation highlights a process of introducing “eco pesantren” (Islamic boarding school promoting ecological awareness) as a case of jurisprudential response to environmental issues by ulama in Indonesia. Through this, we shed light on the significance of environmental commitment based on Islamic jurisprudence.