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Islamic Inheritance Law as a Framework for Intergenerational Justice and Sustainable Family Wealth Distribution

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ABSTRACT

Islamic inheritance law (*faraid*) represents a unique and comprehensive system for wealth distribution that combines legal, ethical, and spiritual dimensions. Designed to ensure fairness and justice among heirs, *faraid* is based on divine principles that allocate fixed shares to family members, including both men and women, thereby preventing wealth concentration and fostering social balance. In contemporary discourse, the concepts of sustainability and intergenerational justice have become central to addressing global economic and social challenges. The principles embedded in *faraid*—such as equitable distribution, protection of vulnerable heirs, and the circulation of wealth—align closely with these modern goals, making it a relevant framework for promoting sustainable family wealth management. This paper explores the intersection between Islamic inheritance law and the concept of sustainability, with a particular focus on its potential contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), especially SDG 5 (Gender Equality) and SDG 10 (Reduced Inequalities). By adopting a normative-juridical and socio-legal approach, this research examines the underlying principles of *faraid* and their implications for achieving long-term economic justice within families and communities. Comparative analysis is also undertaken to highlight the differences and synergies between *faraid* and contemporary secular inheritance systems, particularly in terms of fairness and wealth preservation. The findings indicate that Islamic inheritance law not only ensures legal clarity and minimizes disputes but also supports the creation of a more balanced and sustainable economic order. The paper argues that integrating *faraid* with modern legal technologies, such as digital wills and blockchain-based asset management, could further enhance its applicability in the contemporary era, ensuring that its timeless values continue to address evolving socio-economic realities.

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