

Moderation and Justice in Islam

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Although the notion of justice among humans has always been paramount in Islamic jurisprudence as an ideal to be achieved, the actual study of justice as achieved in society had rarely been systematically studied by Muslims. In other words, it is the theological dimension of justice that had usually been given precedence over the sociological dimension. The sociological dimension, however, cannot be neglected. It has been observed by many that the main factor in the hierarchy of cause and effect is the quality of leadership. To the extent that leaders lacked the qualities of justice, balance and morality (*akhlāq*), they would not be affective in creating a just social order. Instead, society would be ruled by the immoral and corrupt. The struggle for social justice ought to be a priority of Muslim thinkers and activists.