



# JUSTRAC

JUSTICE SECTOR TRAINING, RESEARCH  
& COORDINATION PROGRAM

## *Understanding Islamic Law*

A Justice Sector Training, Research and Coordination Advanced Training Course  
Convened by the Rule of Law Collaborative at the University of South Carolina

June 3-4, 2019

### **Course Objectives**

Islamic law is one of the longest enduring and most widely practiced systems of law in the world. It is, however, one of the most misunderstood. This course will offer participants a firm grounding in the principles, concepts, and terminology of Islamic law as well as an introduction to its history and its role in the contemporary era. Through discussion and exercises, participants will gain practical insights into the sources and constructs of this religious-based legal system, including the substantive differences between Shari'ah and jurisprudence as well as analyze the Qur'an, the Tradition of the Prophet Muhammad, the various rational constructs devised by jurists and eminent legal scholars. This course will also cover the different schools of law, differences between Shi'i and Sunni Islamic law, the historical demise and the modern resurgence of Islamic law, and Islamism. Participants will also gain an in-depth understanding of selected aspects of classical and contemporary Islamic legal matters alongside the opportunity to hear from interagency practitioners on best practices in implementing rule of law programs in Islamic Law countries. Panel discussions on programming will feature practical case studies and considerations for program officers before and during program implementation

### **Location**

ABA Rule of Law Initiative  
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