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Special Issue ‘Recent Trends and Developments in Saudi Law’

Over the last few years, the legal system of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has undergone a profound transformation. Until recently, the country’s judiciary relied primarily on traditional Islamic jurisprudence to reach results, which were not always consistent or predictable, given the low value attributed to precedent within the legal system. Within the framework of the Saudi Vision 2030, a remarkable shift in favor of codified law has brought the legal system closer in line with neighboring jurisdictions and toward shared concepts of law with the greater Arab world. This change can be witnessed in comprehensive codifications of, for example, civil and family law. It is also reflected in several new specialized legislative acts that are geared towards creating greater legal certainty for citizens and residents and a legal environment more conducive to international business, in areas varying from data protection to bankruptcy legislation and beyond.

Arab Law Quarterly aims to reflect on, discuss, and contextualize these latest trends and developments in Saudi law in a special issue. We invite contributions on all aspects of the recent transformation of law in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, regarding both legislation and regulation as well as implementation by the judiciary. We particularly encourage manuscripts that place the new legislative trends and developments in their broader political or economic context, discuss the legislative process that generated the new codes and laws, or reflect on the application of new legislative acts by the country’s courts.

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