**MAQĀṢID AL-SHARĪʿAH AS A CONCEPTUAL FOUNDATION IN GENDER EQUALITY RENEWAL**

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**ABSTRACT**

So many problems can be found in Islamic family law if it is referred to through a modern approach, especially regarding gender equality. Starting from the regulation of marriage guardians which is controlled by men, the distribution of inheritance which is dominated by men, provisions regarding witnesses that weaken the existence of women, and so on. In the Indonesian context, many academics think that the concept of gender equality must be updated immediately. The purpose of this research is to update the concept of gender following the principles of Maqāṣid Al-Sharīʿah. This research method uses a literature study, where data is obtained through the study of books, literature books, journal articles, websites, and so on. The collected data was analyzed by using the content analysis strategy (content analysis). From the study conducted, it was concluded that Maqāṣid Al-Sharīʿah can be an adequate alternative as a methodological conceptual basis for updating the concept of gender and modernity values, such as equality, gender justice, and so on. Islamic scientific traditions such as ushul fiqh, and Qowaidul fiqh so the concepts generated through this approach can likely be accepted by all circles of society.

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