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Abstract

A lot of rhetoric took place recently addressing human rights accompanied with the appearance of associations and organizations defending these rights regardless of origin, religion, and ethnicity. Mass of research and publications were written based on the human rights document issued by the French revolution in August 26th, 1789 and the world declaration for human rights issued by the General Assembly of the United Nations in December 10th, 1948. Some interested scholars wrongly assume that those two documents are the foundation of human rights. So, this paper intends to sharply defy these assumptions proving that Arabs from pre-Islamic era and then Muslims had practiced such rights for real in their religion and their lives. This research will cite for documented evidences from the Arab-Islamic heritage showing that this heritage holds deeply rooted human rights practices. It will also present for examples from the Holy Quran, Suna (Prophet Mohammad), and pre-Islamic poetry.

About the Speaker

Dr. Omar Shehadeh Alfajjawi completed the BA in Arabic language (1990) and the MA in Pre-Islamic Literature (1994) from the University of Jordan with honors. He received the Ph.D. in Pre-Islamic Literature from Yarmouk University in 1999, where he was ranked as the top student. Dr. Alfajjawi taught Arabic language for five years and later served as the language editor for the Al-Dustour Newspaper. He was a member of the Arabic Language Curriculum for five years. In 2000 Dr. Alfajjawi joined the faculty at Al-Hussein University in Jordan, where he served as the director of the university library. In 2002 he joined the Hashemite University, where he obtained his tenure in 2009, prior to being named Assistant to the Dean of Students Affairs, Vice Dean of Students Affairs (2010-2011) and Dean of Students Affairs (2011). Dr. Alfajjawi chaired many committees at Hashemite University, including the Student Investigation Committee, The Cultural Committee, and the Judgment of Poetry for Beginners Committee. He is a member of the Jordanian Society for Scientific Research as well as a member of the Higher Committee for many conferences. He has served on numerous thesis evaluation committees and has peer-reviewed an impressive number of research papers for scientific journals. Dr. Alfajjawi has given many interviews to Jordanian and Arab TV channels, delivered a host of lectures and given seminars at universities throughout Jordan.