Social *Fiqh* and Its Implications for Community Life in Society 5.0

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Abstract

This paper aims to analyze and examine the developmental model of *social fiqh* in the era of society 5.0 and its implications for the social life of modern society in the 21st century AD. The research method uses a literature review by collecting various appropriate and supportive literature on social *fiqh* studies, such as the works of KH Sahal Mahfuz and KH Ali Yafi. The study results show that social *fiqh* in the 5.0 era will increase the ease of access and progress in people's lives concerning social, cultural, economic, and political issues by prioritizing the values of the public benefit. The development of social *fiqh* in the era of society 5.0 is a step to alleviate the increasingly complex problems of the people. Social *fiqh* also educates and guides humans to become advanced, independent, prosperous, tolerant, moderate, balanced, and just human beings.

**Keyword:** social *fiqh*; society 5.0; life implications; community

Tulisan ini bertujuan untuk menganalisis dan mengkaji model perkembangan *fiqh* sosial di era masyarakat 5.0 dan implikasinya bagi kehidupan sosial masyarakat modern di abad 21 Masehi. Metode penelitian menggunakan studi pustaka dengan mengumpulkan berbagai literatur yang sesuai dan mendukung kajian *fiqh* sosial, seperti karya-karya KH Sahal Mahfuz dan KH Ali Yafi. Hasil kajian menunjukkan bahwa *fiqh* sosial di era 5.0 akan meningkatkan kemudahan akses dan kemajuan kehidupan masyarakat yang menyangkut masalah sosial, budaya, ekonomi, dan politik dengan mengutamakan nilai-nilai kemaslahatan umum. Perkembangan *fiqh* sosial di era society 5.0 merupakan langkah untuk mengentaskan permasalahan umat yang semakin kompleks. *Fiqh* sosial juga mendidik dan membimbing manusia menjadi manusia yang maju, mandiri, sejahtera, toleran, moderat, seimbang, dan adil.

**Kata kunci:** *fiqh* sosial; era society 5.0; implikasi kehidupan; masyarakat
Introduction

The life that runs dynamically is in line with the emergence of complex problems. Various necessities of life will cause social, economic, cultural, educational, and even political problems. It becomes a reality that each era has its orientation. Humans are challenged to adapt to various characters from changing times quickly. The era of society 5.0 is a new era that modern humans must go through. This era is a concept coined by the Japanese government. The concept of society 5.0 rests on the manufacturing factor and solves social problems with the help of the integration of physical and virtual spaces.1

The rapid development of technology makes human needs more religious and goes hand in hand with the problems of religious life. According to al-Qardawi, the need for fatwas in modern life is not an act of playing games and breaking the law. Some people want the guidance of Islam to be practiced in daily life that is involved in various fields of modern life with various aspects.2 Thus, the study of fiqh needs to be opened more broadly by paying attention to aspects of society’s main problems. The role of fiqh as a scientific discipline that gives birth to the law of a case must be more open to the times. The hope is that he can quickly provide alternative solutions to the problems and needs of modern society. To meet these demands, studying the latest fiqh science according to the situation and developments of the times is very necessary.3 In essence, how fiqh can make breakthroughs by giving birth to various legal products that are by the challenges of the times and the needs of society while still prioritizing the values of the teachings in the Qur’an and Sunnah.4 Adaptation to this change was made by al-Shāfi‘ī with the emergence of an old opinion (qawl qadīm) and a new opinion (qawl jadīd).5

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4 Abdul Manan, Aspek-Aspek Pengubah Hukum (Jakarta: Kecana, 2006).
Socially oriented fiqh needs to be developed and rebuilt. The goal is to provide solutions in alleviating various problems of human life. Social Fiqh is a context orientation of contemporary Indonesian fiqh. There have been many ideas and concepts of Indonesian fiqh offered by several Indonesian scholars. Hasbi ash-Shiddieqy, for example, relates fiqh thinking according to the social character of Indonesian society. Munawir Syadzali emphasizes the formulation of Islamic teachings by scholars with the social reality of Indonesian society. KH Sahal Mahfudz and KH Ali Yafie seek to transform Islamic teachings' values into the dimensions of individual and group life at the community and state levels. The critical point is for the benefit so that the thought and study of Islamic law are dynamic and can adapt to any changes.

The two figures mentioned later have different pressure points. KH Sahal Mahfudz focuses more on the role and contribution of fiqh in the socio-economic field and knits togetherness. Meanwhile, KH Ali Yafie focuses on efforts so that fiqh has the dimensions of worship and contextualizes its studies according to the challenges of the times.

The reconstruction of social fiqh in the era of society 5.0 is essential to study. The aim is to find various alternative solutions to the legal needs of modern society in the 21st century. Considering that social fiqh is a contextual fiqh formulation, the scope of its study is broad. It is not limited to the area of 'ubūdiyah but includes other areas. Social values that form the basis of

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7 T.M. Hasbi Ash-Shiddieqy, Syariat Islam Menjawab Tantangan Zaman (Jakarta: Bulan Bintang, 1966), 43.
10 Masdar Farid Mas'udi, Agama Keadilan: Risalah Zakat (Pajak) dalam Islam (Jakarta: LP3M, 1991), 76.
universal values in people's lives, the changing times with all their social phenomena, and aspects of development form the basis for the government to develop social science and studies in Indonesia. These three are the primary concern in studying social *fiqh*.  

There are three strategies so that *fiqh* can adapt to any changes. First, the integration and interconnection of social values. Second, the spirit of changing times. Third, the government's development policy into social *fiqh*. The framework and concepts of social *fiqh* used to examine contemporary issues, and government policies related to social, cultural, political, and religious life are viewed from a normative-positivistic perspective. However, the government will take the dynamic-dialectical and contextualist elements that cover the background of the presence of problems in people's lives and the policy formulation process to overcome these problems. It is an effort to balance goals, interests, processes, and benefits in line with universal values in the form of usefulness.

This research is qualitative, with the data source in the form of a library. Data collection is obtained by processing various documents found, either in notes or articles, according to the research object. Furthermore, the data is analyzed and described so that a map and flow of the reconstruction process of social *fiqh* in society 5.0 is found and its implications for modern human life.
The existence of Social *Fiqh* in the Era of Society 5.0

Era 5.0 is the era of human resource development, socio-economic independence, and improvement of living standards while upholding morality, solidarity, and social responsibility. Social *fiqh* is present as a form of Islamic legal responsibility in solving people’s problems by providing alternative ways, according to the conditions and situations. Social *fiqh* is a contextual reaction to the dynamics of the times to be more productive and reactive to social welfare, economy, human development, independence, and other human needs.²³ It means that social *fiqh* is needed to answer worship problems and contribute to the welfare of the people in terms of social, economic, cultural, and educational aspects.

*Fiqh* is presented as social ethics and spiritual ethics, identical to community development, especially in cultural, social, economic, and political issues. The meaning of social *fiqh* can refer to its original meaning. Abū Ḥanifah explained that *fiqh* is self-knowledge about what is good and wrong, or what is beneficial to humans and what is harmful (*maḍarāt*) to them.²⁴

KH Sahal Mahfudh is one of the initiators of social *fiqh*. It is intended to reference the fundamental values of *fiqh* in human life, which is constantly changing. It requires a paradigm shift in the field of *fiqh*. It means that KH Sahal strives to continue to update the existence of *fiqh* so that it can provide real solutions and contributions to the community’s needs from time to time.²⁵ This idea can empower the enrichment of *fiqh* studies as one of the drivers of contextual diversity in people’s lives and strengthen the joints of *fiqh* science. Of course, with the core spirit of forming and achieving benefit in people’s lives. Thus, social *fiqh* will respond, adjust, and pay attention to the public, national, and social problems that develop in people’s lives today.²⁶ By understanding

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Kiai Sahal’s line of thought regarding the concept of social fiqh, we will know the orientation and purpose of the social fiqh.

![Concept Map](image)

**Figures 1:** KH Sahal Mahfudh’s social fiqh concept map

In figure 1 above, we can understand that social fiqh is a form of a dialectic between aspects of the reality of society, with fiqh as the legal basis and ushul fiqh as a source of law. The main goal is the benefit and interests of the people universally. In its practical form, social fiqh empowers the potential and skills of the community. Thanks to the three elements developed by Kiai Sahal, Islamic law, especially fiqh mu’amalah, is not static but becomes fiqh that is responsive, dynamic, and adaptive to all conditions.27

Kiai Ali Yafie also expressed this idea through his concept of social fiqh. He tries to ground the concept of contextual fiqh in the form of fiqh that is not rigid, which only refers to the textual form of the texts. This effort is intended to prevent the study of fiqh from being trapped in a practice that only dwells on the ritual dimension of worship (mahdah).28 Thus, the nuances of fiqh will go hand in hand with the interests of the wider community.29 The social dimension that characterizes the scope of Kiai Ali Yafie’s social fiqh study provides a feeling of flexibility and an atmosphere of adaptability in studying.

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observing, and seeing various social problems in society so that ideas arise about social spirit without reducing the essence of Islamic teachings.  

From this, it is known that to maintain the existence of fiqh, breakthroughs, new paradigms, and new approaches are needed to adapt to current conditions. We know that fiqh as a product of Islamic law is dynamic and flexible, so the steps to initiate and conceptualize social fiqh are very appropriate, especially in this era of society 5.0. Social fiqh, in this case, also upholds the concept of maqāṣid shari’ah, which is a necessity. Given that, fiqh must be able to reach human benefit in order to be able to solve various problems in life, both in the social, political, economic, cultural, and educational dimensions.

The explanation of Husein Muhammad reinforces this analysis. He emphasized that the idea of social fiqh and its existence pioneered by Kiai Sahal could create human morality. In his view, he states that fiqh is "social ethics" not as "state law". He emphasized that fiqh must be a study of social ethics for the benefit and interest of the general public, not as a product used to punish others. The conception of fiqh as social ethics is the culmination of a series of reflections and profound meanings of the term "social fiqh".

The existence of social fiqh in the 5.0 era will increase the ease of access and progress in people’s lives while still prioritizing the values of nobility, benefit, and public interest. Do not become a society that "justifies" all means for personal gain, egoism, and a materialistic hedonist paradigm coupled with secular and liberal attitudes. Social fiqh exists to protect, assist, and direct the right things according to religious guidance. Social fiqh is not educating modern humans with a selfish mentality, but a modern society that is tolerant, peaceful, and cooperative to raise all social problems that generally suppress human life.

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The explanation above shows that the concept of social *fiqh* in terms of orientation and purpose is almost the same as the concept of society 5.0. Both of them lead to the order of social life. Every existing challenge can be solved by combining innovations from various elements contained in the 4.0 industrial revolution. Through social revolution 5.0, artificial intelligence that pays attention to humanity will transform millions of data collected through the internet in all areas of life. Of course, it is expected to be new wisdom in the social order. It is remembering that this transformation will help humans to live more meaningful lives. In society, 5.0 emphasizes the aspect of balancing economic achievements with solving social problems.\textsuperscript{34}

Social *fiqh* must be understood as a process of ijtihād. The dialectic between existing doctrine and reality was developed in society 5.0, which is more contextual. The urgency lies in creating a new perspective on *fiqh* that accommodates the flow of change and various social realities that emerged in the era of society 5.0. Social reality needs to be accommodated by *fiqh* views. Ibn Taimiyah states that fundamental issues related to the daily life of Muslims must be considered, not formalistic scholastic issues which will only have a rigid and normative appearance.\textsuperscript{35} For this reason, social *fiqh* is a step to flex the discipline of *fiqh* and its legal studies.


\textsuperscript{35} Muhammad Amin, \textit{Ijtihād Ibnu Taimiyah dalam Bidang Fikih Islam} (Jakarta: INIS, 1991), 27.
Reconstruction of Social *Fiqh* in Society 5.0 Era and Its Implications

Social *fiqh* has five main characteristics as follows:

1. The contextual interpretation of *fiqh* texts.
2. Changing the pattern of schools of thought from textual to methodological (*madhhab, manhaj*).
3. Verification between the original case (*uṣūl*) and the new case (*far‘*).
4. *Fiqh* is presented as a social ethic, not a positive law of a country.
5. The introduction of the methodology of philosophical thought, especially in cultural and social, and economic issues.\(^{36}\)

Social *fiqh* is a representation of Islamic teachings that are flexible and dynamic. Social *fiqh* is always able to dialogue with all the demands of the times to answer the needs of the global community. *Fiqh* must continue to be updated and developed by the direction of the times. By reconstructing social *fiqh* in society 5.0, it is hoped that *fiqh* can universally answer various needs, challenges, and interests of the community.

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These efforts were carried out by updating old fiqh concepts and then adjusting them to the needs of each era. The orientation and focus of social fiqh are more on cultural, social, economic, and political aspects, with the initial formulation. Through this orientation, social fiqh can be reconstructed into a more comprehensive study to meet the needs of people’s lives from all aspects.

The reconstruction of social fiqh in the era of society 5.0 is expected to inspire the concepts and paradigms of Islamic law to be more responsive, solutions, innovative and creative in responding to various problems of modern life. Social fiqh is expected to be an alternative and community choice in solving all their life needs. It needs to be done because the problems and needs of the community are increasingly complex. The orientation of social fiqh does not only revolve around the issue of right and wrong, haram and wajib, sunnah and makruh but is broader than that. The problem of economic, social, cultural, humanitarian, educational, and political inequality is the subject of social fiqh. For this reason, in the era of society 5.0, which is oriented towards improving the quality of human resources supported by high morality, this will be a strategic moment in rebuilding the concepts and ideas of social fiqh.

Efforts to bring up a new perspective in fiqh are part of the appreciation of the legal experts of the past inheritance. This step attempts to create responsive and contextual legal formulations and theories that are in line with socio-cultural developments that demand a new paradigm37 The reconstruction of social fiqh begins to manifest its adaptive nature so that it is permanently attached to the ijtihād process in Islamic law. The main reason is that the existing reality often shows that society’s development and public opinion are running more dynamically and faster than the development of the legal community itself38

The main implication of the reconstruction of social fiqh is to create universal values, namely the benefit and welfare of humans. Ibn Taimiyah, in this case, states that the existence of fiqh is to create benefit and reject various forms of damage and evil.39 Fiqh, as a formulation of sharia understanding, has two objectives. First, build the behavior of every Muslim based on faith, sharia,

37 Ahmad Muḥammad Al-Zarqā, Sharḥ al-Qawa'id al-Fiqhiyah (Dār al-Qalam, 1938), 173.
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and morals. Second, realizing the order of social life in society with the identity of justice, equality, and partnership. The second goal is to form a social attitude that seeks to respond to changing times and problems to free people from the inequality of life, build welfare, and increase a sense of solidarity and equitable justice. Social *fiqh* seeks to transform Islamic values into social attitudes that can provide benefits to fellow human beings. Thus, Muslims are not inclusive, rigid, selfish, and formal, but socialist, moderate, flexible, and wise.

Another implication of the reconstruction of *fiqh* in society 5.0 is to uphold the values of humanity, justice, welfare, economic prosperity, solidarity, and benefit. Social *fiqh* thus requires two piety at once, namely pious individually and pious socially.\(^{40}\)

The reconstruction of social *fiqh* in society in the era of society 5.0 is thus a concrete step to develop a broader study of *fiqh* in responding to the increasingly complex problems of the ummah. It not only orients ritual worship vertically but also social rituals horizontally. Social *fiqh* does not only regulate the relationship between humans and God, but the order between fellow humans, nature, and the state. Social *fiqh* studies are, of course, more comprehensive. The impact is the realization of a social life that is more humanist, socialist, ethical, and able to grow the progress of the ummah wisely while still using the religious foundation as a rail. So that human life becomes better.

**Figure 3:** The reconstruction of social *fiqh* in society 5.0

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Contribution of Social Fiqh to the Social Life of Modern Society

Social fiqh strives to provide an alternative way to the needs and demands of society at large. The social life of modern society is not based on material or hedonic paradigms. However, social life refers to the common good, partnering, uniting (ta‘āwun), working together to build a better civilization. Social fiqh provides various ways to form a stable society in heterogeneity, tolerant in plurality, moderate in different schools of thought, flexible in the dynamism of life, and sensitive in diverse needs.

The social life of modern society is inseparable from problems and different lifestyles and wild paradigms that sometimes affect lifestyle and behavior. Social fiqh plays its role in providing direction to be able to live in a good society. It also provides a perspective to act according to Islamic teachings by not following external paradigms that deviate from Islamic teachings. The paradigm that develops in modern society, which is adopted from outside contrary to Islamic religious values, must be avoided. Social fiqh, in this case, serves as a filter for these negative influences.

Another contribution of social fiqh to the community’s social life is to participate in educating and guiding the community to become advanced, independent, and prosperous human beings. This contribution is made in the following ways. 1. Provide solutions and concepts on how to build an advanced people’s economy. Building social partners who help each other (sharia cooperatives), 3. It provides various legal fatwas that facilitate the socio-economic affairs of the community. 4. Optimizing the role of zakat, waqf, and infaq for the welfare of the wider community. 5. Strengthening sharia banking in Indonesia for the ummah’s convenience, convenience, and independence,

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42 Mahfudz, Nuansa Fikih Sosial.
especially Muslims. 6. Educate the community to be a tolerant, moderate, balanced, and just society.\textsuperscript{46}

Some of the contributions of the conception of social fiqh in the era of society 5.0 above can be translated into several aspects. 1. Community economic empowerment. 2. Granting the right to freedom of religion and belief. 3. Educate moderate religion, 4—train social sensitivity between individuals.\textsuperscript{47} Thus, the role and contribution of social fiqh in the era of society 5.0 is vital and needs to be supported by various government policies and elements of society to jointly make a positive contribution to the social life of modern society in this century.\textsuperscript{48}

![Figure 4: The contribution of social Fiqh to the social life of modern society](image)

Figure 4 above shows that social fiqh makes a significant contribution to aspects of human life. For example, in economic matters, about sharia economics, the legality of creative economy development, and the ease of conducting economic transactions.\textsuperscript{49} In terms of freedom in choosing beliefs

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\item[A. B. Rusli, ‘Nalar Ushul Fiqh KH. Sahal Mahfudh dalam Wacana Islam Indonesia’, Potret Pemikiran 22, no. 2 (2018), http://dx.doi.org/10.30984/ppv22i2.785.]
\item[Y. D. Sanrego and M Taufik, Fiqih Tamkin: Membangun Modal Sosial dalam Mewujudkan Khairu Ummah (Jakarta: Qisthi Press, 2016).]
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and truths, for example, social *fiqh* supports the concept of religious moderation; there is no compulsion in religion, adherents of other religions must still be treated well and humanely. In addition, it also provides a moderate pattern of religious education, such as tolerance, pluralism. Lastly, educate the public to be sensitive to social issues, such as generosity, empathy, sympathy, socialism, and society.

**Conclusion**

Social *fiqh* must be understood as a process of *ijtihād*. The dialectic between doctrine and reality can be heard again in the contextual era. The reconstruction of social *fiqh* in the era of society 5.0 is a concrete step to develop a broader study of *fiqh* in alleviating the increasingly complex problems of the people. It is no longer only oriented to ritual worship vertically, but also horizontally so that it has a positive impact, namely the realization of a more humanist, socialist, ethical, and spiritual social life that can foster the progress of the people wisely, in this case, it can be called the paradigm—social *fiqh* 5.0. The role of social *fiqh*, in addition to providing direction to be able to live in society well, also provides a perspective to act according to Islamic teachings by not following external paradigms that deviate from Islamic teachings and educating and guiding people to become independent and

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prosperous, tolerant, moderate, and progressive human beings—balanced and fair.[a]

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