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AN EVALUATION OF THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION IN JORDAN

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ABSTRACT

Jordan is the first Arab country to have enacted Legislation on Access to Information. The current study tries to clarify the legal framework of the right to information under Jordanian Constitution and legislations in comparing with the international treaties and standards. It also aims to determine the legal basis for the legitimacy of this right in international law and local legislation, as well as to define the types of information and its classifications under both the State Secret and Documents Law No (50) 1971, and Law Guarantee Access to Information, 2007. The role of information disclosure in economic, social and political progress is focused on, in addition, the study highlights on the most important laws that limit an individual's right to obtain information in Jordan, such multiple and different laws have been mentioned in this study, as well as it clarifies the most important challenges facing the actual application and implementation of the law of 2007.

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