Homework Assignment: Islamic Legal Research – Using the UW Library Catalog and Libraries

1. Using the UW libraries only catalog – advanced search screen (http://catalog.lib.washington.edu/search/X):
   a. Search for the following items:
      i. Author: Ron Shaham; Title: Family and the courts in modern Egypt
      ii. Author: Sherman Jackson; Title: Islamic law and the state
      iii. Author: Frank Vogel; Title: Islamic law and legal system
      iv. Author: Aharon, Layish; Title: The reinstatement of Islamic law in Sudan under Numayri
      v. Author: Ron Shaham; Title: Law, custom and statute in the Muslim world

   b. For each of these title, please record its:
      i. Location(s) [i.e., which library it can be found at]
      ii. Call number
      iii. Status
      iv. And also include at least 2 relevant subject headings assigned to it

   c. Using the Library of Congress Classification Outline website (http://www.loc.gov/catdir/cpso/lcco/), look up each of the call numbers that you found and record its class, subclass and classification description.

      For example, Professor Lombardi's book: State law as Islamic law in modern Egypt : the incorporation of the Sharī a into Egyptian constitutional law has the following call number - KBP2102 .L66 2006. (you can ignore any information after the first decimal point)

      K class – Law
      KBP subclass – Islamic law
      KBP2102 – Constitution of the state. Constitutional law

   d. Were any of these titles classified in a category that surprised you?

   e. Can you spot a commonality between all of these books – something that all the library records share in common?

2. Based on the topic of your seminar paper:
   a. Identify at least 3 library of congress subject-headings that are relevant to your research and record them below:

   b. Using the UW libraries only catalog, retrieve at least 2 books that have at least one of these subjecting headings and record their titles below:

   c. Check these two books out and bring them to your next class – evaluate for your classmates whether the content of these titles match the subject headings assigned to them.