

Preface

This publication introduces texts and facsimiles from private archives on a Makhdūmzāda family based in Marghilan in the Ferghana Valley since the 18th century.

As well known sufism played a significant role in the Islamic history of Central Asia. However, historical sources, particularly relating to the periods of the three Uzbek khanates, Khiva, Bukhara and Khoqand, are so scarce that the clarification has remained almost untouched. This book attempts to clarify original sources for the study of Sufism and the history of the Khanate of Khoqand and its neighboring regions.

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