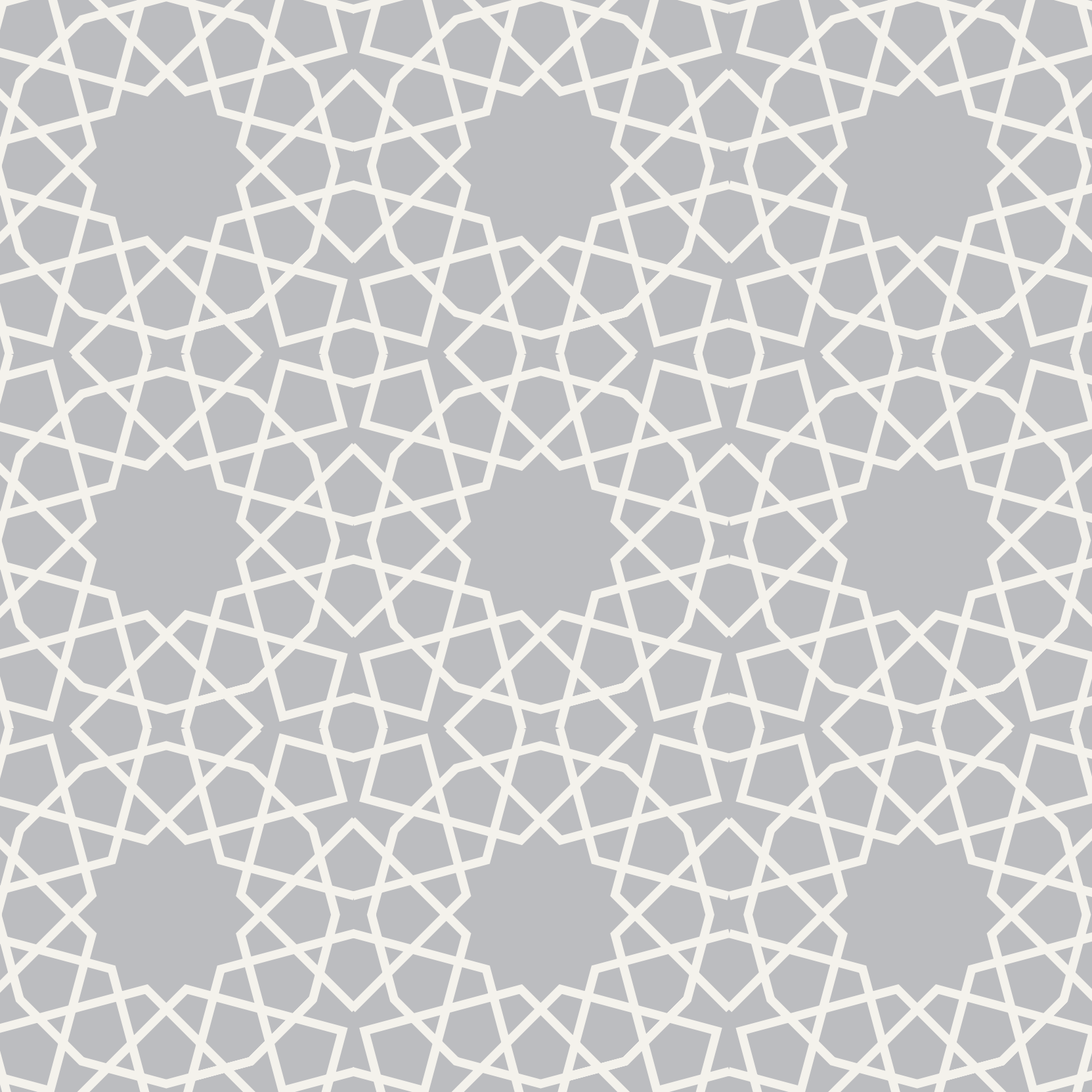




INSTITUTE for **SUFI** **STUDIES** ÜSKÜDAR UNIVERSITY





MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

The Institute for Sufi Studies at Üsküdar University was established through the joint efforts of Üsküdar University's President Prof. Dr. Nevzat Tarhan and founder of Kerim Foundation Cemalnur Sargut in July 2014. The first thematic university in Turkey on behavioural sciences and health, Üsküdar University has undergraduate studies in philosophy, psychology, sociology, bioengineering, molecular biology, and genetics. The graduate programs established in the Health, Humanities, and Applied Sciences Institutes of the University conduct leading research in the fields of clinical and applied psychology, social services, behavioural sciences, and neuroscience.

The Institute for Sufi Studies aims to become an internationally renowned environment of science and art that will serve humanity in reaching peace and happiness. With this initiative, tasawwuf's teaching of beautiful conduct and the relations between religion and human behavior will be put forward in an interdisciplinary manner. It is the first institutional structure specialized on Sufi studies not emerging from Schools of Divinity in Turkey's modern university history. The Institute will provide the opportunity of graduate education on Sufi studies for all those interested from any background.

The Institute will develop joint graduate study programs and projects within the framework of the international academic partnerships initiated by the Turkish Women's Cultural Association and Kerim Foundation. These are the two most active NGOs in the promotion of scholarship on Sufism ranging from the endowment of a distinguished professorship at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to establishment of the Islamic Studies chair of Peking University and to the Kenan Rifai Center for Sufi Studies at Kyoto University.

The Institute will also search for the answer to "what types of solutions" these values can bring to different problematic areas. It is hoped that the cures to the illnesses lying at the heart of modern society will be found here. The enrichment of the language of politics will also emerge from tasawwuf as the essence of Islamic values. Holding quarrels and conversations about conflict zones in a more level-headed manner will be made possible through the rich communication opportunities that will be gleaned from the depth of tasawwuf.

Istanbul is in a position to be regarded the natural center of tasawwuf in Turkey and the world due to its distinguished Muslim Sufi culture, its multicultural structure as an imperial legacy, its treasure of Sufi manuscripts and primary sources, and its role to be a center of science, culture, and art in Turkey. We aim that the institute will soon become a center of attraction for humanities, social sciences, religious studies, health sciences, and fine arts.



AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The purpose of the Institute is to create an environment of science and art based on interdisciplinary works using Sufism's holistic and in-depth view in order to serve humanity in reaching peace and happiness. With the programs that it will initiate as an institute of specialization, the aim is to raise individuals who have internalized humanistic and ethical values, who are sensitive towards art, who think, research, create, and know the value of time, who are hard-working and of great capacity for well-seeing. According to Sufism, the goal of science is to carry these values beyond simply knowing them and to actually apply them to one's life and to use them for the happiness and advancement of humanity.

The Institute will be engaging in the following activities in order to fulfill its purpose

Initiate graduate study programs

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Organize educational programs that are open to the public

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Actualize domestic and international research projects

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Develop joint educational programs with both domestic and international universities

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Engage in other academic activities

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Arrange art performances, exhibits etc. on Classical Islamic art and music

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GRADUATE STUDY PROGRAMS

Sufi Culture and Literature MA Program *without Thesis*

The Institute for Sufi Studies began the “Sufi Culture and Literature” non-thesis MA program in February of 2016, and began matriculating during the Spring semester of 2015-2016. The program allows for those interested from all backgrounds to complete a graduate study on Sufism and related topics.

The content of the program has been structured in a way that presents a holistic approach through topics such as the doctrine of Sufism, history of Sufism, and Sufi literature, which are related to each other and to other disciplines. The program is established around fundamental Islamic sciences, Islamic thought, and civilizational history, while also correlated to other disciplines of humanities and social studies. At the same time, the program aims to contribute to the creation of multi-disciplinary cultural studies based on the perspective of “Islamic thought and Sufism” benefiting from the local sources of Turkey. Inevitably, cultural study works are usually related with tasawwuf in this region. Sufi studies research can also bring a new perspective to those interested in sociology and human psychology today.



In this program, Ottoman Turkish and introduction to Arabic Language are currently taught as research languages of Sufi studies. The Arabic Language curriculum has been structured according to the classical Ottoman style in order to aid students’ understanding of classical texts better. Introduction to Persian Language is among the elective courses.

Prospected students are required to take seven mandatory courses and three electives, and complete a research based Term Project in order to graduate.

The student, if so desired, can take a yearlong Arabic Preparatory Training Program. The Arabic Preparation Program is carried out by AROMER in accordance with the special protocol set up between the Institute and Istanbul 29 Mayıs University International Arabic Center for Education Implementation and Research (AROMER).



CURRICULUM

Sufi Culture and Literature MA Program

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Mandatory Courses

Sufi Thought	TSV 530
History of Sufism	TSV 504
Ottoman Turkish	TSV 507
Introduction to Arabic Language	TSV 562
Methodology of Project Writing	TSV 559
Sufi Classics	TSV 532
Sufi Culture and Art	TSV 534
Sufi Literature and Textual Analysis	TSV 536
Graduation Project	TSV 580



Elective Courses

TSV 540	Sufi Texts in Arabic
TSV 542	Sufi Texts in English
TSV 544	Introduction to Rumi's Thought
TSV 546	Significant Sufis in Turkish Literature
TSV 548	Introduction to Ibn Arabi's Thought
TSV 550	Sufism and Psychology
TSV 552	History of Islamic Thought
TSV 556	Introduction to Persian Language
TSV 524	Research Methodology
TSV 538	Beautiful Conduct of Sufis
TSV 526	Seminar on Sufi Texts
TSV 528	History of Islamic Civilization
TSV 558	Sufism and History of Religions
TSV 563	Sufi Texts in Ottoman Turkish
TSV 564	Tasawwuf and Poetry
TSV 502	The Qur'an and Sunna in Light of Sufi Wisdom
TSV 554	Post-19th Century Sufi Movements in Turkey and around the World



EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Continuing Learning Programs On Tasawwuf

Continuing Learning Programs are to provide information about Sufi Studies for those who have interest in Tasawwuf from different backgrounds and ages. These education programs are offered at daytime, evening, or weekend days for personal enrichment through lecture series and workshops. Upon completion, certificates are obtainable. Programs are listed below.

Introduction to Sufism

Introduction to Sufi Thought
Introduction to History of Sufism
Readings of Sufi Texts
From Concepts to Contemplation
Seminars on Sufism with Multidisciplinary Approach

These courses are offered for 52 hours.

Islamic Civilization and Sufi Culture

Islamic Civilization
Fundamental Concepts of Tasawwuf
Life of the Prophet Muhammad
Sufi Literature
Sufi Texts: Ottoman Period

Seminars on Sufism with Multidisciplinary Approach

These courses are offered for 52 hours.

Sufi Masters' Readings of Texts

Each term, a particular Sufi master's works are closely studied, analyzed, and interpreted.

These courses are offered for 24 hours.

Qur'an and the Prophet Muhammad in Light of Sufi Wisdom

The tradition of Sufi wisdom has an amazing cultural heritage based on the Qur'an and the Sunna of the Prophet Muhammad with a deep experience that comments on its data. This class examines Sufi thinkers' methods and principles on their conception of revelation and the Prophet Muhammad by benefiting from the sources on this topic.

This program is completed in 4 academic terms.

Spiritual Development and Life Wisdom with Rumi

The objective of the program is to introduce and clarify the basic concepts of religion, life, humanity, events, the universe, humans' existence in the world, humans' capacity and capabilities, their pains and sorrows, the diseases of their hearts, the pain of lack of



love and separation, the potential for love, the drought of being unable to love, and cosmic love of those who follow God, based on the example of Rumi in particular. Through classes on the Masnavi, the person being able to develop heuristic methods for their own internal archeology processes as well as life wisdom will be emphasized.

This program is completed in 4 academic terms.

Introduction to Research Methodologies in Religious Studies

The goal of this program is to introduce the research methodology of religious studies pertaining to the theoretical problems and surrounding issues of the Orientalist approach. Particular attention is given to significant German scholars such as Hellmut Ritter (1892–1971) and Fritz Meier (1912–1998). The development of reading and writing skills are targeted through close study of their texts on Sufism.

Seminar on Sufism and Cinema

This program explores how Sufism and life can be viewed and interpreted through movies. Films are used as a platform for asking questions about various dimensions of life and Sufism.

These courses are offered for 12 hours.

Introduction to Sufi Music

In this program, the place of Sufi music is

explored as part of Sufi culture. Through music, the concepts of the Sufi lodge, forms of Sufi music, and composers and poets are studied. While learning about Seljukid and Ottoman Sufi music taste and understanding, the main target is to transmit this tradition to the present day.

These courses are offered for 32 hours.

Online Education

Online Education Program is to provide information about Sufi Studies for those who have interest in Tasawwuf from different backgrounds and ages through Continuing Learning.

This education program is broadcast live at the actual class time. Upon completion, certificates are obtainable.

Currently, Sufi Masters' Readings of Texts Program is available for online education.

These courses are offered for 24 hours.





OUTREACH PROGRAMS

Research and Education Projects

THE PROJECT of THE BRIDGE OF TWO EASTS: SUFI CULTURE EDUCATION PROGRAM

The aim of this project is to enhance cultural and academic collaboration by gathering available academic and research facilities of Turkey and Japan. This project will improve academic and cultural collaboration through the bridge to be established between the two countries by the possible Sufi studies.

Tasawwuf puts forward a doctrine in academic terms. Its cultural and ethical dimensions in social life entail a comprehensive field of interest regarding Turkey's historical and cultural structure. In order to develop more understanding, researchers require the availability of and capacity to read and evaluate primary sources in their relevant contexts. Sufi texts written in Turkish are not well-known outside of the Turkish academic environment. Cultural, doctrinal, and ethical dimensions of Sufism have significant manifestations in Turkish society.

Üsküdar University, Institute for Sufi Studies offered an educational program on Sufi Culture

to graduate students from Japan. The duration of the program was for 5 weeks; 180 hours of theoretical courses and language classes (Modern Turkish and Ottoman Turkish) were offered. Five students at the graduate level from Kyoto University and Tokyo University attended the program. Courses on Ottoman Turkish and Paleography, introduction to Sufi thought, Islamic philosophy and its primary sources, especially Turkish Sufi texts from the Ottoman period, were explored and analyzed. The collections of Sufi manuscripts in Turkey were introduced. This program can help young researchers learn about this society and culture rather than merely engage with the matter in an academic, literature-centered manner. Understanding Sufi themes in popular culture as fields of study provides significant clues for establishing cultural relations. Japan is representative of a significant academic tradition. It is highly expected that in the long run, young generation researchers' prospective studies on Human and Social Studies will create a positive impact on both countries' perspectives on society and contribute to the improvement of public diplomacy through these efforts. Turkish and Japanese researchers may also benefit from the project to explore new interests for their future studies.



Project Director:

Üsküdar University, Institute for Sufi Studies

Project Partners:

Kyoto University, Graduate School of
Asian and African Area Studies and Kerim
Foundation

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PROJECT updated CALENDAR

**The Bridge of Two Easts:
Opening Symposium**

on Educational Project for Sufi Culture
İstanbul, Üsküdar University
October 22, 2016

Workshop/Search Conference

*“Structuring Translation Work on Sufi Texts in
Turkish and Japanese”*

İstanbul, Üsküdar University
October 23, 2016

Educational Program for Sufi Culture

İstanbul, Üsküdar University

January 23 –March 1, 2017

*(Cultural excursions to İstanbul, Bursa and Konya
were organized for students participating from Japan)*

The Bridge of Two Easts:

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Educational Project for Sufi Culture
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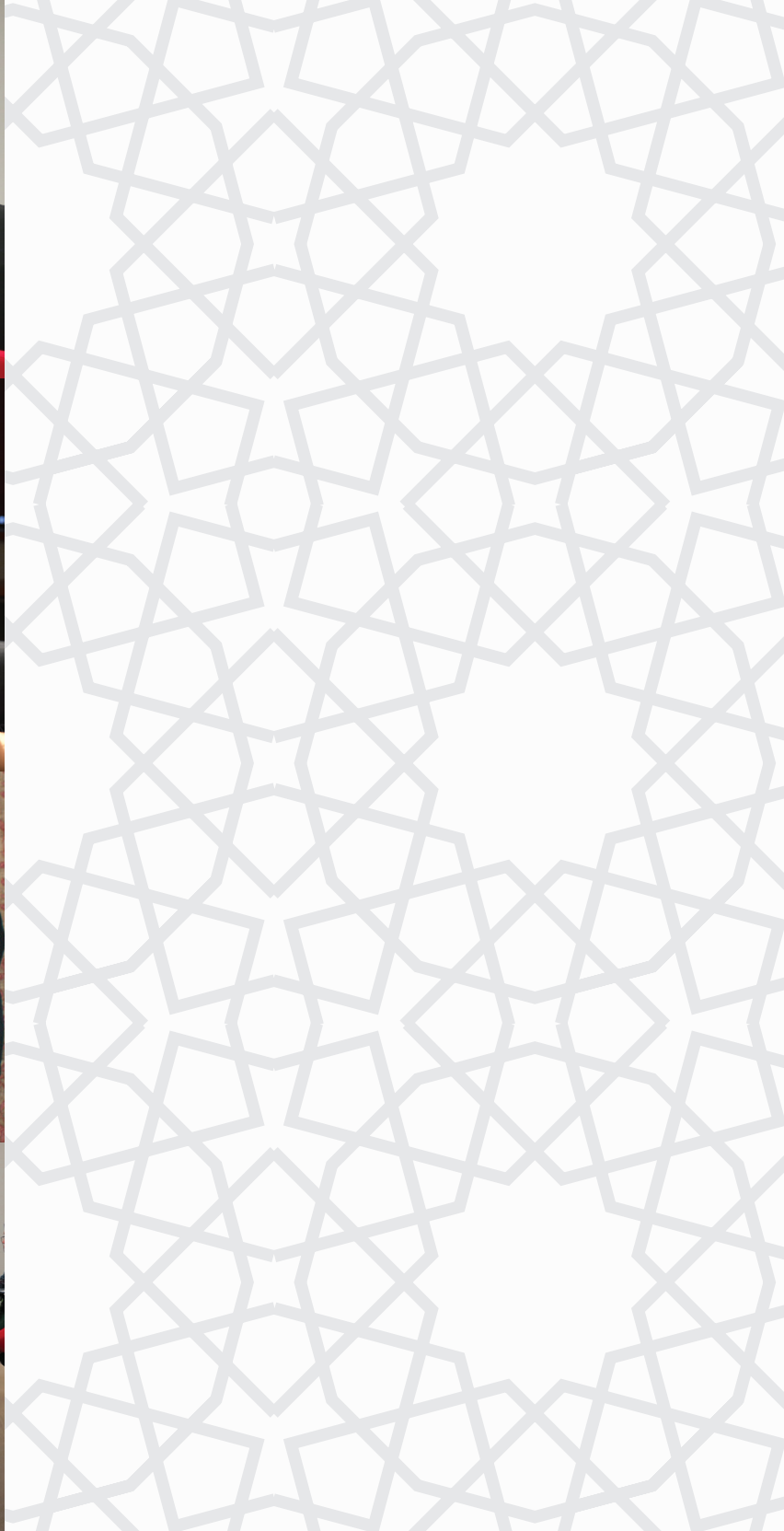
Islamic Studies and Sufi studies in Academia:
Rethinking Methodologies

Kyoto, Kyoto University

May 20-21, 2017

**Finalization of the project and submission of
outcome report**

September 19, 2017



INSTITUTE FACULTY AND STAFF

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CORE FACULTY

Elif ERHAN, Prof.

Director of the Institute for Sufi Studies



A founding member of Kerim Foundation, she has been the director of the Institute for Sufi Studies of Üsküdar University initiated by the Foundation since 2015. Her career is based on strategies of project development and management. Her academic background is in Environmental Engineering. She received her PhD from Ataturk University in 2000 and conducted her post-doctoral studies at the School of Chemical Engineering and Advanced Materials, University of New Castle. She was the faculty member at the department of Environmental Engineering, Gebze Technical University from 2003 to 2015. Her main research topics are clean technologies and biosensors. She gives consulting to firms on innovative processes and Environmental Management Systems.

Emine YENİTERZİ, Prof.

Associate Director of the Institute for Sufi Studies



Emine Yeniterzi graduated from the Department of Turkish Language and Literature at Selçuk University Faculty of Letters in 1981. She received her master's degree with her thesis, "The Names of Prophet Muhammad in Classical Turkish Literature" in 1983 and PhD degree with the dissertation of "Praising Poetry of the Prophet Muhammad [Na't] in Divan Poetry" in 1989, both in the field of Classical Turkish Literature. She continued her academic life at Selçuk University between 1981-2011, and Istanbul Medeniyet University between 2011-2015.

Currently she works at the Institute for Sufi Studies of Üsküdar University. Her major areas of study are: Classical Turkish poetry, text commentary, religious-moral-mystical masnavis, religious verse species and Jalâl al-Dîn Rûmî. She is the author of nine books and many articles in scholarly academic journals.

Osman Nuri KÜÇÜK, Prof.

Associate Director of the Institute for Sufi Studies

He graduated from Ataturk University Divinity School in 1998. He was at the Cairo and American Universities in Egypt in order to conduct research on his area through a Turkish Ministry of Education scholarship (2004). He received his Ph.D. from Ankara University Social Studies Institute Department of Sufism with his dissertation “Transformation of Self in Rumi: Suluq [Wayfarership]” in 2007. He was a visiting scholar at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for a year in 2013. He worked as faculty member at the Department of Tasawwuf of School of Divinity and concurrently served as the director of Erciyes University Dawud al-Kayseri Sufi Studies Center between 2001 and 2016. Küçük is currently working at Üsküdar University Institute for Sufi Studies. His research focus is about Sufi thought, Rumi, and Ibn Arabi.

Niyazi BEKİ, Assoc. Prof.

He graduated from the School of Divinity, Erciyes University in 1984. He completed his Master degree in Hadith science at Marmara University with his thesis entitled, “es-Sülemî ve Kitâbu'l-Erbâin li's-Sûfiyye” in 1990. He received his Ph.D. in Tafsir science at the School of Divinity, Sakarya University with “20. Asır Türkiye'sinde Tefsirde İşârâtü'l-İ'caz Örneği” dissertation in 1997. During his academic studies, he worked as a preacher in the Directorate of Religious Affairs. He taught Arabic Language courses at Sakarya University in 1993. He was the chairman of Arabic Language and Rhetoric Department between 1998-2003.



He worked as a visiting scholar at Hartford Seminary in the US between 2003-2004. Beki has been working as an Associate Professor in Üsküdar University since 2015. He has publications about commentary on the Qur'an. He is fluent in Arabic and Persian.

F. Cangüzel GÜNER ZÜLFİKAR, Asst. Prof.

She graduated from Ankara University's Faculty of Literature, History and Geography's Department of History. She completed her PhD studies on the "Saint (Aziz) Mahmud Hudayi's [ca. 1543-1628] Shrine Complex: Sufi Impact in the Civil Society Organizations in Ottoman Religious, Socio-Cultural History" at the Department of History of Hacettepe University. She taught courses on Tasawwuf and Islamic civilization at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Duke University. She was Associate Director (2006-2010) of the Carolina Center for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Civilizations at UNC-Chapel Hill. She established the Turkish Studies Program at UNC-CH in 2009, and served as an instructor there until December 2013. Upon returning to Turkey in October 2013, she worked at Istanbul Commerce and Halic Universities. At present, she teaches at Üsküdar University's Institute for Sufi Studies.

Arzu Eylül YALÇINKAYA

Graduated from Marmara University, Faculty of Divinity. In 2013, she finished her master degree with the thesis titled "Masnavi Courses of Kenan Rifai". She wrote several books in the field of Sufism and edited "Masnavi Memoirs of Kenan Rifai". Yalçinkaya is continuing her PhD studies in Bursa Uludag University in the School of Divinity and also finishing her second masters in Harvard University-Religious Studies. Alongside her studies, Yalçinkaya is working as a Teaching Assistant at the Institute for Sufi Studies at Uskudar University.



ADJUNCT FACULTY

Cemalnur SARGUT

Advisor to the Üsküdar University Chancellor

She is the president of the Istanbul branch of the Turkish Women's Cultural Association. She has lead many national and international symposiums, Dost Award for the Service to Islam, and research of Islamic Studies. She established Kenan Rifai Distinguished Islamic Studies chairs at UNC-Chapel Hill (2009) and Peking University (2011) dedicated to her teacher's name. Then she founded an endowed Kenan Rifai Center for Sufi Studies in 2016 at Kyoto University. She initiated the Kerim Foundation of Education, Culture, and Health in 2013 in order to support academic research related to Sufism. Sargut and Üsküdar University's Chancellor Prof. Dr. Nevzat Tarhan established the Institute for Sufi Studies at Üsküdar University in 2014 with the collaboration of Üsküdar University and Kerim Foundation. She teaches at Üsküdar University.



Mahmud Erol KILIÇ, Prof.

Advisor to the Üsküdar University Chancellor

He graduated from the School of Political Sciences at Istanbul University. After the establishment of the "Department of Sufism" in Turkish universities, he was one of the first to defend his PhD dissertation entitled "Existence and its Ranks in Ibn Arabi." He has widely published articles in Turkish journals and abroad. The Writers Union of Turkey chose his book Sufi ve Şiir (Sufi and Poetry) as book of the year in 2004. His works include Sufi ve Şiir (Sufi and Poetry), Evvele Yolculuk (Journey to the Past), Şeyh-i Ekber (Shaykh al-Akbar), Hermesler Hermes (The Hermes of Hermes), Anadolu'nun Ruhu (The Spirit of Anatolia). He was appointed as chair of the Department of Sufism at Marmara University and director of the Istanbul Turkish and Islamic Art Museum. He was elected as the Secretary-General for the Organization of





the Islamic Conference Member Countries' Parliamentary Union (2008). He is an honorary member of the Ibn Arabi Society at Oxford and chairman of the executive board of the Islamic Manuscript Association (TIMA).

Ahmet Murat ÖZEL, Asst. Prof.

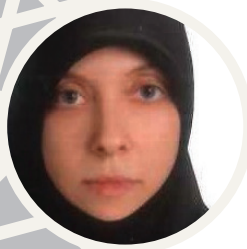
He graduated from the School of Divinity, Marmara University and completed his MA and PhD at Islamic Philosophy in Selcuk University (Konya/Türkiye). He prepared and presented TV programs focused on culture and thought. He received the Poet of the Year Award in 2014 from the Turkish Writer's Union for his poetry book *Kalbin Kararı* (Decision of the Heart). He currently works at Yalova University's Divinity School in the Department of Tasawwuf. He also serves as an adjunct faculty member at the Üsküdar University Institute for Sufi Studies.



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Frankfurt J.W. Goethe University Department of Religious Studies

Güldütuna graduated from Güldütuna graduated from Istanbul University, Cerrahpaşa School of Medicine. She studied Islamic Science, Jewish-Christian Religious Studies and philosophy in Frankfurt J. W. Goethe University. She completed her MA on the "Symbolism of Letters in Ibn Arabi" and her Ph.D. on "Kenan Rifai and His View on Women" at the same university. She has been teaching at Frankfurt J. W. Goethe University and the Institute for Sufi Studies, Üsküdar University.



Zeynep AKAY, Lecturer

Akay graduated from the School of Divinity, Marmara University. She completed her MA in Psychology in 2008 at Newport University. She teaches Arabic language courses at various universities. Akay is an adjunct faculty member of the Institute for Sufi Studies, Üsküdar University.

Muhammed BEDİRHAN, Asst. Prof.

He graduated from the School of Divinity, Marmara University and completed his MA there. His PhD is from the Institute of Social Studies, Istanbul University. His research interests are in theoretical gnosis and Oneness of Being (Vahdat al-Wujud). He has publications of Arabic translations on Sufism and Islamic Philosophy. He is an Assistant Professor of Sufism at the School of Divinity of Çanakkale 18 Mart University. At the same time, he offers courses as an adjunct faculty member at the Üsküdar University Institute for Sufi Studies.



INSTITUTE STAFF

Hülya DELİKTAŞ

Secretary of Institute for Sufi Studies

Hülya Deliktaş graduated from Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering of Middle East Technical University (METU) in 1998. She worked as RF planning and optimization engineer at Nokia Networks and Avea, one of the GSM operators in Turkey, for more than six years. She worked at the Istanbul Branch of Turkish Women's Cultural Association as a project assistant. Afterwards, she assisted the administration of Kerim Foundation. She has been working as the Secretary of Institute for Sufi Studies since March, 2015.



Özge MUSTAFAOĞLU

Assistant Secretary of Institute for Sufi Studies

She was born in İstanbul in 1988. She graduated from the Department of Political Science, Bahçeşehir University. In 2011, she completed her MBA at the same university. Her professional career includes working as a media liaison at Nefes Publication for two years in İstanbul. She is the Assistant Secretary at the Institute for Sufi Studies.





Appendix

COURSE CONTENT

TSV 530 Sufi Thought

The class will take up the main themes of Sufi metaphysics that have formed throughout the centuries on the human – universe – Allah relationship. Sufism's place among Islamic studies, its methodology in comparison to philosophy and theology, the main topics that are based on this methodology, and the influences of this ancient wisdom's teachings and practices about human life on Islamic thought and practice will be examined.

The main themes in the teachings of Sufi thinkers such as Ahmed Yesevi, Ibn Arabi, Rumi, and Yunus Emre, the place of these teachings in the individual and social life of the human today, and their contributions to humans' "search for meaning" are among the main topics of the class.

TSV 507 Ottoman Turkish

In this class on Ottoman Turkish, which is the Arabic alphabet used by Turks for nearly ten centuries in their texts for reading and writing, the rules on the writing of Turkish words and suffixes, and the Arabic and Persian elements in Ottoman Turkish will be considered through 19th and 20th century sample texts. Vocabulary will be developed by transferring

prose and poetry written in Ottoman Turkish by building up a transcription capacity.

TSV 504 History of Sufism

The history of Sufism is in transaction with many important disciplines of history such as the history of Islamic science, Islamic culture, and Islamic thought. A view that begins the history of Sufism from the life of the Prophet Muhammad and which finds the core of Sufism in the lifestyle of the Islamic community in this period will demonstrate that Sufism is a perspective attached to Islam's notions of belief and practices rather than a parvenu and historical discipline. When this view is followed through, one will be met with the teachings of Sufism which have remained the same at their core but whose outer shell has changed through commenting on the transformations experienced throughout the history of Islam. While the class aims to formulate a perspective that will supply a reading of the shell changes in that period's social and political context, it will also trace the teaching that gets transferred through generations without change and with coherence. The purpose of the class is for the student to understand the history of Sufism as a whole, to be aware of its important turning



points, while also allow for the student to see the background on the contemporary issues and areas of discussion on Sufism.

TSV 562 Introduction to Arabic Language

Found within the tradition of Islamic thought, Sufism is an area requiring Arabic language both due to its sources as well as its literature. The content of the class has been organized in a manner appropriate to the content and aims of the graduate program. Accordingly, the class will begin by providing an introduction to those who have had no Arabic language study, followed by the classical method used during the Ottoman period. There will also be an examination and debate of some modern Arabic texts by an expert linguist whose mother tongue is Arabic. The purpose of the class is for participants to gain the language capacity to be knowledgeable and aware of the examined religious and Sufi terms' pointers in the original language.

TSV 532 Sufi Classics

Every discipline has its own historical adventure, concepts specific to that discipline, and classical works that put forward the views of its main representatives. In this

class, the process of Sufism becoming its own independent discipline and classical works written afterwards and their contents will be examined. The contents of Sufi literature, its place and contributions to the tradition of religious and Sufi thought, and its influence on thoughts coming after it will be examined.

TSV 534 Sufi Culture and Art

The discipline of Sufism is a holistic one comprised of parts such as doctrine, culture, and history. Sufism's cultural content is formed through the cultural products it creates as well as the established cultural structures it influences and transforms. On one hand, Sufism has created its own cultural values, while on the other hand it has been involved in the cultural structures and values already prevailing within society. The class will examine the cultural factors that have been created by and involved in Sufism. Alongside this, it will attempt to clarify the mindset behind this cultural production. The poetics of the art created within Sufi life, its views and development will also form part of the content of the class. The purpose of the class is to consider the discipline of Sufism's reflections and productions in social and cultural life as well as to clarify the fact that Sufism is a lived and culture-creating structure in the minds of participants.



TSV 536 Sufi Literature and Textual Analyses

The beginning, development, sources, traditions, place in Turkish literature, specialties of type and content, verse types, Sufi terminology of Turkish Sufi literature and the important representatives of Sufi literature will be considered. Through textual analyses, the relationship of religion, Sufism, and beautiful conduct with literature will be presented through the Sufi content of literary texts. The capacity to research and evaluate Sufi knowledge reflected in literature will be gained.

TSV 538 Beautiful Conduct of Sufis

In order to evaluate the influence of Sufism on beautiful conduct, the aim is to examine theoretical and practiced beautiful conduct. Examples of beautiful conduct from the life of the Prophet Muhammad is studied. Focusing on concepts such as piety, devotion, compassion, submission, modesty, and the understanding of work is emphasized. Sufis' method of beautifying the conduct is explored.

TSV 540 Sufi Texts in Arabic

Ottoman Turkish, Arabic, and Persian occupy an important place in Sufi literature. It is necessary to know Arabic to a great extent

in order to understand the Ottoman Turkish texts. Arabic textual analysis is conducted. Sufis and their works are examined by close and distant readings. Texts will be from the following sources: al-Luma' of Sarraj; Ihyâ u Ulûm al-Dîn, Imam Gazâlî; al-Taarruf, al-Kalabâzî; The Treatise of Kushayriyya, al-Kushayrî; Adab al-Dîn ve al-Dunya, al-Mâverdî; Ahlâk al-Nabî, Ebu Shaykh al-Asbahânî; Hilyat al-Avliyâ, Abu Nuaym.

TSV 542 Sufi Texts in English

In this class, English Sufi texts from the classical period will be studied. The most important aim of the class is for the student to read and understand Sufi texts in English and to develop the skills to prepare research papers using academic English. The texts to be read will be closely evaluated through content analysis. The themes used, symbols, and concepts will be examined in depth. While making the effort to open a window into the world of Sufis through primary and secondary sources in English, parts from Jafar al-Sâdiq's Qur'ân Commentary, Rabia Adawiyya's poetry, Kushayrî Treatise, Sarraj's al-Lumâ, the chapter of "the beautiful conduct of the lover and the beloved" from Ruzbihan Bakli's Abhar al-âshiqîn, the "Prophet Muhammad as Eternal Light" part from martyr to the love of Allah Hallâj al-Mansur's Kitâb al-Tavâsîn, Fariduddîn Attar's Tazkîrat al-Awliyâ, and Rûmî's Masnavi will be read.



TSV 544 Introduction to Rumi's Thought

Rumi is one of the exceptional people raised by Islamic Sufism. Due especially to his views on love, he has been regarded as the qutb (pole) of lovers in the history of Sufism. The Mawlawiyya path established in his name has functioned for centuries as a fine arts academy, raising many artisans in the Seljukid and Ottoman periods. In this class, the sources of Rumi's thoughts which have been made the matter of many a research project in both the East and West, the main themes, its place in the tradition of Sufi thought, and the fundamentals of the culture of Mawlawiyya that are inspired from Rumi are considered. The topics that Rumi lived and gave space to in his works and how they create solutions for the human and the problems of our day will be examined.

TSV 502 The Qur'an and Sunna in Light of Sufi Wisdom

As is known, the Qur'an and sunna are the fundamental sources of Islamic thought and civilization. Islamic thought presents with differences based on the perception and commentaries done on these fundamental sources. Theology, philosophy, jurisprudence and other disciplines have interpreted these sources according to their methods. Sufism giving place to the experience of deep discovery alongside intellect as a source of

information set the stage for Sufis to see the deep meanings within these sources that had been apparent from the beginning but which could not be discovered through simple linguistics. Continued through centuries, these commentaries also contributed to the removal of monotony from religious thought. In this class, various examples of these commentaries by Sufis, their historical adventure, the principles they are based on, their conditions for validity, and the ontology, epistemology, and ethical values that appear from these comments will be considered. The place of these commentaries in Islamic thought will be examined.

TSV 546 Significant Sufis in Turkish Literature

In order to learn about the content, tradition, and sources of Turkish Sufi literature, the works by Sufi poets who lived between the 13th and 19th centuries will be taken up. The main goals of the poets at the top of Sufi literature, the Qur'anic and hadith culture which forms the content of this literature, and the beautiful conduct and Sufi thought will be revealed.

TSV 548 Introduction to Ibn Arabi's Thought

Muhyiddin Ibn Arabi is among the most important Sufis of Sufi history due to his



explanations of the tradition of Islamic thought that came before him through the data of Sufi experience in a systematic manner. Considered the most important sage on this topic by many Sufi thinkers, he is referred to as “Shaykh al-Akbar.”

Many Sufi thinkers who have shaped the fundamental basics of Sufi thought in the areas of ontology, epistemology, and ethics have grown up in the “tradition of Akbari wisdom” that is attributed to him. It is estimated that he has around 550 works and that around 245 of these have reached our day. The basics of this thought have affected all Sufi thinkers in the East and many thinkers and thought systems in the West from Dante to Voltaire. This effect continues today. In the class, the fundamentals of Ibn Arabi’s thought, its main concepts, its views on existence, its influence on the periods coming after it, and Ibn Arabi researches of our day will be considered.

TSV 550 Sufism and Psychology

Moving off of the idea that the spirit and the body affect each other, this class has the purpose of widening and developing the information and possibilities on how the human should consider the spirit-body entity based on the disciplines of Sufism and psychology.

The class takes up the contributions made by the

science of psychology which examines human behavior through an experimental method and Sufism’s 14 century-long experience, wisdom, and sagacity on the relevant topics through a multi-disciplinary approach. The class will be given by two lecturers who are experts in the fields of Sufism and psychology based on the similarities and differences of the intersecting topics of both areas. Through the works that are taken up in the class and the examined texts, humans’ basic psychological problems and behavioral disorders, the solutions that can be presented through the perspective of Sufism, and the practical solutions that can be offered by psychology to the theoretical topics of Sufism will be examined.

TSV 552 History of Islamic Thought

This is a class aimed at understanding the tradition of Islamic thought in a holistic manner. Rather than providing an approach that presents philosophy, theology, and Sufism in opposition to each other, the class seeks instead to understand the history of Islamic thought in a comprehensive manner. It examines the various Islamic thought currents within their own dynamics. Taking up first the approaches of Muslim philosophers such as Kindi, Farabi, and Ibn Sina to the topics of philosophy, religion, and metaphysics through the translations of texts from the Ancient



Greek period, the class then continues with the manifestations of the theological approach in Ghazzali and Ibn Rushd, and ends with how Sufis such as Ibn Arabi coming after all of this considered similar topics through the method of discovery by evaluating it in the whole of and place within the history of Islamic thought.

TSV 554 Sufi Currents in Turkey and the World After the 19th Century

Students who will have learned about the appearance of Sufism, its formative and development periods, and the main Sufi tariqas from the Sufi history class will in this class learn about the general situation of the topic in Turkey in particular and the world in general in the aftermath of the 19th century. Students will be informed of the penetration and influence of Sufi movements in the West and in the Islamic geography as well as its role in conversion movements. Students will find the opportunity to make comparisons and comment on the currents present today and the topics they focus on with currents from the classical period.

TSV 556 Introduction to Persian Language

In this class, the aim is to teach the basic grammar of the Persian language which takes up an important space in Classical Turkish

literature and to aid in the understanding of Persian words and concepts that pass in Turkish poetry. By readings sample texts from classical Persian poetry and by providing an opportunity to compare it with Turkish literature, the main grammatical issues are taken up and applied through sample texts.

TSV 524 Research Methodology

This class aims to explain the basics of the research methods which are used to understand and make useful the data coming from myriad sources to which giving a meaning has become increasingly difficult. Focusing on the methodology used in social sciences research, the class will give information through relevant examples on how the stages of planning the research, a research model, sampling, data gathering, and data analysis are done. Later, information will be provided on the method to be used in writing an article on the topic of Sufi culture and literature by way of sample articles, and trial articles will be written. Through these articles, the aim is for students to learn the fundamental terms and to understand the thought structure required for advanced research application.

TSV 526 Seminar on Sufi Texts

Sample classical and contemporary Sufi texts written in Arabic, Persian, and Ottoman



Turkish will be followed in the class. The aim of the class is to increase the student's familiarity with Sufi concepts in their language of interest. Limited dictionary and terminology studies will also be done in order to find the correct English equivalent of Sufi terms.

TSV 528 History of Islamic Civilization

In this class, the following topics will be considered: beginning from the culture of the Arabian Peninsula in the pre-Islam period, the belief of unity and the Prophet Muhammad's prophecy, the Hijra (emigration) and Yathrib becoming Medina, the establishment of the first Muslim city-state through the Medina Constitution, the Prophet Muhammad's last speech, the 4 Caliphs period, the division of Muslims as Sunnis and Shi'a, the expansion of Muslim lands, the rise of Muslim scholars and artisans, the Umayyad empire in Baghdad and Andalus, the Abbasids, Seljukids, Islamic Sufism, science and art, the three great Turkish empires: Ottomans, Safavids, Baburs, global economic movements and inter-ocean trade, loss of land, reforms and new awakenings, world history and civilization from a historical, political, social, and cultural angle and the place and importance of Islamic civilization within it. The content of the class will be examined through primary and secondary

sources in 7 historical periods: 1. "Formation and Orientation" period between 500-634, 2. "Transformation and Clarity" period between 634-870, 3. "Breaking Up and Success" period between 970-1041, 4. "Migration and Renewal" period between 1041-1405, 5. "Union and Expansion" period between 1405-1683, 6. "Restructuring, Dependence, and Liberation" period between 1683-our day, 7. "Islam and Globalization: Age of Circulation" period.

TSV 558 Sufism and History of Religions

Religions and religious beliefs come at the head of factors that lead human behavior and activity from the most primitive tribes to the most developed societies. Among these are the monotheistic religions based on a tradition of revelation while there are also human religions and religious traditions that have appeared in different periods, geographies, and cultures. To the question of what is the essence of religion, some thinkers state that the answer to this question should be sought in the mystic side where the divine is directly experienced. In this class, rather than focusing on the phenomenological specifics of religions that are considered in the discipline of the history of religions, topics under consideration will be the mystical aspects of current world religions



and their contact with Sufism, their similarities and differences, their place in the tradition of ancient wisdom, and the reality beyond the geographical and cultural needs of religion.

TSV 559 Methodology of Project Writing

In this course academic research and writing are taught. What is involved in this academic field as research? How and what to collect as primary documents? How to interpret these documents? The class will function as a way of preparing the ground for the graduation project by establishing the research paper around the facts, developing the thesis statement, and supporting arguments.

TSV 563 Sufi Texts in Ottoman Turkish

The aim of this class is to advance reading skills of Ottoman Sufi texts. 19th and 20th century sample of Ottoman Sufi texts is practiced through analytical and critical thinking. Sufi terminology is studied by close readings.

TSV 564 Tasawwuf and Poetry

In this course Sufi poetry is examined and evaluated thematically to develop analytical

and critical thinking skills. Influential poetry of Yunus Emre and Niyazi Mısri is analyzed.

TSV 580 Graduation Project

This project is written based on research to graduate. Required criteria is defined by the advising faculty.

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