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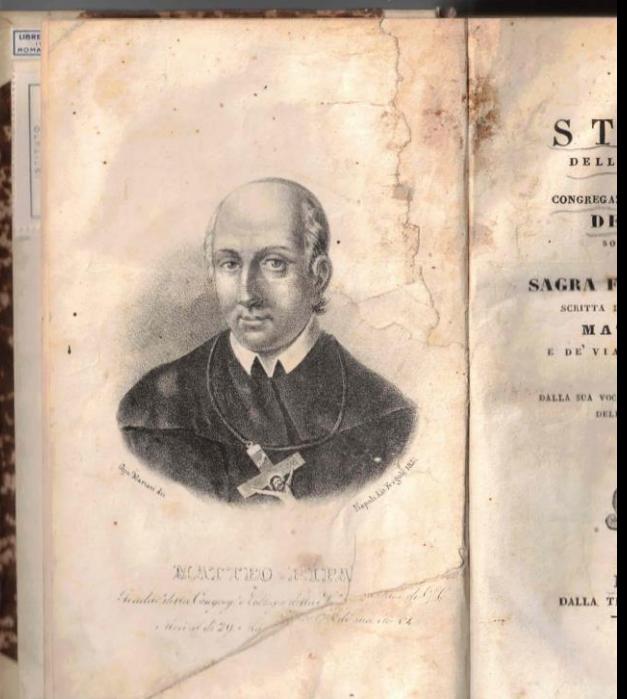
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MATTEO RIPA (1682-1746)

priest, missionary sent to China where he stayed between 1709-1723 working as a painter and engraver in the service of the Emperor together with other Italian artists

Collegio dei Cinesi (1732); Collegio asiatico di Napoli (1869); Istituto universitario orientale di Napoli (1888); Università di Napoli L'Orientale (2002)



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«Islamic manuscripts»

○ «Arabic» manuscripts [MS ARA]	218 → 262 → **	
• Ibadi Manuscripts (Jefren, Lybia, 1913)	8	Francesco Beguinot, rif. Rubinacci, Love
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○ «Turkish (Ottoman)» manuscripts [Ms TUR]	2	

«Zoroastrian» manuscripts

○ «Persian» manuscripts [MS PER] (1980s)	19	Cereti; Coletti
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«Georgian» manuscript

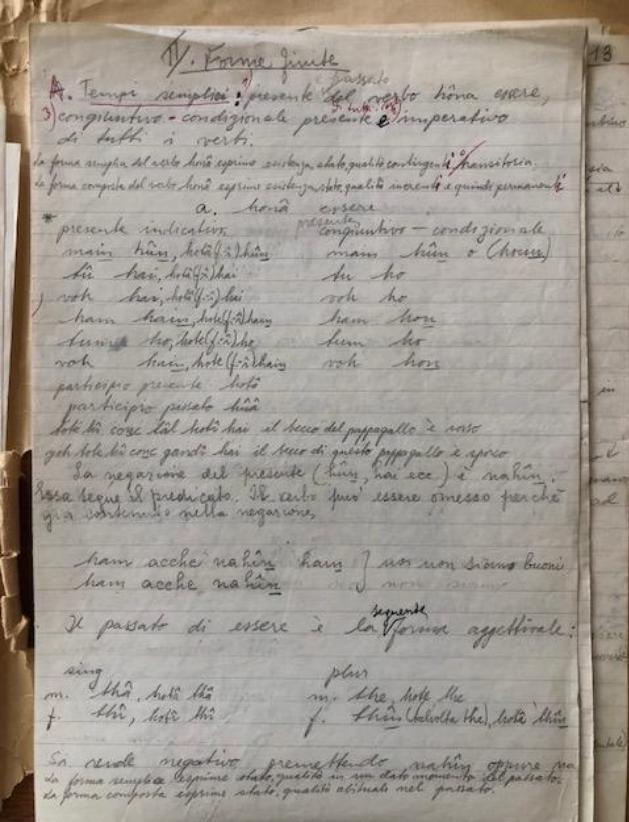
○ «Georgian» manuscript [MS GEO] (1670-1677)	1	Shurgaia
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«South-Asian»/Buddhist manuscripts

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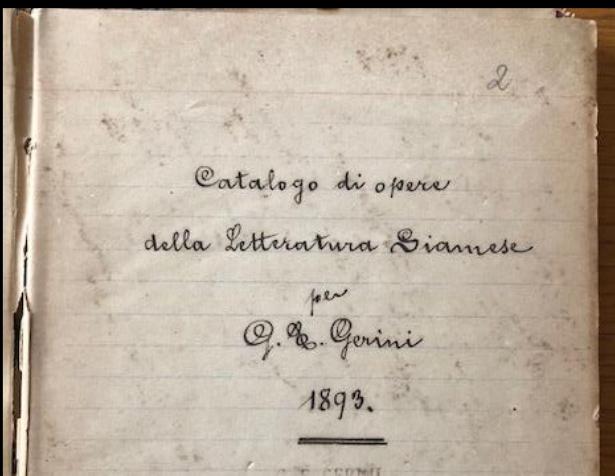
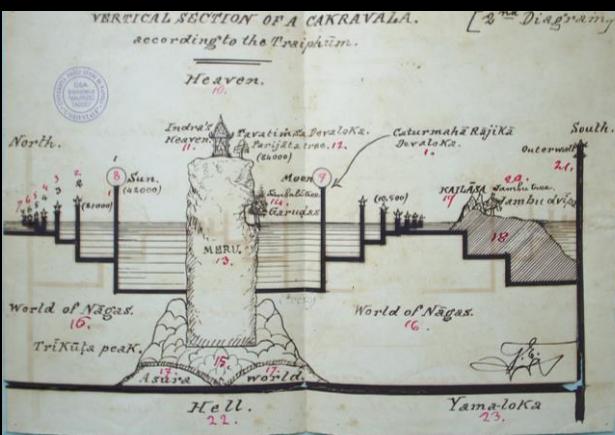
«Asian» manuscripts

○ «Chinese» manuscript [MS CIN]	1	
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Gli Studi Indiani in Italia

Per dedicare all'amico suo Mario Sibarani, suo
fratello, la relazione d'uno lungo
tempo trascorso nell'Oriente Asiatico, il
allegerisco romanesco Pietro della Valla, professore
di retorica nostra cosmopolita, usciva in
queste parole singolari: «
La mia intenzione non è di dar gusto ad un solo
pubblico palcoscenico; ma ai più che mai possa dire
tutti gli uomini da sono a che saranno, come
si anche in un piccolo angolo di Roma, sola a
Italia, ma nel gran teatro d'oltre l'Albergo,
in una grossa parte di esso esami con le mie fatidiche
indagini, un profondo cittadino; e nel corpetto
dei innumerevoli sue ragioni, che tutte per
me compattezza riconosce, ha proteso continuamente
di vivere, e di fare ogni mia ragione,
queste parole, alcuna compose, scritte su
l'una di un romanesco patajico viaggiatore, o sono
di tre secoli, non vogliono essere volgarmente
interpretate, e sono già testo un remoto



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LUPO BUONAZIA (1844-1914)

Arabist, professor of Arabic language at the Orientale

ALESSANDRO COLETTI (1928-1985)

Arabist, Iranist, professor of Iranian languages at Orientale

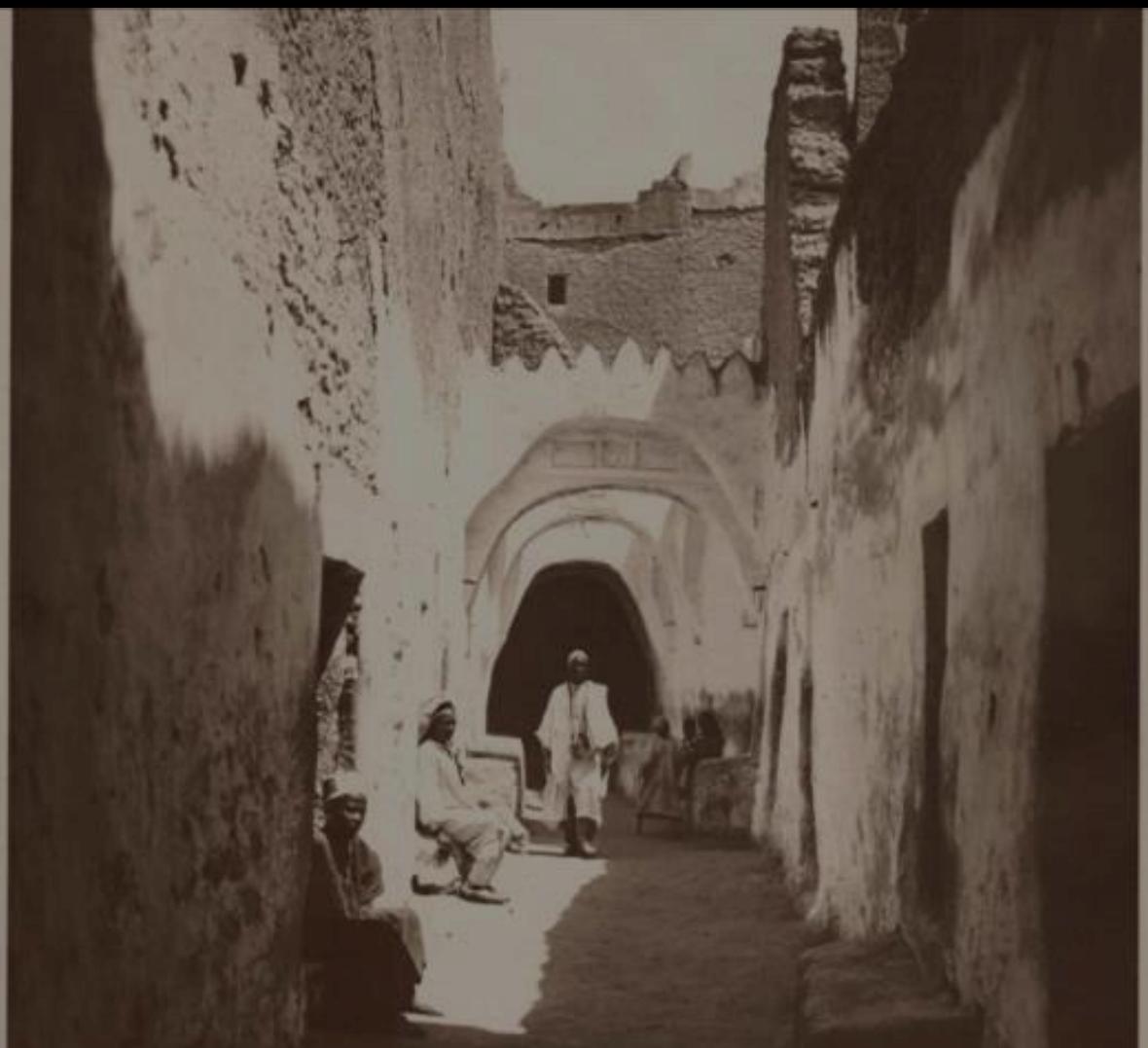
GEROLAMO EMILIO GERINI (1860-1913)

Military, diplomat, secretary to the Minister of Northern Siam, Prince Maha Mala, uncle of King Rama V Chulalongkorn

geographer, archaeologist, ethnologist, linguist, historian

ANGELO DE GUBERNATIS (1840-1913)

Indologist



FRANCESCO BEGUINOT (1879-1953)

specialist in Berber language
director of L'Orientale (1917-1920, 1925-1940, 1944-45)

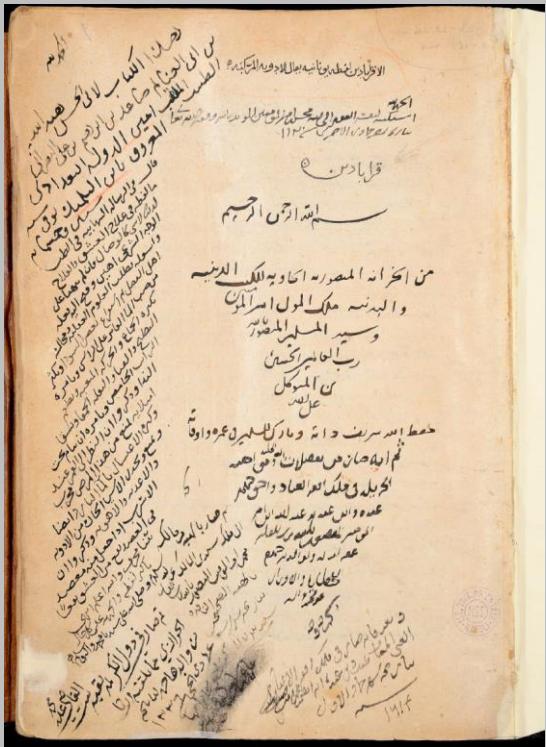


Arabic manuscript: Ibadi Manuscripts (Jefren, Lybia, 1913)

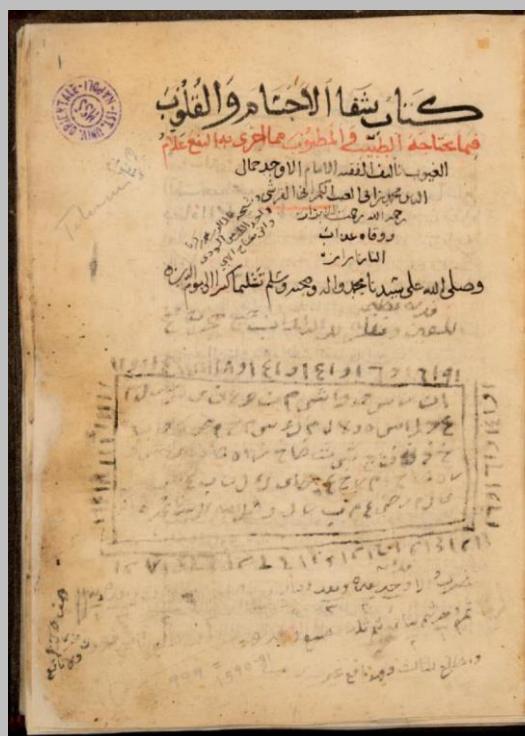
Arabic manuscript: «Tommaso Sarnelli» Collection (Yemen, 1930s)



[YEM] MS ARA 002
Treatise on Pharmacology not mentioned in the catalogues
Kitāb mağma' al-khulāsa fī al-ṭibb by the *adīb al-Sayyid* Fathī al-Muḥarriz
Dated: 13 jumāda II 1114/1702



[YEM] MS ARA 008
Persian Pharmacopoeia translated into Arabic as *al-Aqrābādīn* Originally belonging to the al-Manṣūriyya Library: books owned by the Zaydite Imam of Yemen al-Manṣūr... (reg. 1728-1747)



[YEM] MS ARA 013
Medical treatise on diseases of individual and general parts of the body and their treatment
ff. 1-136: *Kitāb al-Shifā' al-ağsām wa-l-qulūb* by al-Kamarānī (d. 857/1453)



TOMMASO SARNELLI (1890-1972)

Physician, scholar of the history of Arabic medicine, Arabist
In Yemen (1930-1932); involved in Italian fascist colonial policy
Professor of tropical pathology, tropical hygiene, indigenous medicine at the Oriental Institute from 1933 to 1955

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«Arabic» (Ottoman) and «Turkish (Ottoman)» manuscripts (Cairo)

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كشف الاسرار الربانية في تصرع الماء النورانية
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عفورة الطيف عبد الرحمن بن
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ادبرى كل تسلكه والعالم ان شهادة ماية مره من غير فلاج
اما عذاب مردقوش فهو من رصاصن عدم الاصرع عن رفع السرير
ومن الضرر ذكر اليات وغسل عليه منه حال كذا وبيان
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واذلة صور في حسنة

١٧٦	١٨٣	١٦٩	وَالْمُؤْمِنُونَ تَعَالَى لِلرَّاحِمِ
١٨٢	١٧٧	١٧٩	مِنْ مُرْسَهِ رَبِّ الْخَيْرِ مِنْ قَوْلِهِ
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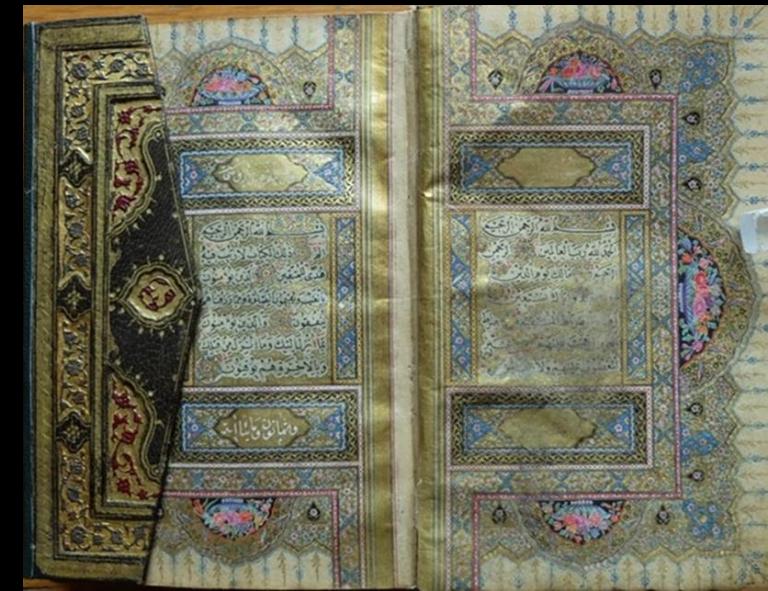
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يُدرِّس زَيْدُ الْأَسْمَاءِ الشَّرْبَنِي
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رقم	العنوان	النوع	العدد
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فِي الْأَوَّلِيَّةِ مُهَمَّا أَتَسْمَى مَا عَنْهُ يَبْلُغُ
عَنْهُ لَا يَكُشُّهُ زَرْ كَهْلَهُ الْأَحْيَا إِلَيْهِ
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أَنَّ الْوَارِثَ مِنَ الْأَرْثِ وَالْمَاعِدَ مِنَ الْمَهْكَمَاتِ أَكْبَرُ الْمُعْذَنَةِ
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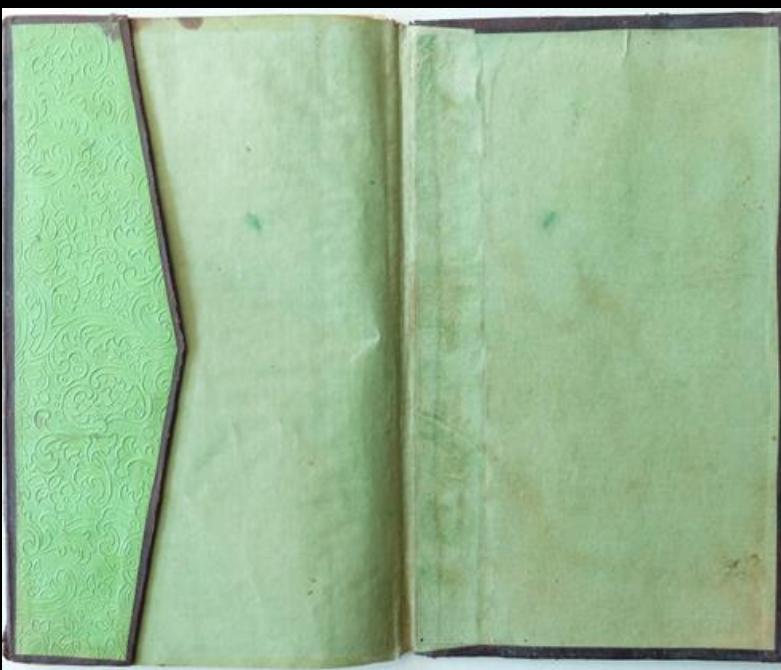
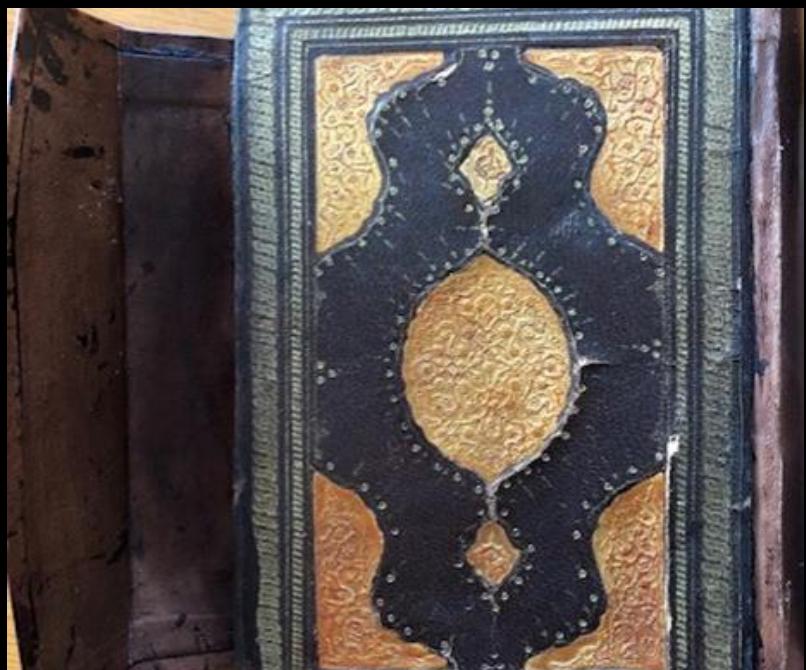
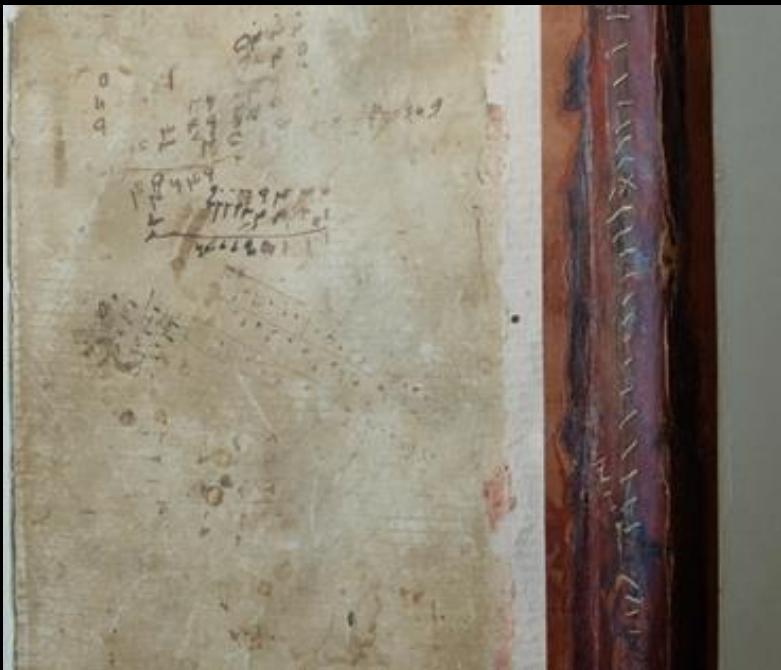
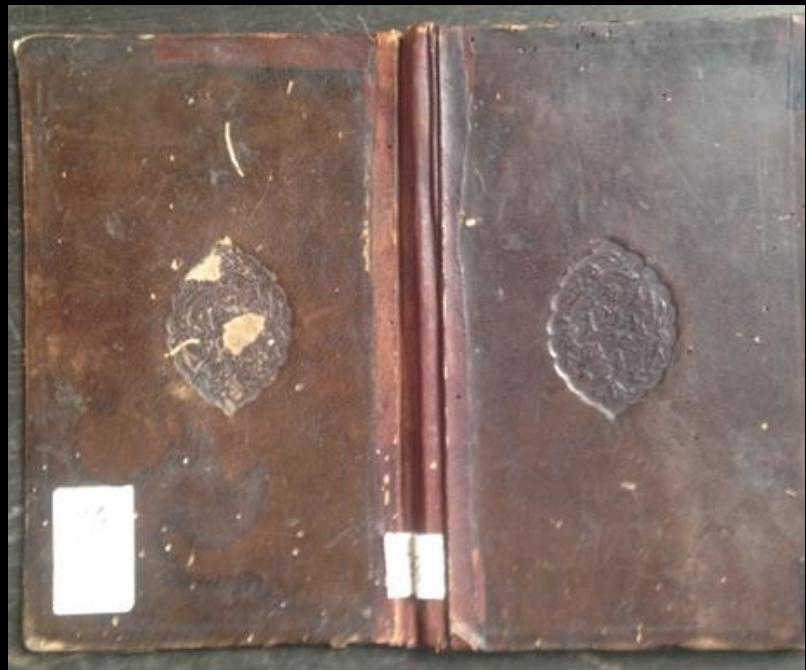
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«Persian» manuscripts [MS PER]: Zoroastrian, Islamic ethics, grammars, exercises

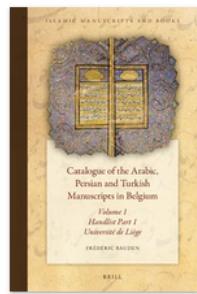


«Thai» manuscripts [MS THAI] / Gerini collection





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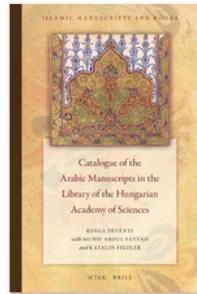
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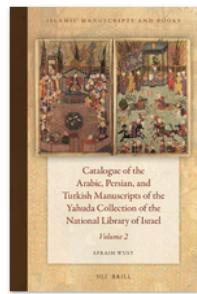
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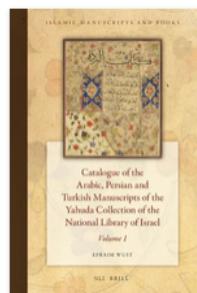
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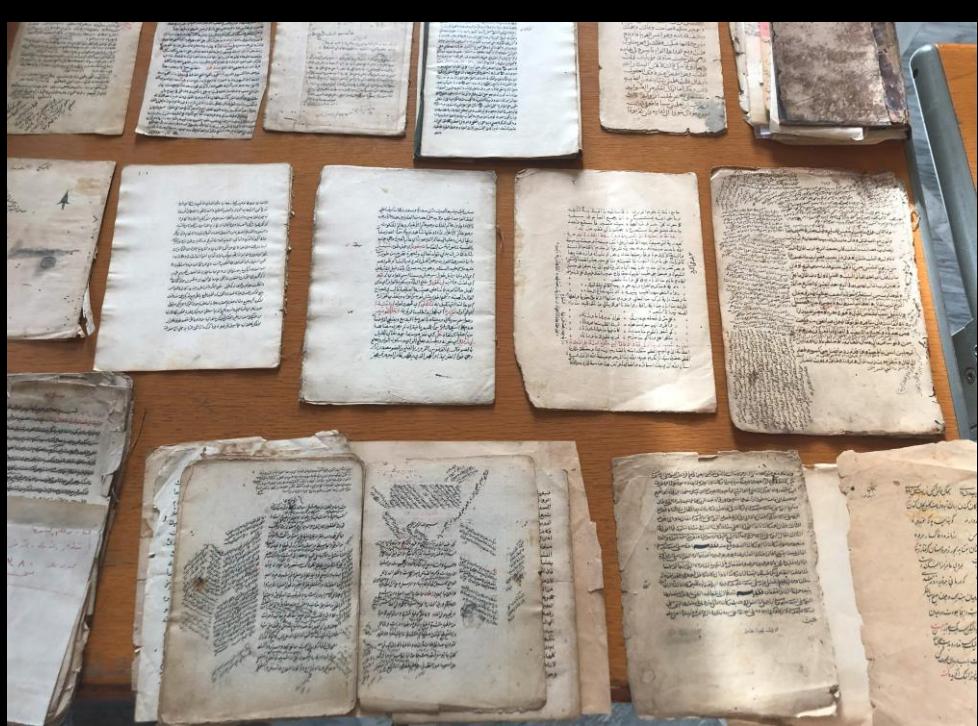
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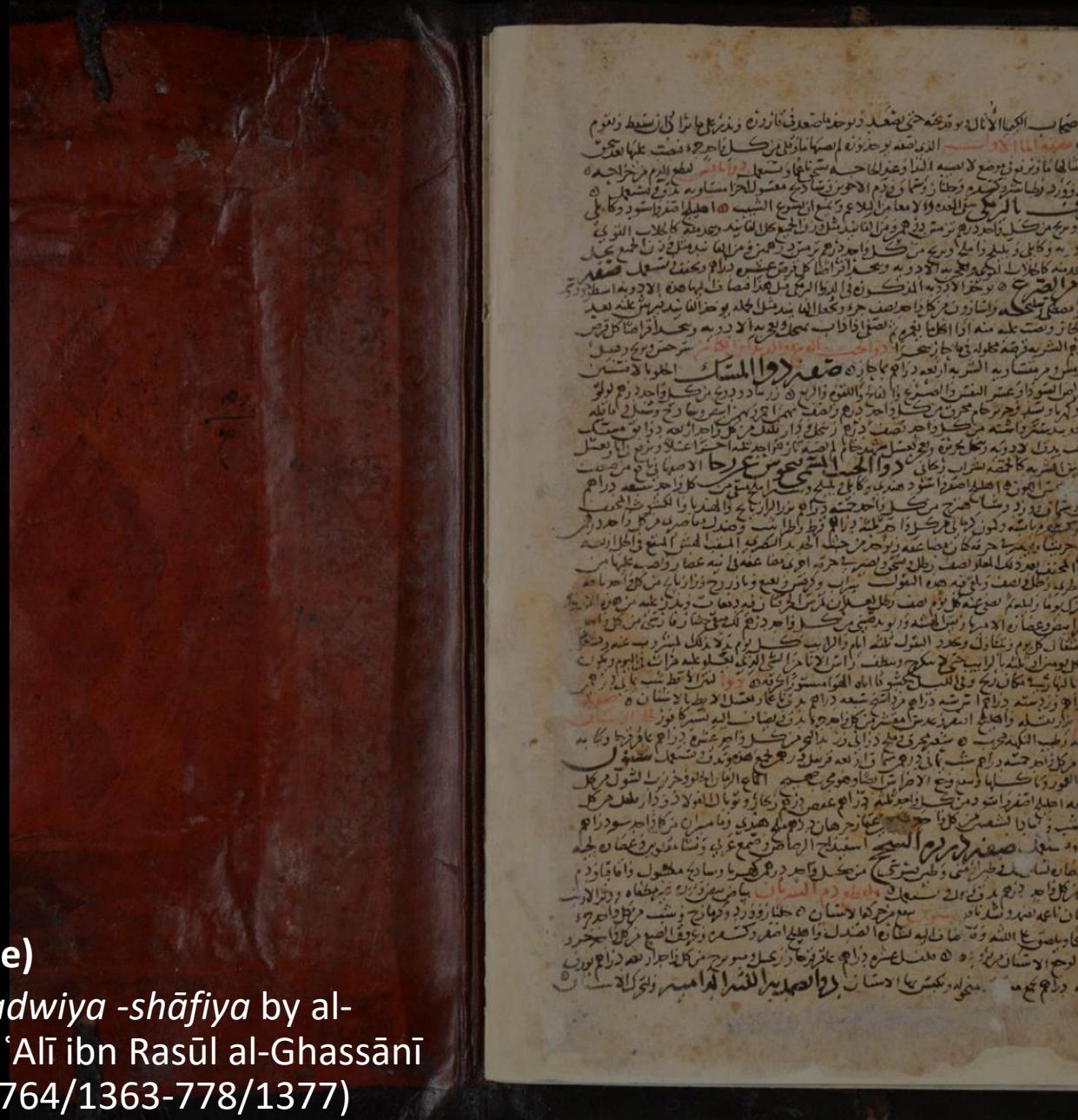
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[YEM] MS ARA 49 (Medicine)

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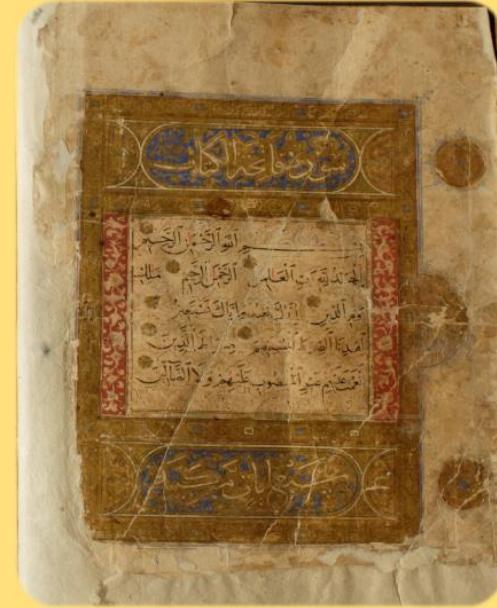
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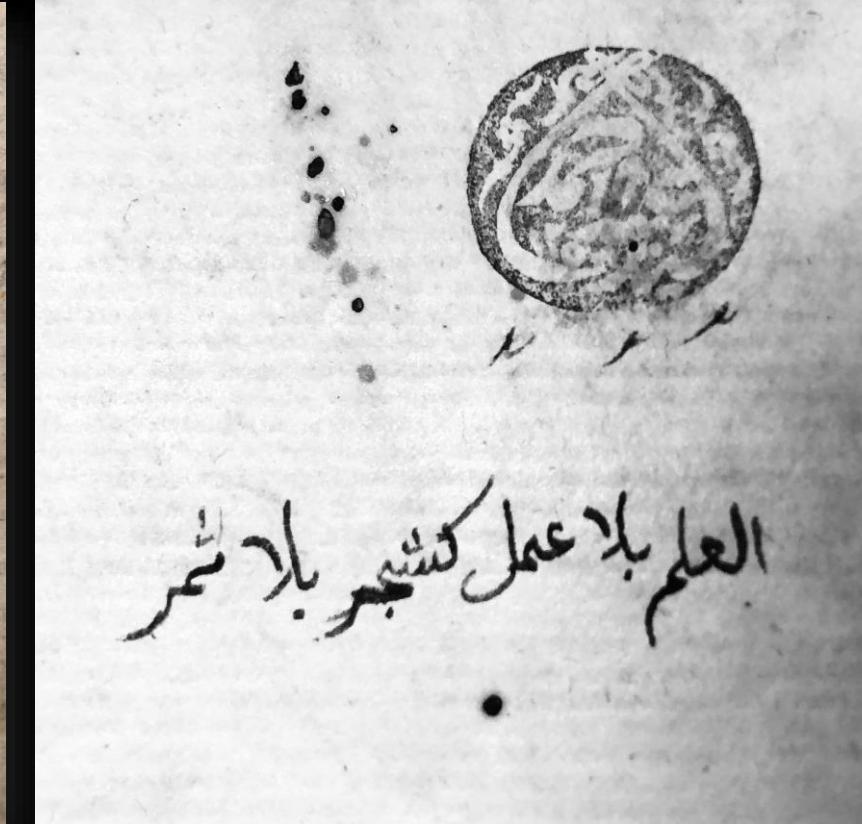
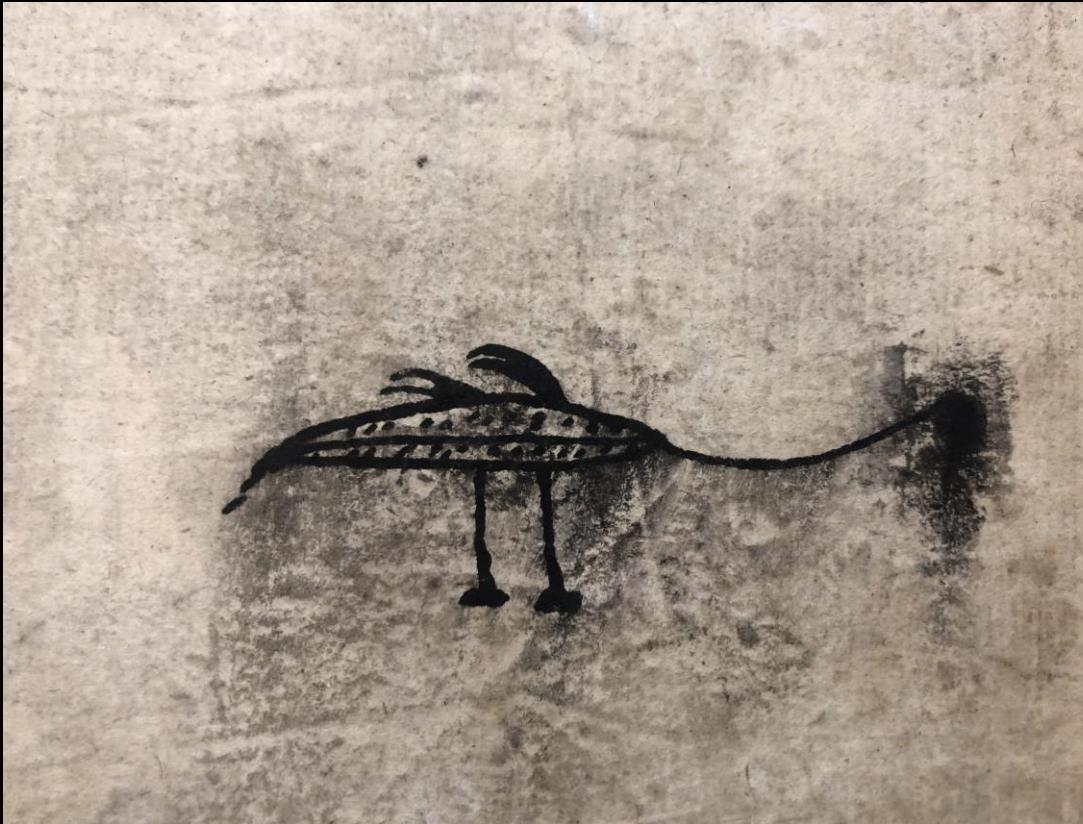
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