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UNION CATALOGUES

A bibliography of known works on music with locations of known copies, including those in the Österreichische Nationalbibliothek in Vienna.

A bibliography of known works (341 text) with locations of known MSS (1240 MSS) including holdings in the Österreichische Nationalbibliothek in Vienna.

INDIVIDUAL COLLECTIONS

ADMONT
Benediktinerabtei Admont

A-8911 Admont (Styria)
Status: Monastery library
Total number of Islamic MSS: 3 (unknown).
Description of collection: Pearson (1971) reports that the stiftsbibliothek purchased 3 Islamic MSS from Harrassowitz Katalog 500 and Spezial-Liste 12 (Nos 133, 241, 274).

GRAZ
Universitätsbibliothek der Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz (Hauptbibliothek)

A-8010 Graz (Styria)
Status: University library
Total number of Islamic MSS: ca. 50 (7 Arabic; 36 Persian; 5 Turkish).
Description of collection: The Arabic MSS are mostly Qur'āns, the Turkish MSS concern Ottoman history and legal works. A special collection forming part of the Universitätsbibliothek is the legacy of the Austrian Iranist and Semitist U. von Melzer (d. 1961), who had himself copied (and often translated into German) several Oriental works (especially modern Persian literature, but also lexicography, etc.); for an inventory of these Islamic manuscripts written by non-Muslim hands see the 1987 catalogue below.

Published catalogues:

Description of authors, titles, paper, sizes, centuries, bindings and literature. Indexes in Vol. 3 (incipits; persons, subjects, titles, locations; see p. 252 “Arabisch” and p. 462 “Türkische Handschriften”). In Vol. 3, pp. 126–128, nos. 1712–1717, 1719, 1722–1724 and 1728 (lost)–1729 refer to Arabic and Turkish manuscripts, mostly (parts of) Qur'āns, Ottoman history and legal works (Fetūs). 4 items are in Arabic (nos. 1715, 1719, 1724 and 1729), the others in Turkish. In addition, no. 1711 contains lectures on surgery by A. Reyzer, 19th century, in Turkish.

1985. Ausstellung der Universitätsbibliothek Graz. Aussereuropäische Drucke und Handschriften. Katalog. By Hans Zotter and Walter Slaje. Graz. 41pp. Therein pp. 20–27 “Islamische Welt” (Islamic manuscripts, as also printed works and lithographs which were in the exhibitioin of Islamic manuscripts of the Universitätsbibliothek in 1985. The catalogue gives brief descriptions (author, title, date, bindings) of 7 Arabic manuscripts (mainly Qur’āns, nos. 28–31, 35, 39–40; nos. 28 with Turkish colophon), 1 Persian (no. 43) and 5 Turkish manuscripts (no. 38–42). No index.


KLAGENFURT

Landesmuseum für Kärnten
A-9020 Klagenfurt (Carinthia)
\[\text{Status: Museum library}\]

Total number of Islamic MSS: 2 (“Turkish”).

Description of collection: The 2 MSS are Qur'āns and are described as “Turkish”.

Published catalogues:

Therein on pp. 134–135: Geschichtsverein für Kärnten (in Landesmuseum Klagenfurt). On pp. 205–206, 2 manuscripts (Qur'ān, classmarks 5/31 and 5/33) are mentioned as “Turkish”. Indexes in the catalogue are not relevant for the Islamic manuscripts, except for the register of languages.

KLOSTERNEUBURG

Reguliertes lateranensisches Augustiner-Chorherrenstift Klosterneuburg
A-3400 Klosterneuburg (Lower Austria)
\[\text{Status: Monastery library}\]

Total number of Islamic MSS: 3 (Arabic).

Description of collection: Three Qur'āns.

Unpublished catalogues:

A handwritten catalogue, (no classmarks) preserved at the abbey’s library. See index s.v. Koran (nos. CCl. 1105, 1106, 1245).
KREMSMÜNSTER

Benediktinerstift Kremsmünster

A-4550 Kremsmünster (Upper Austria)
Status: Monastery library
Total number of Islamic MSS: ca. 13 (Arabic; Persian; Turkish).

On p. 153 some oriental MSS are surveyed: 3 Qur'ans and 10 further works are quoted. For a Turkish book on costumes see p. 215, no. 7.

REIN-HOFENFURT

Zisterzienserabtei Rein-Hohenfurt

A-8103 Eisbach (Styria)
Status: Monastery library
Total number of Islamic MSS: 2 (Arabic).
Description of collection: One Qur'än and one prayer book.
Published catalogues:

On p. 79, nos. 208–209: 2 Arabic manuscripts (Qur'än; prayer book), are described with reference to title, number of folios, size, condition, script, colour etc. The indexes are not relevant for the Islamic manuscripts.

SANKT-FLORIAN

Reguliertes lateranensis Augustiner-Chorherrenstift St. Florian

A-4490 St. (read: Sankt) Florian bei Linz (Upper Austria)
Status: Monastery library
Total number of Islamic MSS: 17 (12 Arabic; 1 Persian; 4 Turkish).
Description of collection: The Arab MSS are mostly Qur'än, prayer books and a Qur'än commentary, the Persian MS. is of Sa'ëni; one Arabic and the Turkish MSS are documents.
Published catalogues:
1871. Die Handschriften der Stiftsbibliothek St. Florian. By Albin Czerny. Linz. 344 pp. Brief descriptions (title, content, century, size, folios, owners), partly with brief commentaries, of 17 Islamic manuscripts (12 Arabic, 1 Persian, 5 Turkish). The catalogue is arranged according to their location in the library, most of them under XI: Arabic nos. 659–662, 664–669 (Qur'än, prayer books, Qur'än commentary); Turkish no. 663. Under II.: Arabic no. 223 A (al-waysi), Persian no. 223 (Sa'ëni); [in the Portefeuille (unbound manuscripts): Arabic no. 23, Turkish nos. 24–26 (documents)]. See also index p. 317 under XXI. Indexes: subject index (alphabetically according to titles), authors.


SCHLÄGL

Prämonstratenser-Chorherrenstift Schlägl

A-4160 Aigen im Mühlkreis (Upper Austria)
Status: Monastery library
Total number of Islamic MSS: 2 (1 Arabic/Turkish; 1 Persian).

Description of collection: The Arabic MS. is a Qurʾān with prayers in Arabic and Turkish; the Persian MS. is literature.

Published catalogues:
1918. Catalogus codicum Phagensium (Cpl.) manuscriptorum. Auctore Godfriedo Vielhaber, ... supplevit, et edidit ... Gerlacus In-dra. Linz.

In Latin, arranged according to centuries, gives size, number of pages, origin, owners. There are 2 Islamic manuscripts: pp. 371 ff. no. 241 Persian (The story of Shahrazad and Mihr), pp. 389 ff. no. 269 Arabic (Qurʾān, with prayers, also in Turkish). There are indexes of authors and contents, but they are not relevant for the Islamic manuscripts.

VIENNA

Mechtharisten-Kongregation (Wien)

A-1070 Wien (Vienna)
Status: Monastery library
Total number of Islamic MSS: ca. 50 (Arabic).
Description of collection: According to Pearson (1971), p. 194, a collection of "at least 50 MSS. in Arabic" is preserved, but this seems to be an overestimate. The manuscript collection is not yet catalogued.

Neukloster: Zisterzienser-Ordenstift Heiligenkreuz

A-2700 Wiener Neustadt (Lower Austria)
Status: Monastery library
Total number of Islamic MSS: 1 (Arabic).
Description of collection: The MS. is Christian Arabic—a Maronite missal.
Published catalogues:
On p. 279, no. B 5: 1 Christian Arabic manuscript (Maronite missal, dated Rome 1698 CE).

The catalogue by Bill is reproduced. For the missal see p. 165; on p. 171 no. D 23 Qurʾān fragments are mentioned. Pp. 175–177 contain indexes (authors and titles of anonymous works).

Österreichisches Museum für Angewandte Kunst

A-1010 Wien (Vienna)
Status: National Museum
Total number of Islamic MSS: unknown.
Description of collection: Some Islamic manuscripts are preserved, but not to be examined at present because the museum and library are closed for some months.

Österreichische Nationalbibliothek

A-1010 Wien (Vienna)
Status: National library
Total number of Islamic MSS: over 3000 (ca. 1420 Arabic; 1 Malay; 320 Persian; 1240 Turkish; 7 Urdu).
Description of collection: The most comprehensive collection of Islamic manuscripts in Austria, comprising all literary and scientific categories.
The Indica-collection at the Österreichische Nationalbibliothek, Handschriften und Inkunabel-Sammlung (signatures Cod. Ind.) contains 1 Persian letter (undated, Cod. Ind. 34), 3 alphabet and specimen tables in Arabic script (Cod. Ind. 70), and 1 manuscript in Malay (Cod. Ind. 69).
Published catalogues:
1690. Catalogus sive Recensio Specialis omnium Codicum Manuscriptorum Graecorum, nec non Linguarum Orientalium, Augustissimae Bibliothecae Caesareae Vindobonensis ... by Daniell de Nessel. Vienna & Nuremberg, 10 Parts in 6 vols.
In Latin, an inventory of 275 Oriental manuscripts, with brief descriptions and some illustrations, although not arranged according to languages, giving authors and titles in Arabic script in part VII: Catalogi Bibliothecae Caesareae Manuscriptorum Pars VII. Qua complectitur Codices Ms. Linguarum Orientalium, nempe Hebraicos, Syriacos,
Arabios, Tuscios, Persicos, Armeniacos, Aethiopicos, sine Abyssinicos, Mexicanos, Sinensis, &c., see pp. 145–188 (of Parts VI–VII), and descriptions therein on pp. 147–161. This catalogue is still useful.


In Latin, a register of 550 Arabic, Persian and Turkish manuscripts (followed by printed books, with accounts of literary history; titles also in Arabic. Arranged according to subjects, subjects with numerous entries being divided up according to language. The two parts in vol. 2 (1811) form one whole.


Some interesting manuscripts thoroughly described, with preference given to information on contents and literary history, with summaries and abstracts: 3 important Persian manuscripts on remedies (materia medica).


The standard catalogue for the Oriental manuscripts. Full descriptions of 2016 manuscripts, ca. 44% Arabic, 13% Persian, 37% Turkish (including some Chaghatay and 2 Uighur items), the remainder are mixed (Arabic-Persian/Turkish) manuscripts; the information given is author, title, year of composition, copyist, duc-tus, numbers of folios and lines, additional remarks, size, paper, and further statements (condition of preservation, etc.). Indexes (authors, titles) and concordances (classmarks and catalogue numbers, cf. vol. 3, pp. xxv–15x) are given. The catalogue is arranged according to subjects, and within these according to languages. As well as single manuscripts, collective ones are recorded, as also collections of prayers, documents, (Turkish) manuscripts of accounts, and fragments (e.g. of the Qur’an).


Brief descriptions (author, title, size, number of folios) of illuminated Arabic, Persian and Turkish manuscripts, also including 7 manuscripts in Urdu (Mixt 791–797, poems, letters, songs); with reference to illustrations, decorated pages, vignettes, etc. Arranged according to the system of manuscript codes at the Österreichische Nationalbibliothek: A.F. (Alter Fond), N.F. (Neuer Fond), Mixt. (Codices mixti), H.O. (Historia Osmanica), Gl. (Sammlung Glaser). With chronological table pp. 97–100, table of countries and places pp. 105–106, and indexes of names and subjects pp. 107–117.


The first supplement to, and continuation of, G. FLÜ格尔’s catalogue, describing 513 Arabic manuscripts (nos. 2017–2529) in a full manner; author, title, year of compilation, duc-tus, numbers of folios and pages, size; incipits and explicitis, content, origin, references. The indexes list authors, titles, copyists, owners, other persons, dated manuscripts (5/1131–1331/1921), autographs; concordance of classmarks and catalogue numbers. For the collective manuscripts see pp. 271–289. Arranged according to subject groups.

1970. Frühe Koranfragmente aus der Handschriften-sammlung der
Österreichischen Nationalbibliothek. By HELENE LOEBENSTEIN. 

17 Arabic Qurʾān fragments (nos. Mixt 1595, 1–17) with full description.


Description (with copyists, subjects) of 28 Persian and Turkish manuscripts dating from the 15th century; with detailed description especially of decorations, and notes for locating the MSS.


An exhibition catalogue which describes 167 Islamic manuscripts (mainly Arabic, 32 Persian, 12 Turkish, 4 mixed), with full description and commentary to authors and works, as also indexes (persons in general, titles, copyists, etc.) and concordance of numbers. Arranged according to subjects (Qurʾān, encyclopaedic works, natural history, medicine; "Buchkunst" being separated).

Some of these manuscripts are not described in the catalogues of Flügel or Loebenstein, respectively (nos. 2–5, 136, 133, 163–165).


2 vols. (Mitteilungen aus der Papyrusammlung der Österreichischen Nationalbibliothek (Papyrus Erzherzog Rainer), N.S. XIV).

A descriptive catalogue.


Description of 122 (including 1 miniature from the Collection of Maps) illuminated Persian items (albums, single leaves, manuscripts, collective manuscripts). Full description: author, title, place, date of composition, number of folios, size, bindings, decorations and miniatures, with commentary and references; brief description of contents. Indexes: authors, titles; painters, calligraphers and copyists; styles; owners, covers; iconographic register. The Textband contains a list of the manuscripts described, and a list of the decorated manuscripts not described.


Lists 318 manuscripts (including non-Islamic and Latin translations from the Arabic, as also parts of collective manuscripts), there of 166 Arabic and 1 Turkish (no. 115). Full descriptions with commentaries on authors and works. General register and concordance of numbers and signatures. Arranged according to subjects. The manuscripts nos. 4, 7, 16, 53, 61, 110–111, 157 and 267 are not described by Flügel or Loebenstein, respectively.

Unpublished catalogues: For Turkish manuscripts, no printed catalogue exists. But see the 3 card-files: Türkische Handschriften seit 1866, compiled by WOLFGANG JOBST and
preserved in the Österreichische Nationalbibliothek, Handschriften- und Inkunabelsammlung, Lesesaal.

Arranged alphabetically according to (a) authors, (b) titles in transcriptions, (c) titles in original script. Ca. 450 titles of works are recorded, without codicological details, but, occasionally, with reference to the original work if a translation.

For further Arabic, Persian and Turkish manuscripts, see the register of acquisitions at the Österreichische Nationalbibliothek: Register Neuerwerbungen, listing author, title and contents.

For the special collection "Sammlung Glaser", with proper classmarks but preserved at the Handschriften- und Inkunabelsammlung, see:


Handwritten, kept in Österreichische Nationalbibliothek, Handschriften- und Inkunabelsammlung, classmark Ser. nor. 2167. 282 manuscripts (279 Arabic, 3 Persian) are registered, giving title, author, condition and date. pp. 3–4 concordance of numbers; no further indexes. Arranged according to subjects: Qur'ān, tradition, dogmatics, esp. jurisprudence (of the Zaydiyya), natural history + medicine + astronomy etc., geography, history, grammar (with rhetoric and lexicography), poetry, adab.

Österreichisches Staatsarchiv Abt. 1: Haus-, Hof- und Staatsarchiv

A-1010 Wien (Vienna)

Status: National state archives

Total number of Islamic MSS: 560 (200 Arabic; 90 Persian; 270 Turkish).

Description of collection: In these archives, the manuscripts of the former "Orientalische Akademie"/"Konsularakademie" are preserved.

Published catalogues:


Lists 509 manuscripts (ca. one half Turkish, one third Arabic including some Arabic and Turkish; the rest Persian) with 69 collections of letters, 17 manuscripts of accounts etc., and manuscripts of Christian Arabic origin. Full description (author, title, year, copyst, number of folios, contents—in some cases very detailed, e.g. when referring to biographical works—, commentaries, esp. on literary history); index of personal names. Arranged according to subjects. See also corrections pp. 195 sqq.

Unpublished catalogue:


An updated version of Krafft's catalogue, adding 100 Arabic and Persian, but esp. Turkish manuscripts, and eliminating 27 manuscripts lost. This type-written list, refers in more detail to the manuscripts not yet catalogued by Krafft, with indexes of authors, and titles of anonymous works. The list is preserved at the Österreichisches Staatsarchiv under classmark AB (meaning "Arbeitsbe- hörde") XV/6/1.

Schottenstift: Benediktinerabtei Unserer Lieben Frau zu den Schotten

A-1010 Wien (Vienna)

Status: Monastery library

Total number of Islamic MSS: 5 (3 Arabic; 2 Turkish).

Published catalogues:


In Latin, with title and author, also brief bibliographical notes. Describes 5 Islamic manuscripts (nos. 743–747; 3 Arabic, 2 Turkish, including 1 Persian-Turkish dictionary). Indexes: authors, titles of anonymous works, dates by century, etc., non-Latin books; for the Oriental manuscripts cf. Index p. 578, XXIV. (Orientalia) and p. 610, 6. (Libri orientales).

Universitätsbibliothek der Universität Wien (Hauptbibliothek)

A-1010 Wien (Vienna)

Status: University library

Total number of Islamic MSS: 51 (8 Arabic; 41 Persian; 2 Turkish).

Description of collection: The MSS are not very fully described, but include an Arabic treatise on music, and a "Persian-Kurdish Dīwān." Unpublished catalogues: The Islamic manuscripts are briefly described
in two loose-leaf booklets, preserved in the Universitätsbibliothek. 7 Arabic manuscripts are mentioned, often only with numbers of folios, date and title, but with acquisition remarks (manuscriptum 122, 134, 145, 148–150, 525; the latter a treatise on music by Ya'qūb ibn Muḥammad al-Qāstimūnī); the 41 Persian manuscripts (manuscriptum 121, 124–133, 135–144, 147, 152–168, 523–524, 526) contain a manuscript (no. 144) denoted as a Kurdish-Persian Diwan.

The complete manuscript inventory Manuscripta—Incunabula, preserved in the Universitätsbibliothek, is a handwritten register with reference to language, author, title and classmark. In addition to the manuscripts mentioned above, see the Arabic-Latin manuscript no. 146 (Anū ‘l-Fīna‘), and 2 Turkish manuscripts (nos. 123, 131).

VORAU

Augustiner-Chorherrenstift Vorau

A–8250 Vorau (Styria)
Status: Monastery library
Total number of Islamic MSS: 3 (1 Arabic; 1 Persian; 1 Turkish).
Description of collection: The Arabic MS. is a Qur’ān fragment, the Persian MS. is literary, the Turkish MS. legal.
In Latin. Under no. 416, p. 426, 3 Islamic manuscripts are noted: Qur’ān fragment (Arabic), stories (Persian), judgements (Turkish). The full indexes are not relevant for the Islamic manuscripts.

WILHERING

Zisterzienserstift Wilhering

A–4073 Wilhering (Upper Austria)
Status: Monastery library
Total number of Islamic MSS: 1 (Arabic).
Description of collection: 1 Qur’ān fragment.
Published catalogues: 1891. Die Handsschriften der Stiftsbibliothek zu Wilhering. By


On p. 83 no. 60: description of 1 Qur’ān fragment (Arabic), with number of folios, size and bindings. Indexes not relevant for the Islamic manuscript.

ZWETTL

Zisterzienser-Ordensstift Zwettl

A–3910 Zwettl (Lower Austria)
Status: Monastery library
Total number of Islamic MSS: 1 (Turkish).
Description of collection: The MS. is a Turkish commentary on the Qur’ān.

On p. 437 no. 408: description of 1 Turkish Qur’ān commentary (dated 1197 A.H.), with number of folios, size and origin. Indexes not relevant for the Islamic manuscript.

BIBLIOGRAPHICAL APPENDIX

Lists 222 catalogues published in 17 countries.
Lists catalogues and publications about Arabic manuscripts all over the world.
Birnbaum, Eleazar. Turkish manuscripts: cataloguing since 1960 and manuscripts still uncatoguised. Part 4: Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Great Britain, Ireland, the Netherlands, Belgium, France, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Italy, Finland, United

Austria is described on page 310. The article describes the Turkish collections and the state of their catalogues, published and unpublished.


A bibliography of published catalogues dealing only with Arabic MSS.


Bibliography of catalogues and surveys of Arabic MSS.


This is a reference work listing known collections and catalogues published and unpublished.


Contains references to published catalogues.


A list of published catalogues of collections of Christian Arabic MSS arranged by town.


General reference work listing published catalogues of Arabic manuscript collections all over the world.

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