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**UZBEKISTAN**

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UNION CATALOGUES & SURVEYS


Incl. information on 55 Arabic, Persian and Turkic MSS.


Details of 21 Arabic, Persian & Turkic MSS in libraries and museums in Tashkent and Bukhara.


Incl. survey of MSS collections in Uzbekistan.


Incl. Arabic & Persian scientific & mathematical MSS in Uzbekistan collections.

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INDIVIDUAL COLLECTIONS

ANDIZHAN

Andizhan Pedagogical Institute

710011 Andizhan
Tel.: 44250
Date of establishment: 1966
Description of collection: Some MSS are kept here, but no details are available.

Babur Regional Library

Date of establishment: 1906
Description of collection: The library holds some Arabic, Persian & Turkish MSS, but no work has been done on them and no information is available.

Museum of Literature and Art

710002 Andizhan
Tel.: 56408
Total number of Islamic MSS: 862.
Description of collection: No information available.

BUKHARA

Bukhara Pedagogical Institute

Description of collection: According to Birnbaum, 1983 (p. 695, n. 186),
the Institute has about 25 MSS, including some poetic anthologies, acquired in the 1950s and 1960s.

Unpublished catalogue:
Handwritten list (not alphabetical).

Ibu Sina Regional Library

Date of establishment: 1921
Total number of Islamic MSS: ca. 100 (Arabic; Persian).
Description of collection: Little work has been done on these manuscripts. For a survey of those dealing with mathematics, see


Published catalogue:
Mentions a few titles.

State Historical-Architectural Museum

Total number of Islamic MSS: 547 (206 Arabic; 248 Persian; 93 Turkic).
Description of collection: The MSS contain poetry, literary prose and texts on history, hagiography, biography, geography, astronomy, astrology, mathematics, grammar, fiqih, Qur'anic studies, theology, ethics, logic, rhetoric, Sufism and philosophy.

Published catalogue:

Unpublished catalogues:
General inventory book, in which all the MSS are registered.
Card catalogue of titles.
Card catalogue of authors in preparation.

KHIVA

Ichon-kala Museum

741400 Khiva
Tel.: 63169
Total number of Islamic MSS: 24, plus 64 scrolls & 139 leaves (Arabic; Turkic).

Unpublished catalogue:
Handwritten inventory book, in which all items are registered.

KOKAND

Ghafur Ghulam Museum of Literature

713000 Kokand
Tel.: 22333
Total number of Islamic MSS: ca. 6,000 (unofficial figure).
Description of collection: No work has been done on this collection and it remains uncatalogued.

Unpublished catalogue:
Inventory book, in which part of the collection is registered.

NUKUS

Karakalpak Branch of the Uzbek Academy of Sciences

74200 Nukus, Karakalpak Republic
Date of establishment: 1946
Description of collection: The library is known to possess some Islamic MSS, but no information is available as to their number or contents.
SAMARKAND
Regional Library

703004 Samarkand
Date of establishment: 1911
Total number of Islamic MSS: ca. 150.
Description of collection: No work has been done on this collection and it remains uncatalogued.

Samarkand State University Library

703004 Samarkand
Date of establishment: 1927
Total number of Islamic MSS: ca. 5,000 (few Arabic; most Persian; few Turkic).
Description of collection: The MSS contain poetry, literary prose and texts on Qur'anic studies, figh, logic, theology, Sufism, folklore, history, geography, hagiography, biography, ethics, medicine, mathematics, pharmacology, stylistics and epistemology. Only a small part of the collection has been studied and catalogued (see below) and no information is available about the rest.

Published catalogues:
   Alphabetical list of 793 MSS (211 Arabic; 336 Persian & 246 Turkic).


   Mentions 77 MSS on physics & mathematics (32 Arabic, 44 Persian & 1 Turkic).

Unpublished catalogues:
General accessions list.
Preliminary classified handlists.

State Museum

Registan, 703000 Samarkand
Tel.: 53948
Description of collection: According to Bernbaum, 1983 (p. 695, n. 183), this museum "contains a number of important MSS, including an early copy of Navārī's Divān".

Unpublished catalogues:
Card catalogue.

TASHKENT

General

Published catalogues:
   Detailed descriptions of 5 Yemeni MSS.


Abu Raisun Berunii nomidagi Sharqshunoslik Instituti
(Al-Biruni Institute of Oriental Studies)

700170 Tashkent
Date of establishment: 1950 (previously Institute for the Study of Oriental MSS, est. 1943)
Status: Part of the Uzbek Academy of Sciences.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 18,394 (9,600 Arabic; 2 Pashto; ca. 6,000 Persian; ca. 3,000 Turkic; 3 Urdu).
Description of collection: The nucleus of the collection is the holdings of the old Public Library of Turkestan (est. 1870), which included
the former private libraries of Muhammad ʿAli-Khalifa Sabirov, General Dzhurabek, Qojji Muhīyy al-Dīn, N.F. Petrovskii, V.L. Vyatkin, A. Fitrat, Shariifizhan Makhdum Zia, G.M. Semenov and others. Many MSS were also transferred from public and private collections in Bukhara, Samarkand and elsewhere in Uzbekistan. In 1943 they were all deposited in the newly established Institute for the Study of Oriental Manuscripts, and most of the Islamic MSS in other state depots in Uzbekistan were also given to the Institute. Since then the holdings have been continually increased by purchase and as a result of expeditions. See


Published catalogues:


Alphabetical catalogue, including Arabic, Persian, Turkish and Chaghatai MSS now in the Institute.


Mentions 220 MSS now in the Institute.

List of 19 Arabic, 226 Persian, 24 Turkic & 4 Arabic/Persian MSS, in alphabetical order of authors.


1940. Opisanie rukopisei proizvedenii Nauki khvanyashcheikhya v Gosudarstvennoi Publichnoi Biblioteke UzSSR. By A.A. Semenov. Tashkent. 45pp.
Describes 91 NAVATI MSS, now in the Institute.

Detailed classified catalogue of 7,574 MSS, with indexes. For a critique, see Birnbaum, 1963, pp. 692–693.


Detailed descriptions of six 19th-century historical MSS.

List of NAVATI MSS.


Classified survey, with lists of titles.


List of titles.


Unpublished catalogues:
Handwritten inventory books, in which all MSS are registered.

Babekov, H.N.

Status: Private
Total number of Islamic MSS: Over 100.

Unpublished catalogue:

Dini Idare (Spiritual Board of Muslims)

Fundamental Library, Tilla Shaykh Mosque, Zarkaynar 114, 700055 Tashkent
Total number of Islamic MSS: 2,842 (mostly Arabic; some Persian; some Turkish).
Description of collection: Little work has been done on these manuscripts, most of which remain uncatalogued. There is an important collection of Qur’ans, including one on parchment which, according to popular tradition, belonged to the Caliph ‘Uthmān. See


Published catalogues:

Brief descriptions of 32 mathematical MSS.


Unpublished catalogue:
Handwritten inventory book, in which all MSS are registered. Language not indicated.

Museum of the History of the Peoples of Uzbekistan

Akhunbaba 15, 700047 Tashkent
Tel.: 335733
Date of establishment: 1922
Total number of Islamic MSS: ca. 90 (Arabic; Persian; Turkic).
Description of collection: No work has been done on this collection and it remains uncatalogued.

Navoi State Public Library

Alleya Narodov 5, 700000 Tashkent
Tel.: 330547
Date of establishment: 1870
Status: National library
Total number of Islamic MSS: 233 (69 Arabic; 64 Persian; 100 Turkic).
Description of collection: No work has been done on this collection and no descriptions of the MSS are available.

Unpublished catalogue:
Card catalogue.

State Museum of Art

700060 Tashkent
Tel.: 327436
Date of establishment: 1918
Total number of Islamic MSS: 2, plus 4 scrolls & 246 fragments (Arabic; Persian).
Description of collection: The Museum’s holdings include examples of
calligraphy as well as miniatures on separate leaves (giḥa'). There are also some embossed leather bindings. The collection has not been studied nor catalogued.

Unpublished catalogue:
Handwritten inventory book, in which all items are registered.

Sulaimonov nomidagi Qu‘ləzmalar Institute (Sulaimonov Institute of Manuscripts; formerly Navoi Museum of Literature)

Navoi'í 69, 700011 Tashkent
Tel.: 410132
Date of establishment: 1939 (as Institute: 1978)
Status: Affiliated to the Uzbek Academy of Sciences.
Total number of Islamic MSS: ca. 4,700.
Description of collection: A high proportion of the MSS contain poetry and literary prose (mostly Persian/Tajik and Chaghatai/Uzbek), but there are also texts on biography, hagiography, history, lexicology, medicine, religious traditions, ethics, folklore and music, among others. See


Published catalogues:

Catalogue of MSS of the works of ʻAlī Shīr Nav‘yī.

Systematic catalogue, with indexes of titles, authors, translators, commentators, copyists, binders & geographical names.

Unpublished catalogues:
Handwritten inventory books, in which all MSS are registered.
Card catalogues: topographical, authors’ names, titles.
Catalogue by languages in preparation.

Tashkent State University Library (formerly Middle Asiatic State University Library)

Date of establishment: 1920
Total number of Islamic MSS: 408 (Arabic; Persian; Turkic).
Description of collection: These MSS contain poetry, literary prose, encyclopedic works and texts on philosophy, logic, ethics, theology, Qur‘anic studies, Sufism, taqī, ritual, lexicology, history, geography, hagiography, biography, grammar, insha‘, folklore and crafts. For a general survey of the collections, see


Published catalogues:
1933. Opisanie persidskich, arabskich i turetskich rukopiseй Fundamentナル но Biblioteki Sredneaziatskogo Gosudarstvennogo Universiteta. A descriptive catalogue of the Persian, Arabic and Turkish manuscripts preserved in the Library of Middle Asiatic State University. By A.A. Semenov. Tashkent. 88pp.
Systematic catalogue of 140 MSS (34 Arabic, 75 Persian & 31 Turkic). Indexes of titles and authors.

Systematic catalogue of 199 MSS (66 Arabic; 102 Persian/Tajik & 31 Turkic).

Unpublished catalogues:
Handwritten inventory book, in which all MSS are registered.
Card catalogues: topographical, authors’ names, titles. Incomplete (369 MSS included).

TERMEZ
Surkhandarya Museum of Regional Ethnography
195911 Termez
Tel.: 27684
Total number of Islamic MSS: 62 (incl. 14 Arabic).
Description of collection: No work has been done on this collection and it remains uncatalogued.

Unpublished catalogue:
Handwritten inventory.

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