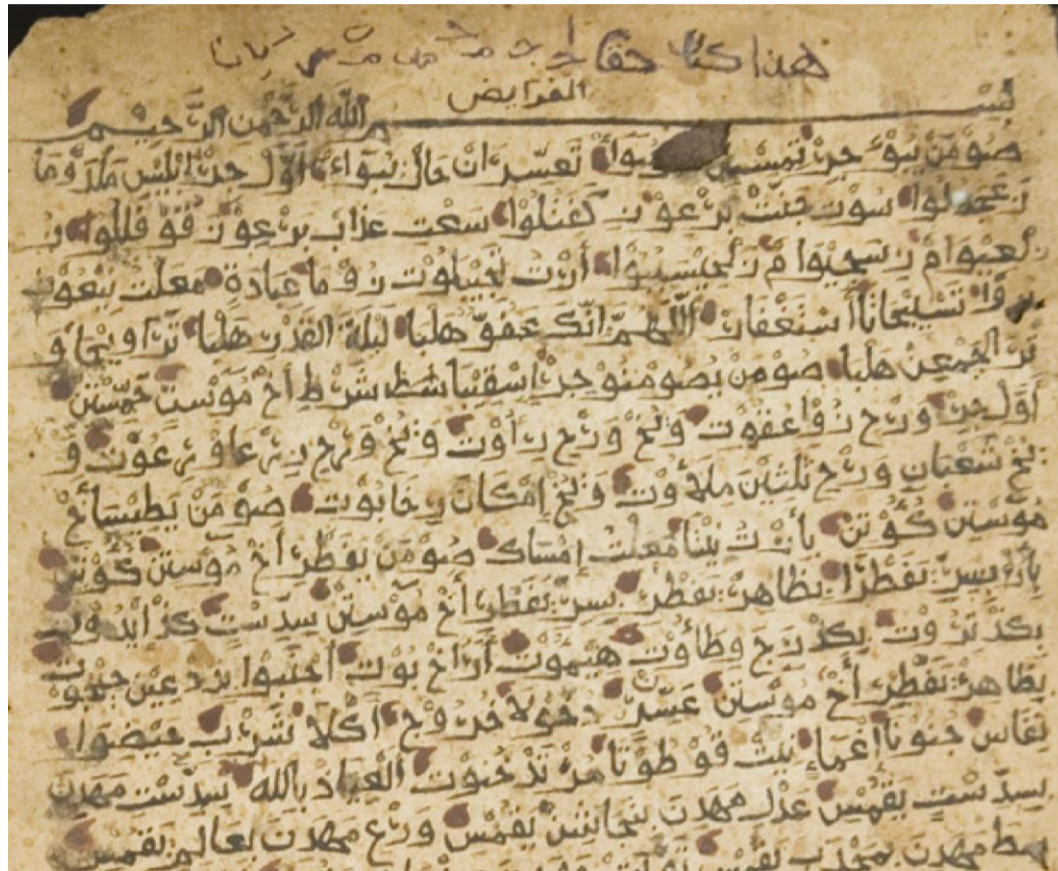


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## **Ajami traditions in the Horn of Africa and the concept of isograph**

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Arabic-based writing, i.e., Ajami, systems have been used for several local languages by Muslim communities in the Horn of Africa. The best known of them are Harari, Amharic, Oromo, Selt'i, Somali, Afar and Saho. As frequently observed in Ajami traditions, different groups of people used competing Ajami systems or orthographies for writing the same language. Some of their features can be treated in terms of *isographs*, which provide interesting cues for their historical development and routes of transmission.

## **Oromo Ajami**

12 April 2018 - 10:15 – 12:00

Muslim Oromo communities have written Ajami Oromo texts in different parts of Ethiopia. Examples from three manuscripts show considerable differences among each other: one is from the area of Harar, another from Wollo, another was brought to Italy by Enrico Cerulli, and no information has been available until now about its origin.

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