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Sufism and Textual Production in 20th century Ethiopia

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Sufism in Ethiopia

- Present since 14th century
- Brotherhoods:
 - Qādiriyya
 - Sammāniyya
 - Ḥatmiyya
 - Tiḡāniyya
- Devotion towards saints independent to the affiliation to an order
- Rare formal affiliation (*bay'a*) to a brotherhood



Texts

Author: Badr al-Dīn b. al-Šāyḥ Abī Muḥammad al-Ḥāğğ
Muḥammad Surūr al-Ma‘rūf bi'l-Ubbiyy b. al-Šāyḥ Muḥammad
Bašīr al-Zabiyy al-Qabīnī al-Šāfi‘ī al-Qādirī al-Rašādī (d. 1401/1980
c.a.)

- **Taḥrīr al-Uṣūl** wa al-Awrād fī Ḍikr Tarāğim Ašiyāḥinā wa Ašiyāḥ Nāḥyatinā wa al-Asiyād (n.d.)
 - **Muḥtaṣar** Taḥrīr al-Uṣūl (n.d.)
 - **Ḥulāṣa** Muḥtaṣar Taḥrīr al-Uṣūl (1391/1971)

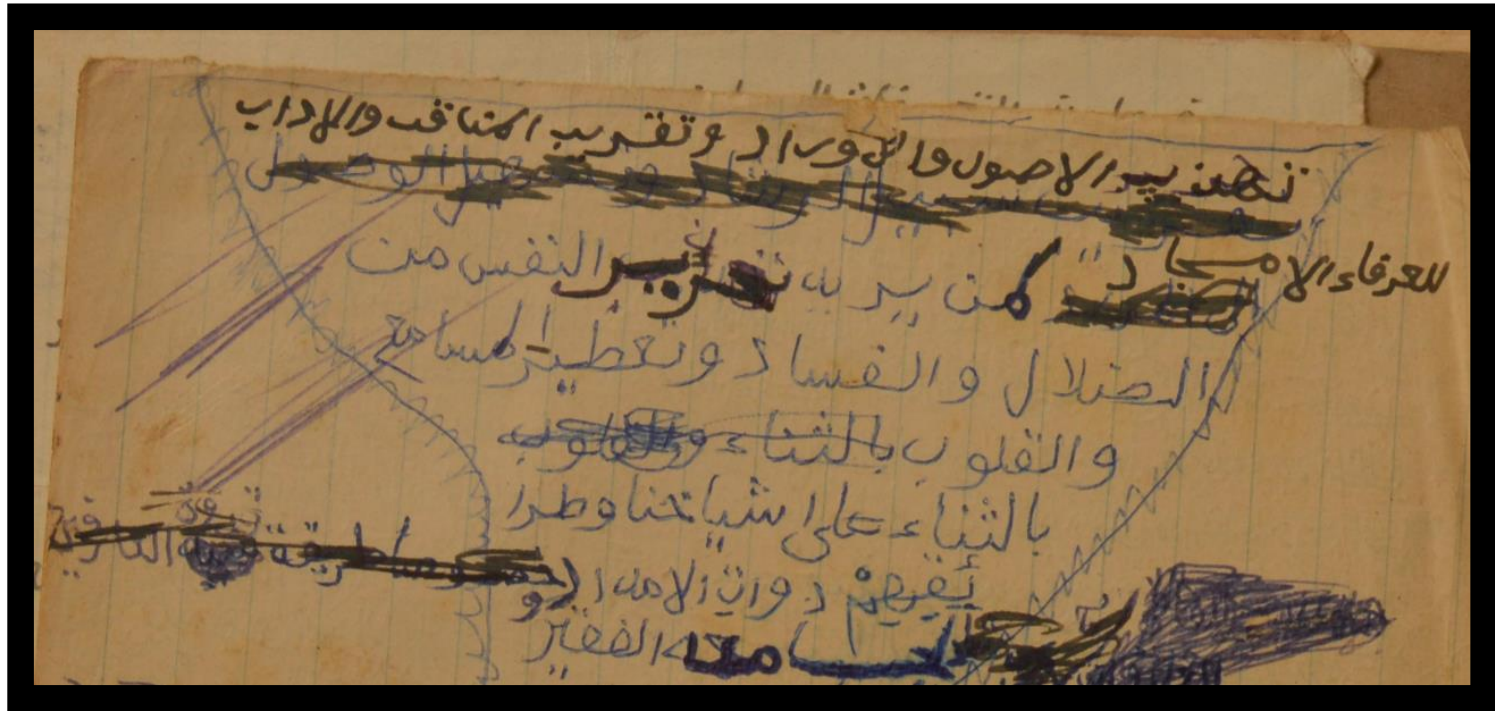


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Texts



Tahdīb al-Uṣūl wa al-Awrād wa Taqrīb al-Manāqib wa al-Ādāb li'l-
 ‘Urafā’ al-Amğād li-man Yurīd Taḥrīr al-Nafs min al-Ḍalāl wa al-
 Fasād wa Ta‘ṭīr al-Masāmi‘ wa al-Qulūb bi'l-Ṭanā’ ‘alā Ašiyāḥinā wa
 Ṭarā’iqihim, ZBM00028, f. 45r.

Witnesses

Ḥulāṣa Muḥtaṣar Taḥrīr al-Uṣūl

ZBM00001: ff. 1r-99r, 21-22 lines per page, single hand, complete.

ZBM00018: ff. 4r-40r, biographical section with lacunae; different hands and serieses of annotations; ff. 42r-51v e 53v-57v; acephalous and with lacunas, from the biography of Kamāl al-Dīn; single hand, collation notes and other annotations.

ZBM00028: f. 40v; index, not belonging to any of the identified mss; 60r-68v; 153r-154v; 202r-203v: title and first page of the Ḥulāsa.

ZBM00031: ff. 1r-127, 21-22 lines per page; single hand, complete.

Muḥtaṣar Taḥrīr al-Uṣūl

ZBM00018: ff. 60r-149v: 25-26 lines per page, single hand, draft with collation notes, annotations and deleted passages, apodous (up to *award* section).

Taḥrīr al-Uṣūl

ZBM00028: ff. 43; 45r-45v; 53v-59v; 73r-77v; 78r-80v: not Badr al-Dīn's hand; 85r-85v: poem in praise of Muḥammad Rašād and Kamāl al-Dīn; 90r-93v: biography of Kamāl al-Dīn (incomplete); 104r-113v: from the biography of Kamāl al-Dīn, lacunae, acephalous, apodous; 114r-136v: *awrād*, acephalous and apodous.

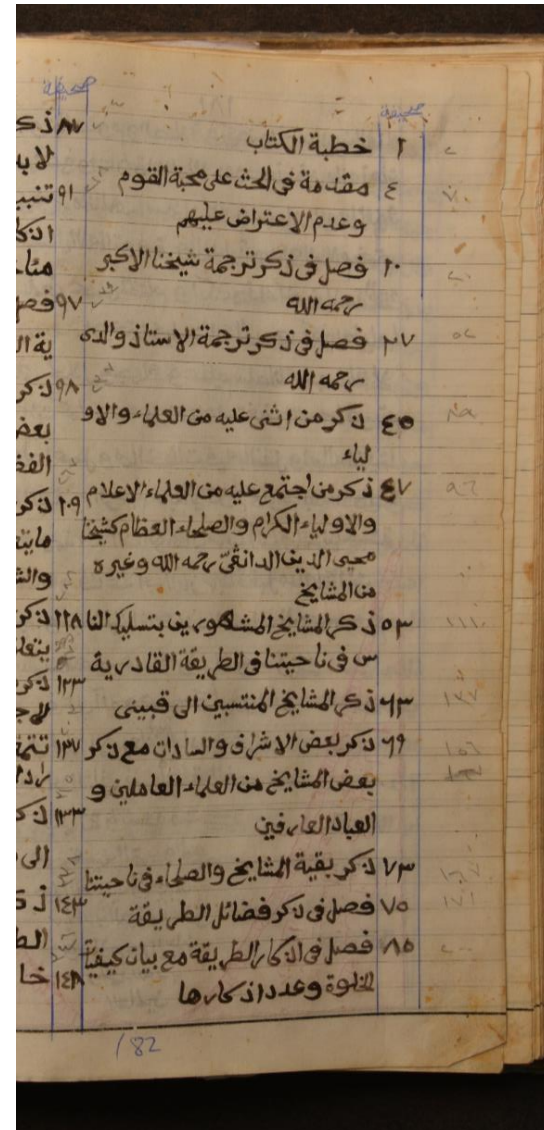


Internal organization fo the texts

- General introduction about sufism
- Biographic section
 - Muḥammad Rašād
 - Kamāl al-Dīn
- Merits of the Rašādiyya
- Rituals of the Rašādiyya (also taken from other orders)

Ḥulāṣa

ZBM00001, f. 97v



Authorship of the texts

- Use of oral and written sources
- Constant re-writing
 - Abdridgments
 - Cross reference to the previous versions
 - Re-elaboration
- Direct intervention in the text

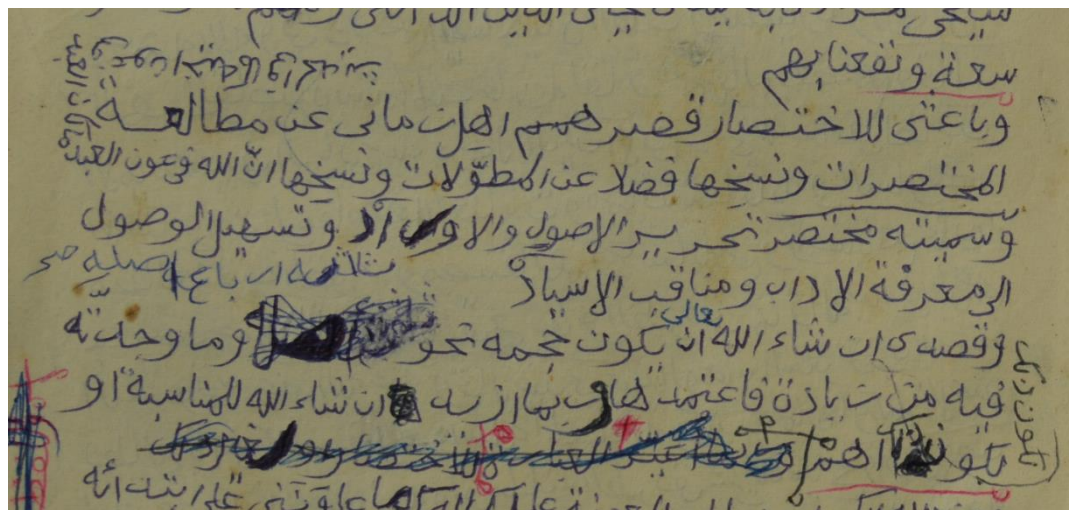


Use of written sources

- Abū Hafs Al-Suhrawardī (d. 1234/631): ‘Awārif al-Ma‘ārif
- Al-Ġazālī (d. 504/1111): Iḥiyā’ ‘Ulūm al-Dīn
- Aḥmad Zarrūq (d. 898/1493)
- al-Šā‘rānī (m. 973/1565):
 - Al-Ṭabaqāt al-Kubrā
 - Durar al-Ġawwāṣ
 - Laṭā’if al-Minan (Biography of al-Mursī)
- Local authors’ works:
 - Laṭā’if al-Išārāt (al-Annī?)
 - Tuḥfat Ahl al-Futūḥāt (Muḥammad Sirāğ al-Ānnī)
 - Epistle of Kamā al-Dīn sulle Manāqib di Muḥammad Rašād
 - Disciples of Kamāl al-Dīn mentioned a authors of other works



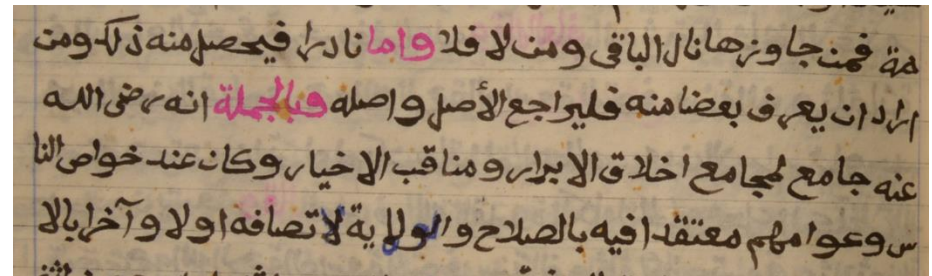
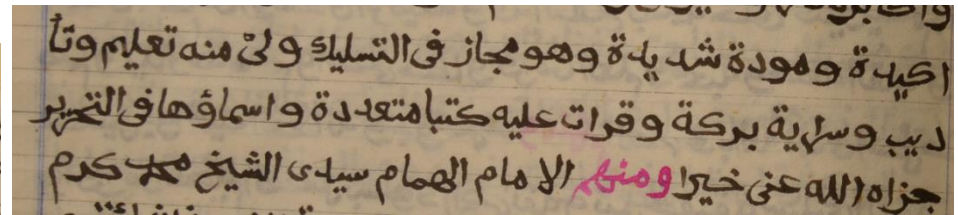
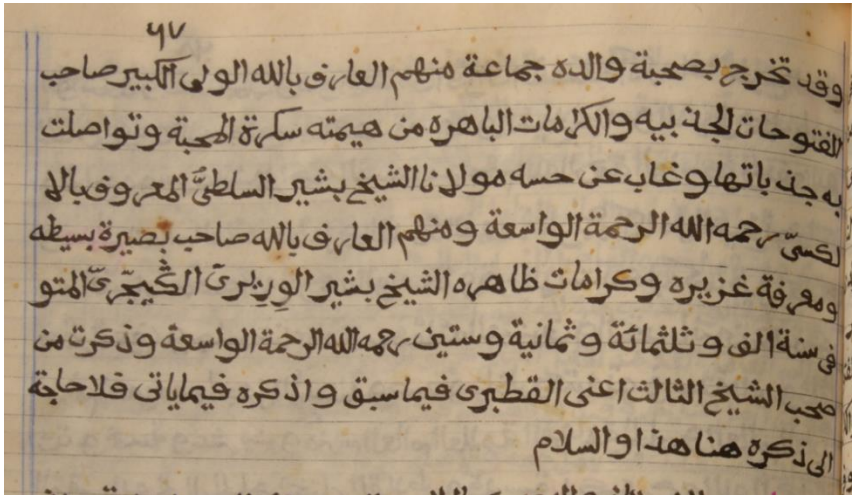
Abdrigment



Muhtaşar,
ZBM00018, f.
62 r, ll 12-16

- 12 وباعثي للاختصار قصر همم اهل زمانى عن مطالعة
- 13 المختصرات ونسخها فضلا عن المطوولات ونسخها انّ الله في عون العبد ما كان العبد في عون اخيه في الحديث
- 14 وسميته مختصر تحرير الاصول والاوراد وتسهيل الوصول الى معرفة الاداب ومناقب الاسياد
- 15 وقصدى ان شاء الله تعالى ان يكون حجمه نحو ثلاثا ارباع اصله وما وجدته
- 16 فيه من زيادة فاعتمدها وربما ازيد ان شاء الله للمناسبة او

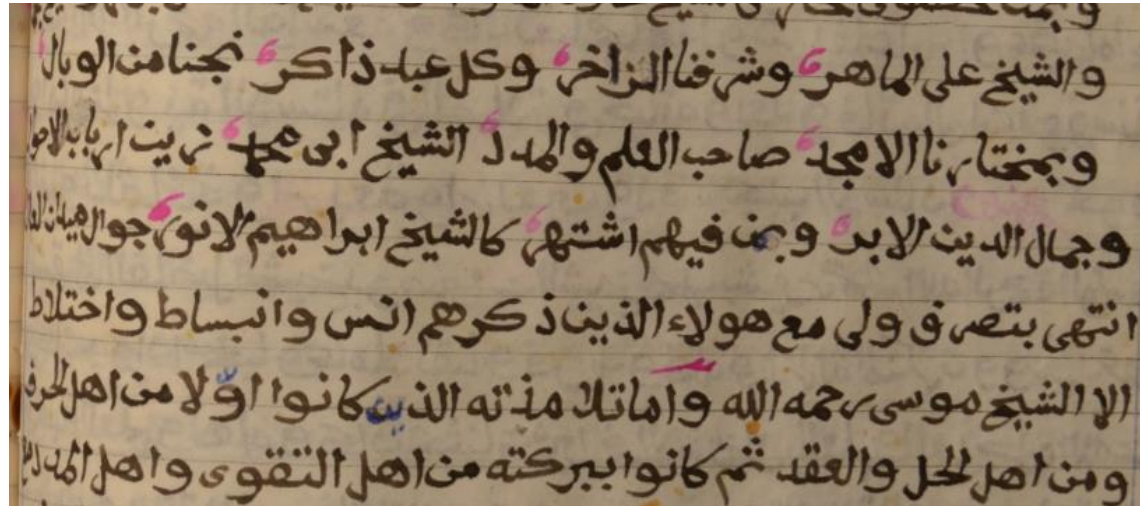
Reference to previous versions of the work



Hulāṣa - ZBM0001: (clockwise order) f. 35r, ll. 14-16, reference to Tahṛīr; f. 18v ll. 14-17, reference to Tahṛīr and to Muḥtaṣar ; f. 39r, ll. 1-8, closure of a section.

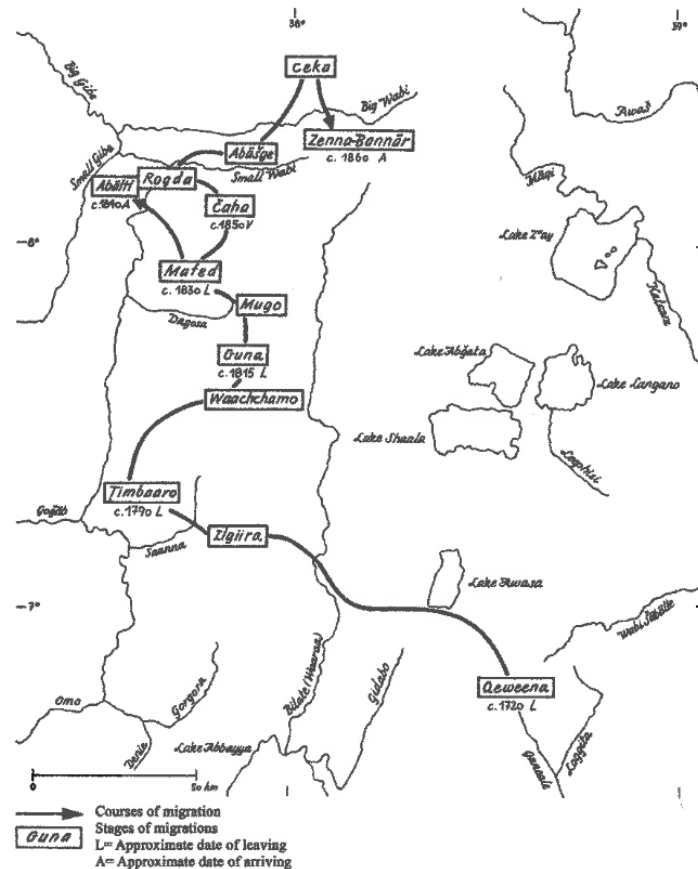
Direct intervention in the text

ZBM00001, f.
37v, ll. 15-20.



وشيخ على الماهر | وشرفنا الزاخر | وكل عبد ذاكر | نجنا من الوبال
 وبمختارنا الامجد | صاحب علم الممدد | الشيخ ابي محمد | زين ارباب الاحوال
 وجمال الدين الابري | وبمن فيهم اشتهر | كالشيخ ابراهيم الانور | جوال ميدان العال [ال]
 انتهى بتصرف ولى مع هؤلاء الذين ذكرهم انس وانبساط واختلاط
 الا الشيخ موسى رحمه الله واما تلامذته الذين كانوا اولاً من اهل الحرف
 ومن اهل الحر والعقد ثم كانوا ببركته من اهل التقوى واهل المدد

Diffusion of the order

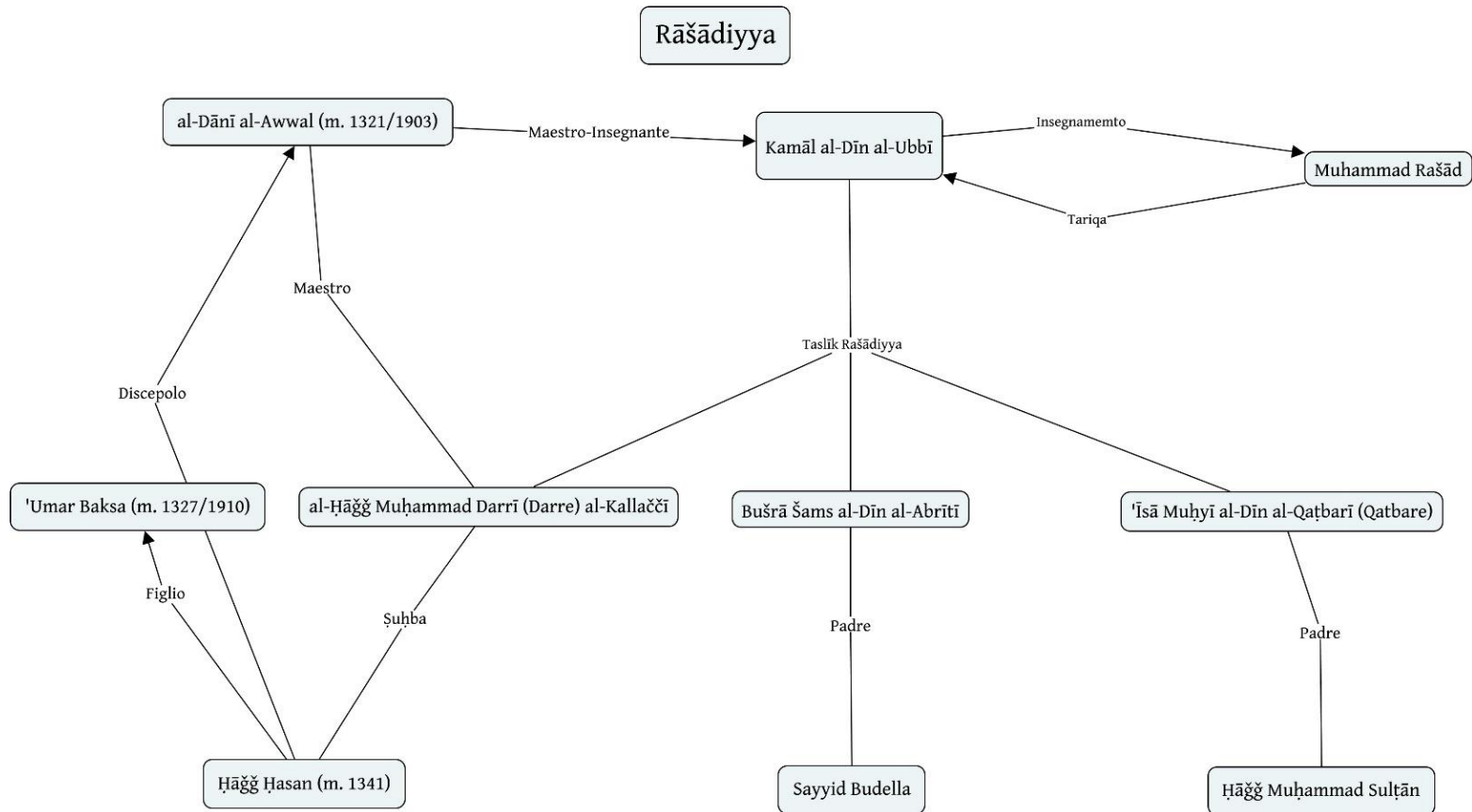


11. Migrations of the Qabeena

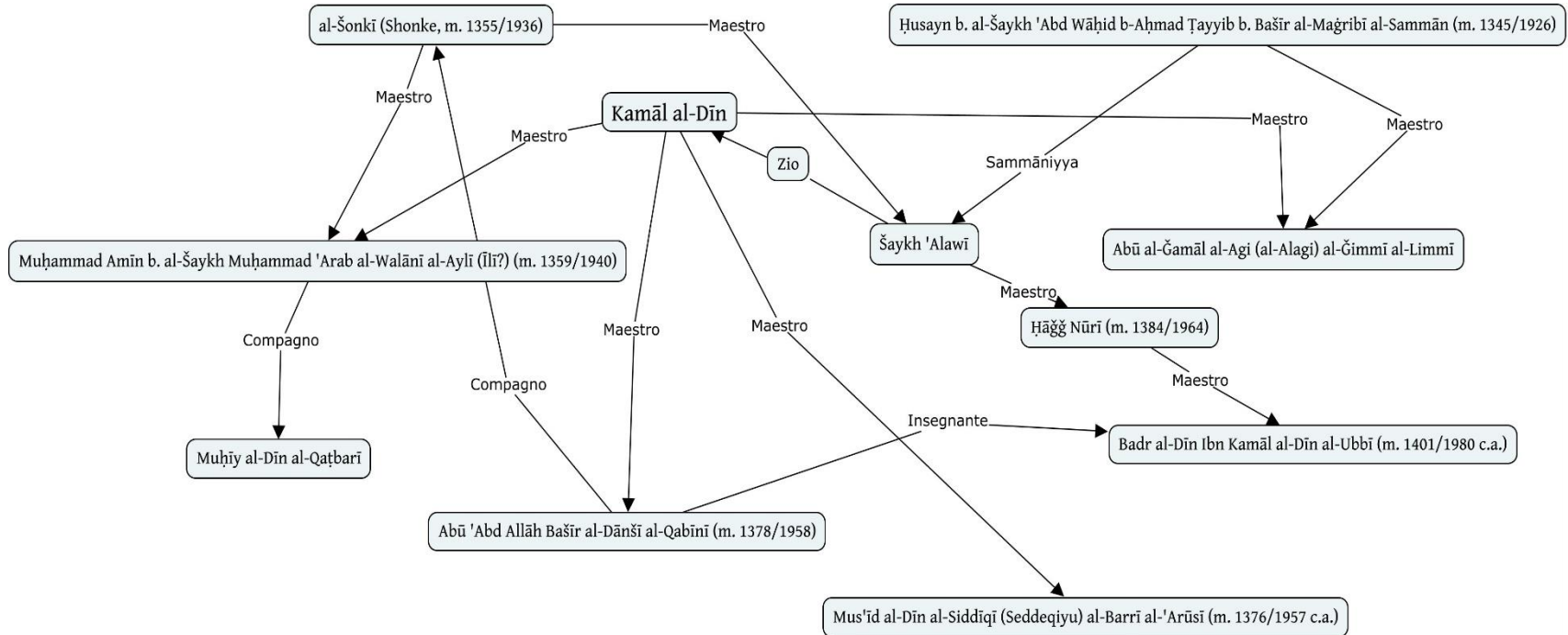
U. Braukämper, *A History of the Hadiyya in Southern Ethiopia*, Wiesbaden : Harassowitz Verlag p. 391.



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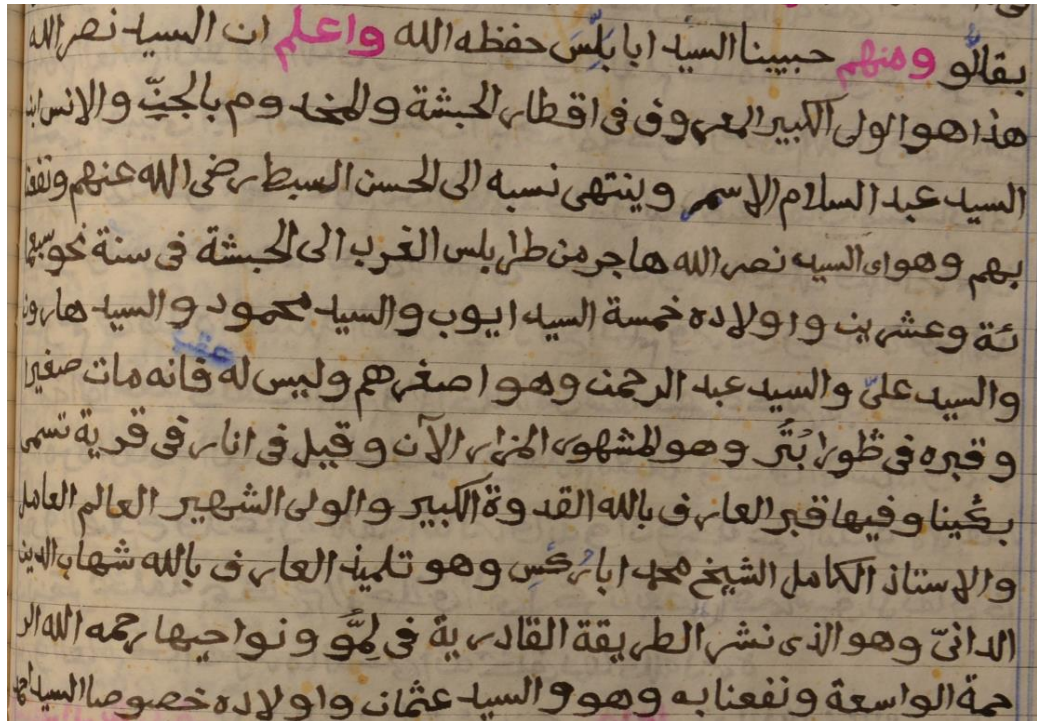


Qabena Parochialism?

- Section devoted to the Qabena, not connected at all with the Rašādiyya
 - Ḥassan Enḡamo (m. 1307/1889)
 - Badr al-Dīn's notable relatives
- Section devoted to the Šūrafā' among Qabena and Gädäbano (some migrated to Limmu)
 - al-Sayyid Naṣr Allāh is considered as a common ancestor



Qabena Parochialism?



ZBM0001, f. 40v, ll. 9-19.

Son of ‘Abd al-Salām al-Asmar (m. 982/1575), šarīf ḥasanī.

Naṣr Allāh migrated from Tarablus in Libia to Abyssinia in 720/1320 [sic!]

Naṣr Allah had 5 sons: Ayyūb, Maḥmūd, Hārūn, ‘Alī and ‘Abd al-Raḥmān.

The latter died young and without offspring; he is buried in Čora Boṭor or, according to others in Gena, where Abbā Ruksī’s tomb is located.

Future perspectives

- Complete the critical edition of the Texts
- Survey and study of local Islamic historiography in Arabic, among other ethnic groups (Oromo, Afar?)
- Study of textual practices of local *'ulamā'*



GRAZIE!

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