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Biography

Alexey Khismatulin was born on April 2, 1966, in Sverdlovsk (now Yekaterinburg), Russian Federation. In 1991, he graduated from the Faculty of Oriental Studies, St Petersburg State University. From 1991 to 1995, he was a PhD student at the St Petersburg Branch of the Institute of Oriental Studies. In 1997, he defended his PhD Dissertation with the title of “Pragmatic Sufism in the Naqshbandiyya brotherhood: On the Basis of Persian Written Sources from 12th to 16th cent. AD” supervised by Dr. Oleg F. Akimushkin and Dr. Stanislav M. Prozorov. He holds a PhD in History and specializes in Oriental Studies and Iranian Studies. He is a Senior Researcher of the Institute of Oriental Manuscripts of the Russian Academy of Sciences.

His major research interests are Islamic studies, Islamic mysticism (tasawwuf) in Central Asia, Medieval historiography on Iran and Central Asia and source criticism, Manuscripts studies focused on the Islamic medieval period, Muslim textual studies, and theory of translation, computational stylometry. He has published over 70 works comprising both books and articles. He is fluent in Persian, Arabic, English, and Russian languages and has published Russian translations of some key medieval texts written in Persian within the period of the Saljuqids and Timurids dynasties with the in-depth research introductions to these texts.

A number of his works include *Death and Funeral Rite in Islam and Zoroastrianism, Mysticism, Sufi ritual practice (Nakshbandia), The Teachings of the Ahl-i Haqq in the Studies of Wladimir Ivanow*, translation of all known works of Muhammad al-Ghazzali including two volumes of *Kimiya-yi sa'adat* (2018), the *Zad-i Akhirat*, the *Nasihah al-muluk*, pt. 1, the *Faza'il al-Anam Min Rasa'il Hujjat al-Islam* as well as the texts attributed to him (2017, reprint 2021); the *Siyasat-Nama/Siyar al-Muluk* compiled by Muhammad Mu'izzi Nishapuri and ascribed by him to Nizam al-Mulk (2020); four of the six *Daftar of Mathnawi-yi ma'nawi* by Jalal al-Din Rumi (d. 672/1273), and a number of texts of the Sufi shaykhs of the Naqshbandiyya brotherhood (XIV—XV cent. AD), and *The Medieval Ta'lif: Risala-yi Abdaliya* by Ya'qub Charkhi.

