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glossary

‘abd, slave

Abode of Felicity, the Court of the Ottoman Sultan

bāsh agha, military commander

bāsh mufti, chief mufti

bey, Ottoman, originally non-military title for the tax collecting functionary, later title for the Tunisian political rulers

chechia, Tunisian bonnet

Dār al-Ḥarb, the Abode of War, territory not governed by Islamic law

Dār al-Islām, the Abode of Peace, territory governed by Islamic law

dey, Ottoman military title

fasād, corrupt

fatwa, a legal opinion issued by a jurisconsult, a mufti

fuqahā’ (sing. *faqīh*), legal scholars, jurists

fiqh, Islamic jurisprudence

fīrman, *ferman*, edict of the Ottoman Sultan

ḥadīth, report or Tradition of the Prophet or other early authorities

ḥākim, non- *sharī’a* judge

ḥudūd (sing. *ḥadd*), fixed penalties for crimes mentioned in the Qur’ān

ijāza, diploma, license to teach

ijtihād, independent legal reasoning

ikhtilāf, difference of opinion among legal scholars

imām, a leader in prayer; founding father of one of the four schools of law; head of state.

Janissaries, soldiers of the Sultan’s guard

kātib al-sirr, private secretary

khaznadār, treasurer

madhhab, school of law

madrasa, educational institution, college

mahalla, tour of inspection, also for the purpose of tax collecting

majlis al-sharī’a, High Religious Council

mamluks, white, originally Christian slaves

maṣlaḥa, public interest, common welfare

mullā, mollā, religious scholar
ouṣfane, slave
pācha, provincial governor in the Ottoman Empire
qāʾid, district governor, governor in general
qāḍī, sharīʿa judge
risāla, treatise
ṣāhib al-ṭābīʿ, guardian of the seal
shaykh, elder, chief of a tribe or village; title for a religious leader; Sufi master
shaykh al-islām, highest religious functionary
Sunna, the exemplary behavior of the Prophet
sūq, market
ṭariqa, Sufi brotherhood
taʿzīr, deterrence
ʿulamāʾ (sing. *ʿālim*), Muslim scholars
umma, the worldwide Muslim community
ʿurf, customary law
walāʾ, kinship tie between patron (*mawlāʾ*) and client (*mawlāʾ*), between master and slave
zawiya, lodge of Sufi brotherhood