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ADAIK	Abhandlung des Deutschen Archäologischen Instituts Kairo
<i>AnIsl</i>	Annales Islamologiques
ARCE	The American Research Centre in Egypt
AUC	The American University in Cairo
AKTC	The Aga Khan Trust for Culture
BC	The reports and minutes of meetings (Bulletins) of the <i>Comité de conservation des monuments de l'art arabe</i> The Bulletins of the <i>Comité</i> are shortened to BC followed by the volume number, the period the Bulletin covers, the title of the section of the respective report and/or meeting, and the page numbers. It must be noted that in some cases the year of publication is different from the year/years the Bulletin covers. The year of the publication will therefore be left out.
BINHA	Bibliothèque de l'Institut national d'histoire de l'art
<i>BIFAO</i>	Bulletin de l'institut français d'archéologie orientale
BMVR	Bibliothèque municipale à vocation régionale (Marseille)
BnF	Bibliothèque nationale de France
CEDEJ	Centre d'études et de documentation économique, juridique et sociale
CNMS	Center for Near and Middle Eastern Studies, Philipps-University Marburg
CNRS	Centre national de la recherche scientifique (Paris)
CSIC	Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas [The Spanish National Research Council]
DAIK	Deutsches Archäologisches Institut Kairo [The German Archaeological Institute Cairo]
EHESS	École des hautes études en sciences sociales
<i>EI</i>	Encyclopedia of Islam
FMvB	Fondation Max van Berchem
GCI	Getty Conservation Institute
GIS	Groupement d'Intérêt Scientifique du CNRS
ICCROM	International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property
ICOMOS	International Council on Monuments and Sites
IFAO	Institut français d'archéologie orientale
IISMM	Institut d'études de l'Islam et des sociétés du monde musulman
IJMES	International Journal of Middle Eastern Studies
IMIQ	Idārat al-Maḥfūẓāt al-Islāmiyya wa-l-Qibṭiyya [Department of the Islamic and Coptic Archives; Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities, Egypt]

INHA	Institut national d'histoire de l'art
InVisu	Unité de service et de recherche de l'INHA et du CNRS; L'information visuelle et textuelle en histoire de l'art : nouveaux terrains, corpus, outils
JARCE	Journal of the American Research Centre in Egypt
LIAS	Leiden Institute for Area Studies
LUCIS	Leiden University Centre for the Study of Islam and Society
MoTA	Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities, Egypt
MIFAO	Mémoires de l'Institut français d'archéologie orientale
MTAIQ	Markaz Tasğīl al-Āṭār al-Islāmiyya wa-l-Qibṭiyya [the Center for the Registration/Documentation of Islamic and Coptic Monuments, Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities, Egypt]
MDA	Markaz al-Dirāsāt al-Aṭariyya [The Center for Archaeological Studies (mainly for Islamic and Coptic Monuments); Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities, Egypt]
MM	Markaz al-Ma'lūmāt [Information Center, Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities, Egypt]
MIT	Massachusetts Institute of Technology
NIMAR	Netherlands Institute Morocco
NISIS	Netherlands Interuniversity School for Islamic Studies
RBSCl	Rare Books and Special Collections Library
SCA	Supreme Council of Antiquities, Egypt
SMS	School of Mamluk Studies
UNESCO	The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
URHC	Urban Regeneration of Historic Cairo Project
V&A	Victoria and Albert Museum
WHC	World Heritage Centre

Editorial, bibliographical and transliteration notes

- The editorial, bibliographical and transliteration guidelines of IFAO were followed. <https://www.ifao.egnet.net/publications/publier/normes-ed/>
- Decree/superior order: When the *Comité* was established in December 1881 this was done through the issuance of a Khedival *décret* [decree]; in Arabic it was referred to as *amr 'ālī* [superior order]. Throughout this PhD, the translation of both terms from French and Arabic [decree/superior order] will be used when referring to this document.
- *Musée Arabe* [Museum of Arab Art; *dār al-āṭār al-'arabiyya* (which does not literally translate to Museum of Arab Art)]: This museum in Cairo was known in Egypt by its French and Arabic names. Therefore, in the text the French or Arabic name is used as per the documents consulted; otherwise it is referred to as the 'Museum of Arab Art'. In 1951 it was renamed to the Museum of Islamic Art [*mathaf a-fann al-islāmī*].
- Mehmed Ali (Egypt's Khedive; r. 1805-1848): In Egypt, his name is sometimes transliterated following the Arabic pronunciation, Muḥammad 'Alī. Here his name is transliterated following the Turkish pronunciation.
- Other personal Arabic names: the way a person has published her/his name was used; when the person in question is only known through the Arabic sources, the IFAO's guidelines for transliteration were followed.
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