

Brief information about the project

Title	AP19675718 "A new vision on Yasawi heritage: comprehensive understanding of Auliye phenomenon in Kazakh tradition and history of Central Asian Sufism"
Relevance	Essential marker of Kazakh tradition is the custom to venerate saints (<i>auliyege magzym</i>). The project plans to study the phenomenon of saints on a new conceptual basis and interdisciplinary methodology taking into account that the study of sacred history deviated towards cult sites, material-bookish heritage while attention to religious ascetic figure had weakened Yassavi's Sufism and the doctrine of Consciousness will be integrated into modern discourse. The project reflects the Central Asian factor, cultural ties with Uzbekistan. Within the framework of the project, the topic of female religiosity and saint women will be studied for the first time on a scientific basis. The "blank spots" of Yassawi's teaching will be revealed and hagiographic information will be supplemented.
Aim	In line with reinterpretation of Yasawism <i>auliye</i> phenomenon to be subjected to a comprehensive understanding within Kazakh tradition and history of Central Asian Sufism.
Tasks	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 To study the historical background of the formation of the tradition of venerating saints in local Islam and its features at different stages, the role of Sufism (tasawwuf) in its formation, issues of the ethnoculture of the Kazakhs, their connections with the Khojas, genealogy; 2 In the context of comparison and integration of new trends in Islamic studies and Turkology, different points of view, deeper consideration and theoretical rethinking of the content of "cult of saints" (correct: tagzym- honor) as an indicator of traditional Turkic-Hanafi Islam, not shamanism; 3 To substantiate the theological and psychological prerequisites for the sanctification of the personality of Yassawi and other ascetics, defining such categories and terms as "aulie", "ruh", "insan kamil", etc.; 4. According to definite methods to explore historical and ethnographic information about local Islamic heroes and holy women in connection with sacred geography, Kazakh folklore and Nomad's worldview; 5. Study of medieval Sufi hagiography of Central Asia, Persian and Turkic works in the genre of "tazkira" (lives of saints) from the point of view of the revival of the image of the saint, self-improvement and Sufi esotericism; 6. To systematize information about pilgrimage sites in Kazakhstan, especially in the southern regions, and neighboring regions, primarily Uzbekistan, in terms of saints and ishans, which will make it possible to clarify the characteristics of local Islam and its role in the integration of the peoples of the region; 7. To clarify the connection between religious pilgrimage sites (mosques, tombs, caves, etc.) and a specific holy person (or

	<p>community of saints). In this regard, to study the features of pilgrimage, dhikr rituals, ascetic practices, the attitude of Sufis to nature, their influence on the social processes of the country, the literary heritage of holy people;</p> <p>8. Introduction into scientific circulation of new materials from field ethnographic research, archival and theological sources about saints of different eras, including ishans, dervishes, pirs, duans, bakhshi, paying special attention to the practice of healing, its secrets, the peculiarities of upbringing and education, the practice of mastering the unconscious spheres of the human psyche, achieving a special state of consciousness, studying the development of talents;</p> <p>9. To formulate a more complete and modern understanding of the phenomenon of the Saint, based on the implementation of the above tasks, generalization and synthesis of scientific data. To integrate Yasavism into the modern interdisciplinary scientific system of spiritual transformation (change) of personality, paths of self-knowledge and achievement of a holistic worldview.</p>
<p>Expected and Achieved Results</p>	<p>The implementation of the project will allow us to obtain modern knowledge about the phenomenon of Auliye, to integrate the legacy of Yassawi into a new system of scientific and philosophical knowledge. In particular, the genesis of the tradition of venerating the saint will be revealed, a holistic view of the object of study is presented, corresponding to local religious traditions, taking into account connections with the Kazakh ethnoculture, Sufism (tasawwuf), khojas, Kazakh genealogies; through a critical rethinking of Soviet and post-Soviet theories and contemporary Islamic discourse, the main methods of identifying holiness as a Muslim-Sufi marker will be identified, this will help to clarify the concept of Islamization of the Kazakhs; the sacralization of the personalities of Yasawi, Bahauddin, Mashkhur-Zhusup and other saints will be reflected in the context of the evolution of spiritual practices and the history of sacred objects; from the point of view of Auliye, hagiographic and other written sources in Arabic, Persian, and Chagatai languages are studied, and new information and facts will be introduced into scientific circulation.</p> <p>The reconstruction of Sufi practices in the history of Central Asia is carried out using an interdisciplinary approach; the origin of legends and myths about holy women is studied;</p> <p>Based on the history of saints of different eras, the secrets of Sufism and Sufi medicine, education and training, travel, psychological knowledge and participation in public life are studied from a modern point of view.</p> <p>The results will reflect in 1 (one) publication in a peer-reviewed journal with a CiteScore of at least 35 (thirty-five) percentile in the Scopus database, as well as 3 articles in publications recommended by SHEQAC of RoK, a collective monograph and a textbook.</p> <p>To date, 1 (one) textbook has been published. 3 scientific articles have been published in publications recommended by SHEQAC of RoK, 3 scientific articles have been published in the proceedings of international scientific conferences. Publication in</p>

	<p>the Scopus database journal and a collective monograph is planned for the 3rd quarter of this year.</p>
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