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ORIENTAL MANUSCRIPTS IN THE ARCHIVE OF KOSOVA

Archives of Kosova, beside a rather large number of important documents in oriental languages, protects also the fund of Ottoman manuscripts as works that are not published, in the Arab, Turkish and Persian as basic language.

Chronology of oriental manuscripts into archives of Kosova begins with the Arabic-Persian dictionary in manuscript *Tuhfe it-Sibjan*, duplicating with 841/14378, while the youngest unique manuscript into Arabic language is of mufti of Prizren, Rustem ef. Shporta, with the title "Risale fi beyani Esmailahi te'ala ve esmai nebiyyina aleyhis selam ve esmai cemil'il enbiyai-l' medhkureti fi'l-Kur'ani-l'azim". The large number of these manuscripts belongs to XVII-th century (21), XVIII-th century (19).

The general number of oriental manuscripts, which are retained in the archives of Kosova, amount to 69 codexes or 99 works in manuscript. Forty of manuscripts are collected in 10 "*mecmua*". From these manuscripts 74 are in Arabic, 19 Turkish, 2 Persian, 1 Persian - Turkish, 1 Arabic- Turkish, 1 Arabic-Persian and 1 in Albanian with Arabic characters.

Among the oriental manuscripts, the religious, juridical and philosophical subjects prevail. In addition, there are literary, linguistic and scientific writings.