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HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT:

İSMĀ'İL ANĀRĀVĪ'S COMMENTARY ON 'BOOK SEVEN' OF RŪMĪ'S MATHNĀWĪ

Monday Majlis Online on the 27th of April, 17:00-18:30 (UK time)

Centre for the Study of Islam, Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies, University of Exeter

Register please on this link:

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Bio: Eliza Tasbihi is a Researcher, Lecturer, and the Specialized Cataloguing Editor for Islamic Manuscripts at McGill University. Her research specializations are early modern Islamic intellectual history and theology with a focus on textual analysis of Sufi literature and theological writings in Ottoman and Persian, Iran, and the broader Persianate world up to the 19th century. She has published on Sufism, theology, Persian literature, specifically Rūmī's *Mathnawī* and its reception in the Persianate world, as well as on classical, medieval, and early modern Sufism. <https://mcgill.academia.edu/ElizaTasbihi>



Sufis in the garden, fol. 172r of a manuscript of Rūmī's *Mathnawī*, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, 13.228.12, <https://www.metmuseum.org/art/collection/search/446547>

Abstract: Through untouched manuscripts, Tasbihi's *Hidden in Plain Sight: İsmā'īl Anāravī's Commentary on 'Book Seven' of Rūmī's Mathnawī* (2025) examines the apocryphal *Book Seven* of the *Mathnawī*, which has never been studied. Why was it added to Rūmī's *Mathnawī*? What were its implications in the Mevlevī centers in 17th-century Ottoman society or in Persian speaking societies in India and Iran? Was *Book Seven* added on the Indian subcontinent or in the Ottoman Empire?

In the spirit of the label 'Majlis' and also to make the talks even more interesting, our speakers present the topic discussed as embedded in their own journey.

You can watch the previous Majlises here

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL8YRkUahFj_81oJzCSDLTx4kVQQgeHLc-

However, we don't record the Q&A in order to keep the discussion free.

Please come and enjoy the talks and the discussions :) If you'd like to be included in the CSI (Centre for the Study of Islam, Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies, University of Exeter) mailing list, please write to me (I.T.Kristo-Nagy@ex.ac.uk).

We'll be happy to welcome you!

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