

[New Resource - Edinburgh's "Oriental" manuscript collection renamed "Manuscripts of the Islamicate World and South Asia" and now searchable on ArchiveSpace](#)

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Dear Colleagues, I'm happy to share an announcement about the University of Edinburgh Library's Islamic manuscripts collection:

"Some exciting news! As many of you will already know, the **University Library holds over 700 manuscripts** pertaining to the Middle East and South Asia, largely in Persian and Arabic, and formerly known as the "Oriental" collection. Over the last few months, and thanks to Jaakko introducing me, I have been working with the Centre for Research Collections team to research the provenance of the collection, and to improve access to it.

As part of this process, we have just renamed the collection "**Manuscripts of the Islamicate World and South Asia**", and we now have entries for **168 items up on the ArchiveSpace platform, with titles digitally searchable in Arabic and Latin script**. More entries will be coming soon!

You can visit the "Manuscripts of the Islamicate World and South Asia" collection page and search the entries below:

<https://archives.collections.ed.ac.uk/repositories/2/resources/86063>

The "Scope & Content" section will give you background on the collection, its provenance, and why we have gone with this new name.

If you click on the Additional Description tab at the foot of the page, you will see other fields including Custodial History and Immediate Source of Acquisition that are also well worth a read.

The collection is open to all (with viewings by appointment).

Best, Lucy

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