Reflections on *Tafsîr* in the Post-Classical Period

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Abstract

The overarching aim of this paper is to gain an insight into the post-classical *tafsîr* tradition, which remains largely neglected by contemporary *tafsîr* scholarship. The paper investigates *tafsîr* activities in the 16th century Ottoman context, with a focus on the place of *tafsîr* in the religious curriculum of the Ottoman colleges, the exegetical literary genres and the key concerns of Ottoman exegetes. Some of the texts examined include the *tafsîr* works of al-Gûrûnî (d. 893/1488), Ibn Kâmîl Pâshâ (d. 940/1534) and Abû al-Su'ûd (d. 982/1574).

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