

Islamization of Anatolia and the Effects of Established Sufism (Orders)

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ABSTRACT Anatolia is one of the most important lands in the history of the world. All throughout history, it has always been a center of attraction for humanity and for civilizations; it has always been important in an intercontinental manner. The most substantial feature of this land, where the belief systems and the thought manners diversify, is the perceiving of the differences with flexibility and with tolerance. After the conversion of Turks to Islam, the political and social developments in the region they live, forced them to come to Anatolia. The conquests, which started in 1018 as explorations, were solidified after the victory in the Battle of Malazgirt in 1071. In addition to the settlement projects, the Sufism movement from Asia Minor accelerated the Islamization of Anatolia and the foundations of this process that we see as a phenomenon are laid.