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Abbreviations

The following abbreviations have been used for certain periodicals and encyclopaedias cited frequently in the notes and Select Bibliography:

- BSOAS* *Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies*
EI *The Encyclopaedia of Islam*, 1st edition
EI2 *The Encyclopaedia of Islam*, New edition
EI3 *The Encyclopaedia of Islam*, Three
EIR *Encyclopaedia Iranica*
EIS *Encyclopaedia Islamica*
JRAS *Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society*

Note on the Text

The studies collected in this volume had appeared in the form of independent chapters in a variety of edited volumes during 2005–2024. I have, therefore, taken the opportunity of reprinting them here to delete certain introductory materials that might appear repetitive, and also introducing certain revisions and additions where necessary. However, such revisions, interventions and updating of the notes have been kept to a minimum. The collection of these studies in one volume also necessitated the standardisation of the systems of transliteration and referencing; diacritics have been added throughout the text and the footnotes of the volume. Also, terms such as imam, which have become part of the English lexicon, have not been transliterated.

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