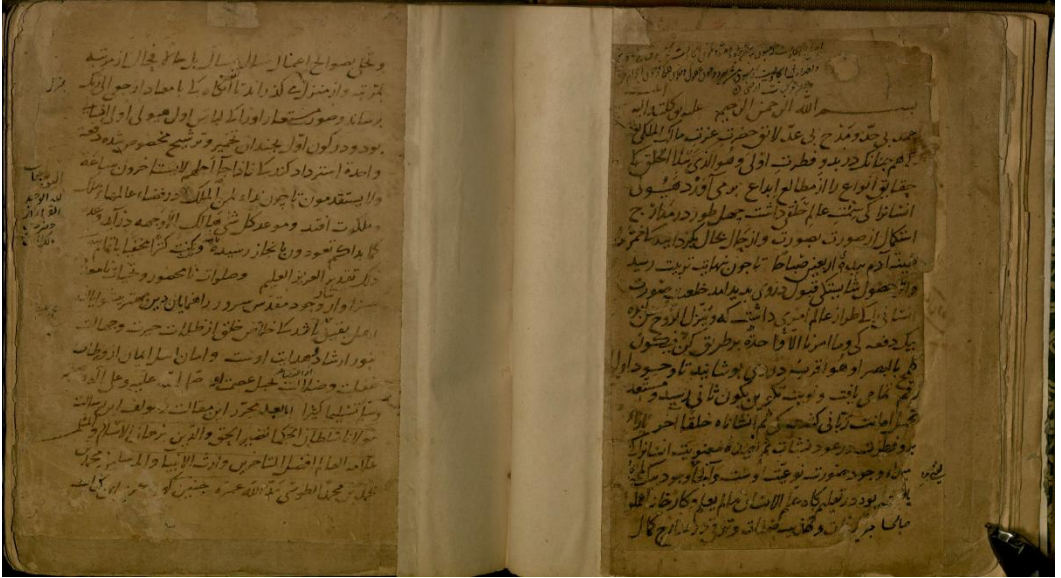


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This talk contextualises the composition, revision and copying of one of the most celebrated Persian works on any subject, the *Akhlāq-i Nāsirī* of the famous polymath Naṣīr al-Dīn Ṭūsī (d. 1274), focusing on one unique manuscript copied in 666/1267. The manuscript is copied twenty years after the composition of the work and represents the first revision of the text, in which Ṭūsī had withdrawn his dedication to his former Ismāʿīlī patron, the ruler of Quhistān Nāṣir al-Dīn b. ʿAbd al-Raḥīm b. Abī Maṣnūr (d. 655/1257). Yet the manuscript still preserved some of its previous flavour that was removed in a later revision. Copied during the lifetime of Ṭūsī it illustrates the continuities and changes in Ṭūsī's network and patronage, which will be discussed with reference to the notes on the manuscripts. Further notes on the manuscript are from Mughal India, where it meets royal librarians as well as street booksellers and looters, although it remains silent about the long journey from Iran to the subcontinent.



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