

Abstract

This dissertation presents the Bektashi Order, whose world center is located in Tirana (since 1930), Albania. The Bektashi Order is a Shia order and its teachings are a mixture of Islam, Christianity, local customs and religions. The aim of this dissertation is to introduce the Order, its establishment and historical development among the Albanian population within the Ottoman Empire and later in the 20th and 21st centuries. The work focuses on the interpretation of the teachings and customs of this Order. The dissertation aims to present important figures of the Bektashi Order in the world and among Albanian population and their significance over the years for this Order. Special attention is paid to the current personalities of the Order, their assessment of the current state of the Order and the perspectives of further possible development in the context of today's developments in the world. The conclusion of this work will be devoted to the current development of the Bektashi Order in recent years in the context of European and global events.

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