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THE ALEVISATION OF KARACAAHMET AND HIS SHRINE IN ISTANBUL

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ABSTRACT: Karacaahmet is one of the predominant saints in Turkey. Our knowledge about his life, the places he lived in, and his shrines in Anatolia and the Balkans consists of both historical facts and legendary stories. It is believed that Karacaahmet was a healer, especially of mental illnesses, and one of the saints of Horasan (*Horasan erenleri*) and Anatolia (*Rum abdalları, Anadolu erenleri*) of the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries. This talk will elaborate on the significance of Karacaahmet for the religious history of Turkey with a special focus on his shrine in Üsküdar, Istanbul, until the 1990s. As the only ‘Alevi’ shrine under the management of the Istanbul Museum Directorate of Shrines, I will rely on the internal archives of the directorate to shed light on the ambivalent role the shrine had for the Turkish state, for ordinary people, and for Alevis.

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