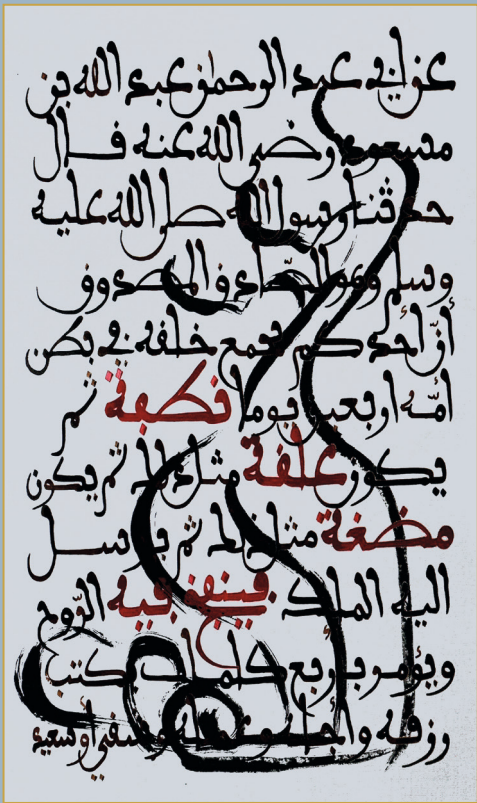


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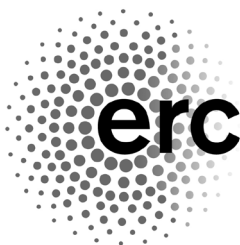
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# Transliteration system and abbreviations

The Arabic transliteration used in this study follows the system used by the Library of Congress. The tables of transliteration are as follows:

## Consonants

ء	’	ض	ḍ
ب	b	ط	ṭ
ت	t	ظ	ẓ
ث	th	ع	‘
ج	j	غ	gh
ح	ḥ	ف	f
خ	kh	ق	q
د	d	ك	k
ذ	dh	ل	l
ر	r	م	m
ز	z	ن	n
س	s	ه	h
ش	sh	و	w
ص	ṣ	ي	y

## Vowels

Long	ا	ā	Short	ـَ	a
	و	ū		ـُ	u
	ي	ī		ـِ	i



## Abbreviations

BA	Biblioteca de al-Andalus
BRAH	Boletín de la Real Academia de la Historia
CHE	Cuadernos de Historia de España
CSIC	Consejo Superior de Investigación científica
<i>EI</i>	Encyclopaedia of Islam
Fol.	Folio
GA	Generation of Animlas
JITC	Journal of Islamic Thought and Civilization
MEAH	Miscelánea de Estudios Árabes y Hebraicos
Ms.	manuscript
N/A	Not Available
PCL	Partial Common Link
v.	Verso