

Echoes of Iran's Pre-Islamic Past in the Mongol-Mamluk Correspondence and Related Sources

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This paper is prompted by the mention in Mamluk chancery manuals of such expression as "mamlakat al-akasira" and "al-hadra al-shahinshahiyya" when describing the correspondence with the Ilkhanids in Iran.

The extant letters that were exchanged by the Mamluk Sultans and the Mongol Ilkhans will be examined, to see if such expressions really found resonance there. Other related forms of written expression, mainly in Arabic, will also be consulted (such as Mongol proclamations from the occupation of Damascus in 1300).

In light of these sources and documents, I will continue the discussion on the possible use of pre-Islamic Iranian motifs in the Ilkhanate, upon which I have already elaborated on in my recent publications.