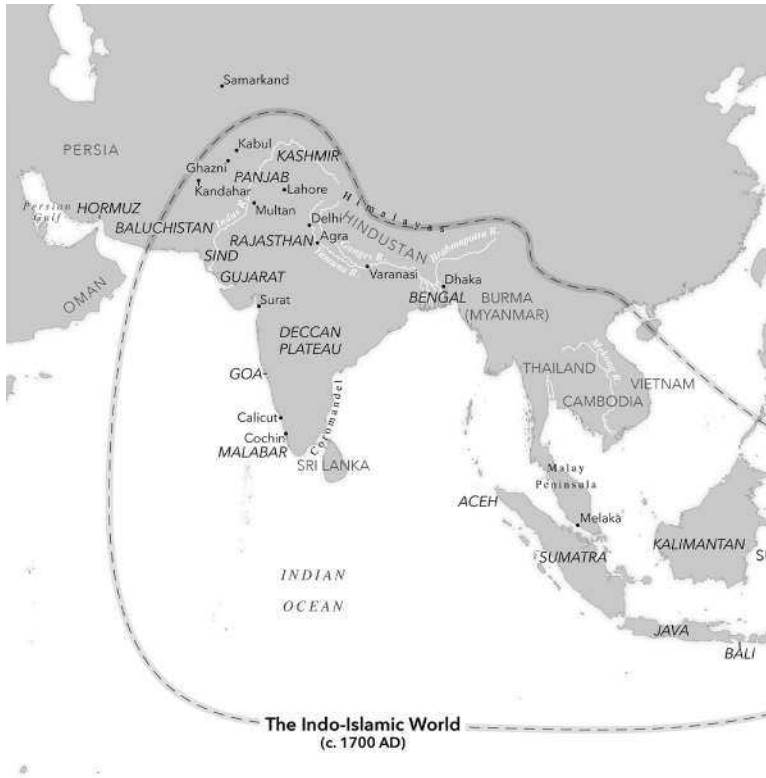


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## Preface

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My intention with this book is to make the results of my previous and ongoing research more easily accessible to both specialists and a larger audience – all those interested in the fields of world history, Islamic history, South Asian and Southeast Asian history, and Central Asian and Mongol history, as well as European medieval and ancient history. This is a work of synthesis and interpretation, short on footnotes. For a more detailed treatment of all issues covered here and extensive footnotes, acknowledgments, and bibliographies, I refer the reader to my *Al-Hind*, both the three volumes already published and the two final ones that will deal with the sixteenth to eighteenth centuries and are now in the process of being completed.<sup>1</sup> The challenge has always been to strike a compromise between clarity and complexity, not to write a comprehensive work of history. I would like to acknowledge with gratitude the research funds that were put at my disposal during 2017 and 2018 by the Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation and the History Department at the University of Wisconsin–Madison.

## Abbreviations

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- AN* H. Beveridge (trans.), *The Akbarnama of Abu-l-Fazl*, 3 vols. (New Delhi, 1979). With folio pagination.
- BN* Zahiruddin Muhammad Babur, *Bāburnāma: Chaghatay Turkish Text with Abdul Rahim Khankhanan's Persian Translation, Turkish Transcription, Persian Edition and English Translation*, by W. H. Thackston, Jr., 3 vols. (Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, Harvard University: Sources of Oriental Languages & Literatures XVIII, edited by S. Tekin & G. A. Tekin, Turkish Sources XVI, 1993). With folio pagination.
- ED* H. M. Elliot and J. Dowson (trans. and eds.), *The History of India as Told by Its Own Historians*, 8 vols. (London, 1867–1877).
- HN* A. Beveridge (trans. and ed.), *Humayun-nama by Gulbadan Begum* (Lahore, 1987). With folio pagination.
- MA* J. Sarkar (trans.), *Maāsir-i-Ālamgiri: A History of the Emperor Aurangzib-Ālamgir (Reign 1658–1707 A. D.) of Saqi Must'ad Khan* (Calcutta, 1947).
- ML* S. Moinul Haq (trans.), *Khafi Khan's History of Ālamgir (Being an English Translation of the Relevant Portion of Muntakhab al-Lubab with Notes and an Introduction)* (Karachi, 1975).
- MT* G. S. Ranking (trans.), *Muntakhabu-t-Tawarikh by Abdul-Qadir Ibn-i-Muluk Shah, Known as Al-Badaoni*, 3 vols. (New Delhi, 1990).
- MU* H. Beveridge (trans.), *The Maathir-ul-Umarā*, 2 vols. (Kolkata, 2003).
- SġN* *The Shah ġahan Nama of ġInayat Khan, an Abridged History of the Mughal Emperor Shah ġahan, Compiled by His Royal Librarian; the Nineteenth-Century Manuscript Translation of A. R. Fuller (British Library Add. 30,777), edited and completed by W. E. Begley and Z. A. Desai* (New Delhi, 1990).

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