



ES'AD DEDE, MEHMED

ES'AD DEDE, MEHMED (Moḥammad As'ad Dada), Turkish author and Sufi poet of the Mawlawī order (b. in Salonika, 1257/1841; d. in Istanbul, 13 Ša'bān 1329/9 August 1911). He received his primary education in Salonika. In 1280/1863 he went to Istanbul, where he received a good traditional education and attached himself to 'Otmān Šalāḥ-al-Dīn Dede, the shaikh of the Mawlawī lodge at Yenikapı. He studied Rūmī's *Maṭnawī* and Ebn al-'Arabī's *Foṣūṣ al-ḥekam* under him and obtained the license (*ejāza*, q.v.) to teach these books. He then moved to Eskişehir, where the shaikh of the Mawlawī-ḳāna invested him with the Sufi mantle (*kerqa*) of succession. Es'ad Dede also joined the Sufi orders of Edrīsiya and Šāḍeliya. He taught Persian in several high schools and the *Maṭnawī* and *Foṣūṣ al-ḥekam* in a few mosques and madrasahs.

Es'ad Dede's principal works are Turkish translations of the *robā'iyāt* of Abū Sa'īd Abi'l-Ḳayr (q.v.); of *Tārīk-e ḳ'ājagān*; of 'Abd-al-Raḥmān Jāmī; of Rūmī's *Maṭnawī*; and of Ebn al-Fāreż's *qaṣīda*, known as *Naẓm al-solūk* or *al-Tā'īya al-koḳbrā*. His other works include *Nemūna-ye qawā'ed-e fārsī* (Istanbul, 1308/1891), and *Resāla-ye ma'ād*, on the subject of *waḥdat-e woḳūd*, and *Tawḥīd-nāma* (all in Turkish).



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