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## St. Petersburg University Professors who made the greatest contribution to the gathering of University's collection of manuscripts in Arabic graphics



Muhammad at-Tantawi (1810 – 1861)

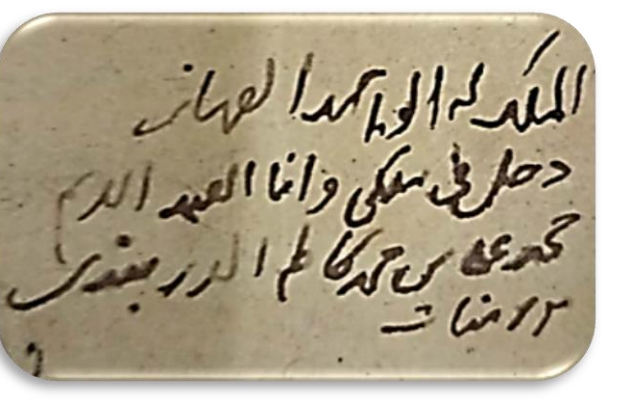


Alexander Romaskevich (1885–1942)



Alexander Kazembek (1802 – 1870)

One of the most valuable manuscripts in the Collection, the fourth oldest dated copy (1376 AD) of Nizami Ganjavi's Khamsa (Five Poems). In the Soviet period the manuscript became a source for critical editions of three poems. Its provenance is quite interesting as well. One of its early owner was a renowned Azerbaijani musician Abd al-Qadir al-Maraghi (d. 1435). The image represents the end of the poem Layla and Majnun with the seal and notes of Abd al-Qadir. In the forties of the 19<sup>th</sup> century the manuscript was acquired by Kazembek.

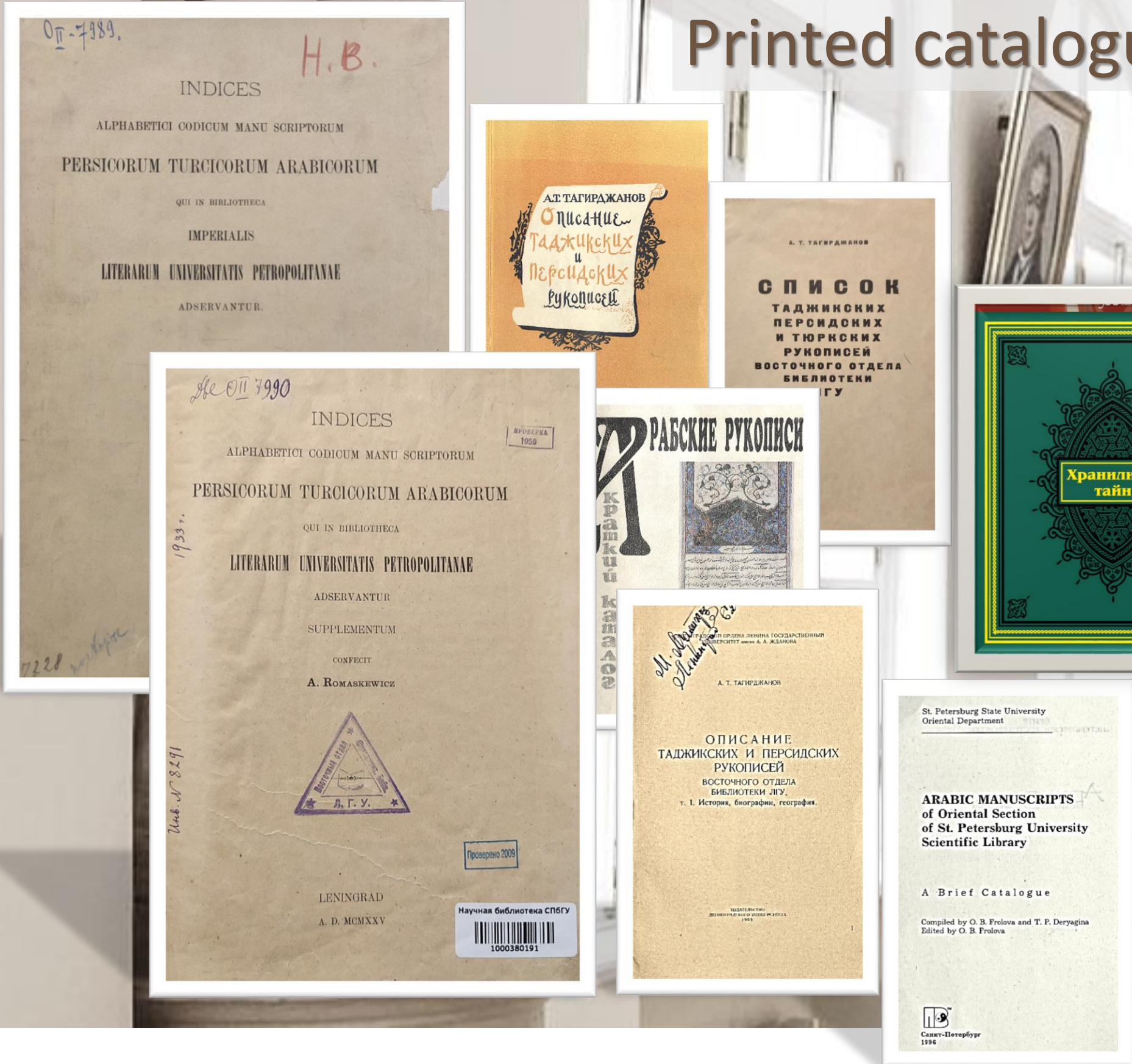


Kazembek's owner note on one of the books

Alexander Kazembek (1802–1870), the first dean of the Faculty of Oriental Languages (1855–1863, 1866–1870), a specialist in Iranian, Turkic and Islamic studies. Almost a third of the University Collection of manuscripts in Arabic graphics (about four hundred volumes!) was acquired due to him.

## Two centuries of studying the Collection

### Printed catalogues



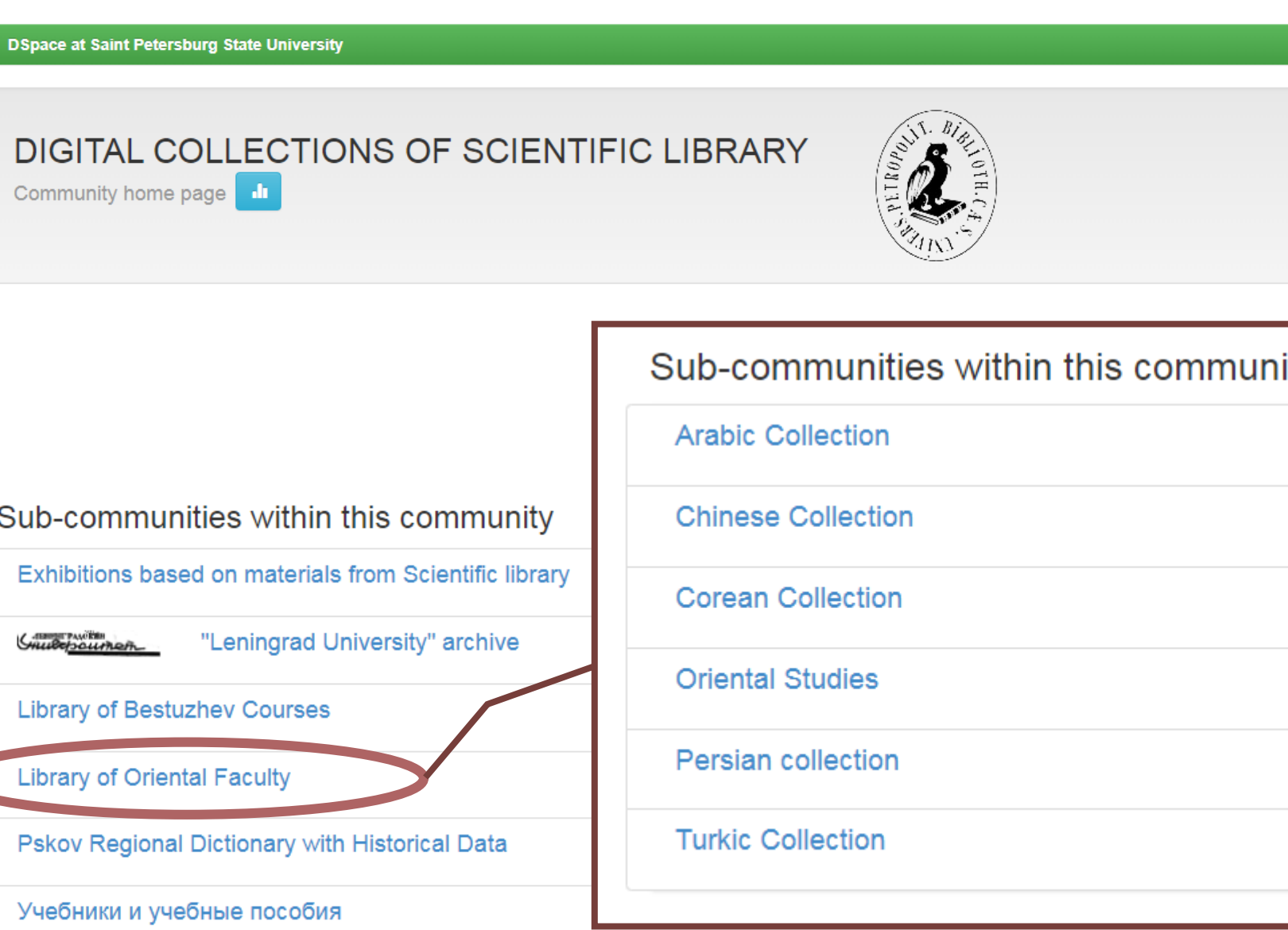
The Storage of Mysteries: Selected Persian manuscripts from the collection of St. Petersburg State University - St. Petersburg: Publishing House of St. Petersburg State University, 2021. (in Russian/Persian)

### Handwritten books related to A. Kazembek

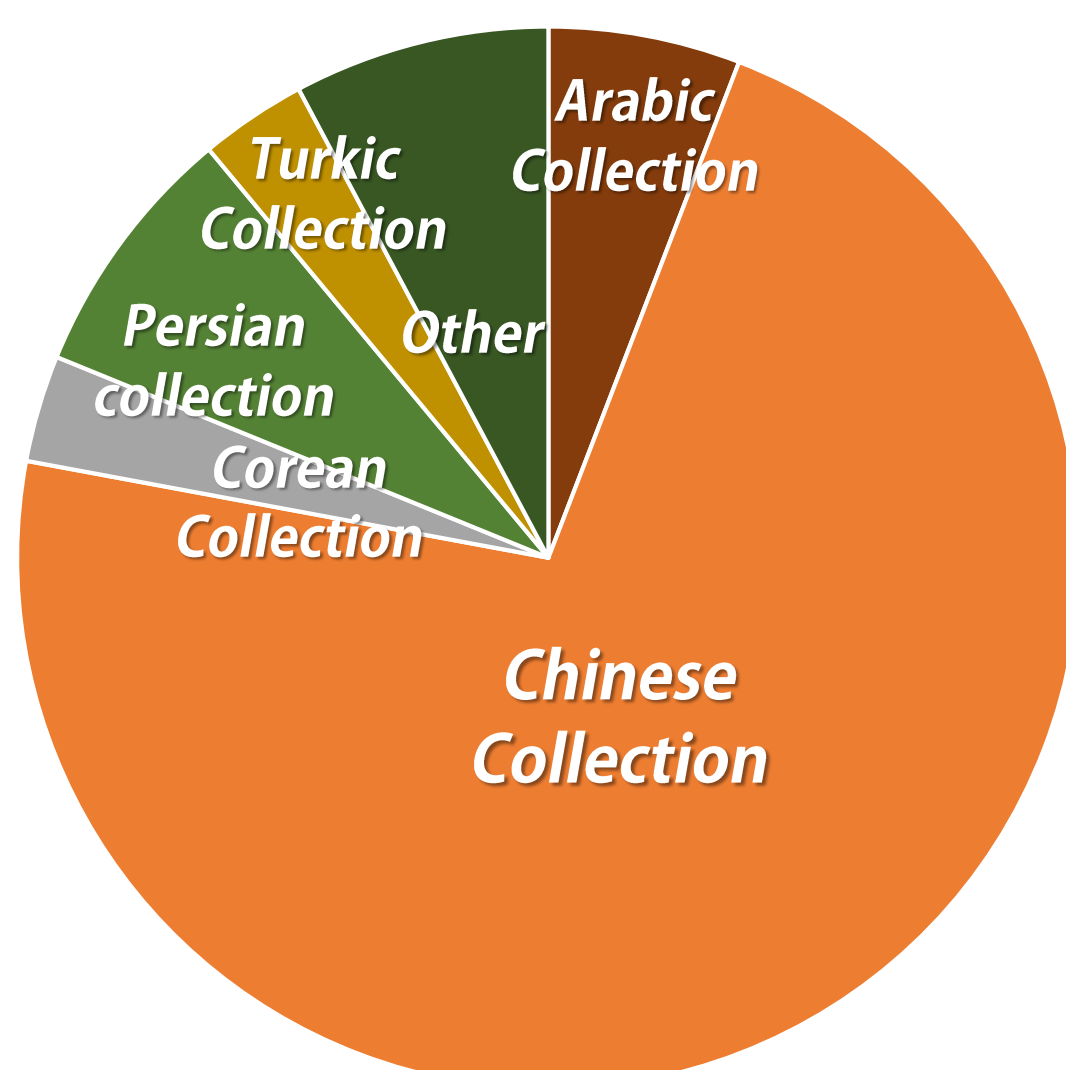


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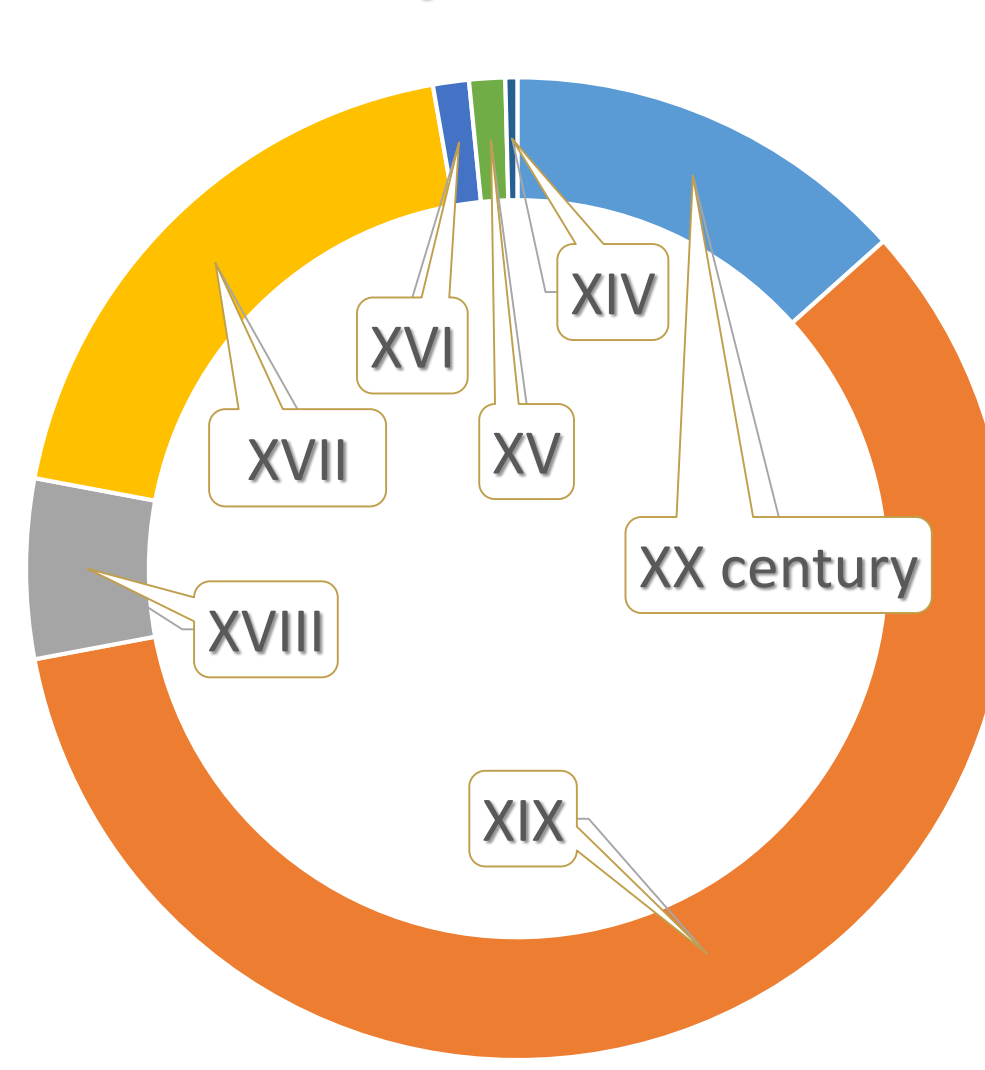
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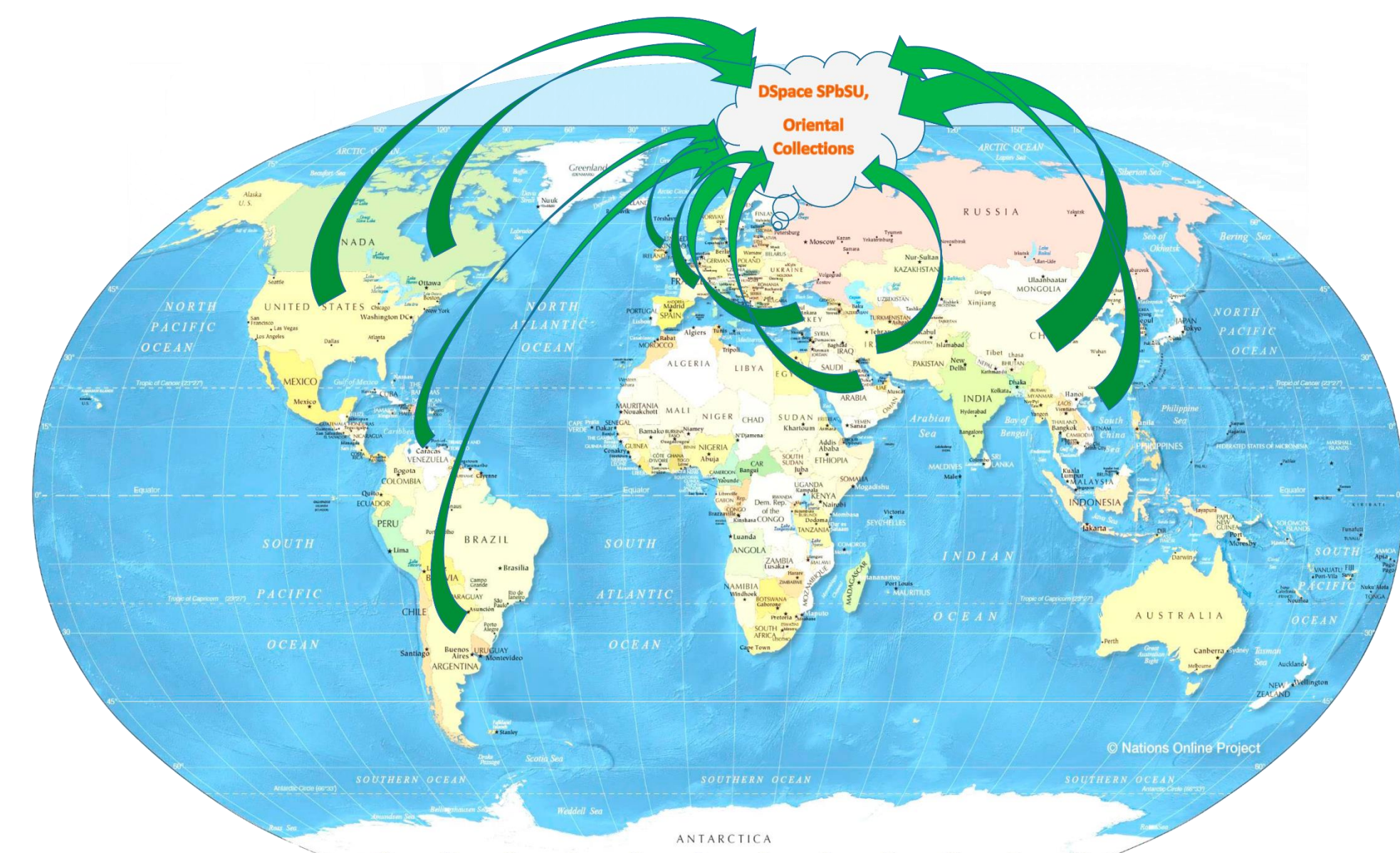
### Structure of Oriental Collections by number of documents



### Structure of Oriental Collections by date



### Geographical distribution of collection views



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