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1 Stanford J. Shaw, *History of the Ottoman Empire and Modern Turkey*, 2 vols. (New York: Cambridge University Press, 1977).

2 Jamil M. Abun-Nasr, *A History of the Maghrib in the Islamic Period*, 3rd ed. (New York: Cambridge University Press, 1987),10; idem, *Muslim Communities of Grace: The Sufi Brotherhoods in Islamic Religious Life* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2007), 4.

3 Howard Crane, trans. and ed., *Risale-i Mimar ıyye*: *An Early Seventeenth-Century Ottoman Treatise on Architecture*, Studies in Islamic Art and Architecture 1 (Leiden: E. J. Brill, 1987), 71.

4 Martin Rein and Donald Schon, "Frame-Reflective Policy Discourse," in *Social Sciences and Modern States*, ed. Peter Wagner, Carol Hirschon Weiss, Bjö rnWittrock, and Helmut Wollman (New York: Cambridge University Press, 1991), 262–89.

5 Clifford Geertz, "*Toutes Directions*: Reading the Signs in an Urban Sprawl," *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 21 (1989): 291–306.

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6 Shaw, *History of the Ottoman Empire*, 2:6.

7 Ibid., 1:10–52.

8 Social Science Research Council, "Internationalization and Interdisciplinarity: An Evaluation of Title VI Middle East Studies Centers," Social Science Research Council, http://www.ssrc.org/programs/mena/survey of middle east studies/ (accessed 20 March 2007).

9 Otis Glazebrook to the U.S. State Department, "Increase in Cost of Living Caused by War," 3 November 1915, consular correspondence, American consulate in Jerusalem, record group 84, Vol. 72, National Archives at College Park, College Park, Md. (NACP).

10 Muhammad Abd al-Rahman al-Maqrami, *Al-Tajammu al-Yamani li-l-Islah: Al-Ru ya wa-l-Masar—Dirasa fi al-Mash a wa-l-Tatawwur* (Sanaa, Yemen: Yemeni Reform Gathering, 1998).

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