



Contribution Of Academician D.Y. Yusupova In The Development Of Science Source Studies

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ABSTRACT

The article is devoted to the contribution of the famous Uzbek orientalist, doctor of historical sciences, academician Yusupova Dilorom Yunusovna to the development of source studies. It contains information about the life and work of D.Yu. Yusupova. In particular, the importance of scientific research conducted by a scientist and published scientific works is emphasized. The article also provides information on the traditions of the scientific school created by the scientist.

KEYWORDS

History of Uzbekistan, orientalist, source study, oriental written sources, Iranian studies, scientific school, scientific research, scientific activity.

INTRODUCTION

Talented Uzbek women play an important role among the historical figures who have made a significant contribution to the development of the state and society in the history of Uzbekistan. They left a worthy mark in the history thanks to their love and unconditional devotion to the motherland. Uzbek women, who have inherited the unique values and high potential of our great ancestors, still occupy a

worthy place in the life of the state and society. As an example of this, the life and work of women scientists in Uzbekistan can be mentioned. Academician Dilorom Yunusovna Yusupova is one of such historians, who made a considerable contribution to the development of source studies in the history of Uzbekistan. The life of D. Yusupova, Doctor of Historical Sciences, Honorary Member of the

Committee of Women Scientists of Uzbekistan and owner of “Mehnat shuhrati” (“Labor glory”) order can be an example for everyone without any exaggeration.

THE MAIN RESULTS AND FINDINGS

Academician D. Yusupova was born on July 21, 1941 in Tashkent. She studied at the Faculty of Oriental Studies of the Central Asian State University (now the National University of Uzbekistan) from 1958 to 1963. During her studies at the university, she took classes from the famous orientalists such as arabist B.Z. Khalidov, afghanist A.G. Ganiev, Iranists Aga Hamidi, Sh. Shomukhammedov and A. Y. Sokolov. She began his scientific career in 1963 as a laboratory assistant at the Institute of Oriental Studies named after Abu Raykhon Beruni and rose to the rank of academician of the Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Uzbekistan. The scientist, who has worked at this university for 57 years, is now known not only in Uzbekistan, but also in many foreign countries.

The scientific potential of D. Yusupova was highly appreciated from the very beginning by well-known orientalists, who were her teachers. The scientist actively took part in the process of publishing a number of historical sources by his teachers from the first years of her career. In particular, D. Yusupova, together with scientists of the Institute of Oriental Studies, made a worthy contribution to the translation into Uzbek and Russian of historical sources, such as "The History of Bukhara" [1, p. 90-119.] by Abu Bakr Muhammad Narshakhi, "Matlai Sadain and Madjmai Bahrain" [2, p.429-450.] and "Travel Notes of Said Ahmad Khoja" [3, p. 39-40.] by Abdurazzak Samarkandi and in the preparation and publication of the "Catalog of manuscripts of the works of

Abdurahmon Jami in the fund of the Institute of Oriental Studies of the USSR Academy of Sciences"[4, p. 105].

Later, the future scientist began to study in depth the sources of the Amir Temur and Temurids period, which formed the basis of her great scientific work. The scientist translated Fasikh Khawafi's "Mujmal-i Fasikhi" from Persian into Russian and interpreted it from a scientific point of view. In this regard, the author pays special attention to the details of the time of Amir Temur's coming to power and the broad disclosure of the process of building a powerful empire, the period of his rule and the events that took place during the reign of the Timurid rulers (1301-1442). According to the author, this work is remarkable in that it was written by a personal who was a witness to the events that took place during the Timurids period. In particular, it contains valuable historical information about the Sarbadar (warriors) movement, the birth and growth of Amir Temur, his appearance in the political arena, coming to power, the creation of a great empire, the attitude of the ruler to officials and the common people, his attention to public affairs, his creative activities, details of his death and the activities of subsequent rulers of the Temurids. The book also contains information about many famous historical figures of the Timurid period: sheikhs, poets, writers, scientists, artists, calligraphers, musicologists, bookmakers, architects and works of art, historical monuments created by them. According to the scientist, this historical source also contains valuable information about the life of educated women from influential families and their role in the life of the state and society [5].

In 1974, D. Yusupova defended her dissertation at the Institute of Oriental Studies of the

Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Uzbekistan on the basis of this historical source and received the degree of Candidate of Historical Sciences [6, 1.75 pp.]. In 1980, the author published the work of Fasikh Khawafi "Mujmal-i Fasikhi" in Russian [7, p. 346], and in 2019 in Uzbek [8, p. 544].

D. Yusupova, who held a special place and respect among Uzbek historians in the 70s of the last century, received an important offer from Uzbek astronomers. In other words, they offered to translate "Giyasiddin Kashi's letter from Samarkand to Kashan, to his father", which is a valuable historical document. After the manuscript was translated and scientifically interpreted by the scientist, its translations into Russian and Uzbek languages were included in prestigious scientific collections and was published [9, p.37-64; 10, B.266-298]. As a result, it became possible to clarify the world scientific researches carried out during the reign of Mirzo Ulugbek, and to publish a wide range of scientific discoveries in the field of astronomy during this period.

Since 1987, D. Yusupova began to study the centuries-old history of the historian Khandamir (1475-1535), who lived and worked during the Timurids and was the author of many historical sources. It is known that Khandamir was the grandson of Mirhand and was born in 1475 in Herat. Revealed 13 of his works, most of which were studied by D. Yusupova. More precisely, 8 historical sources stored in rare funds of scientific institutions around the world: "Maasir al-muluk", "Khulasat al-ahbar", "Makarim al-ahlak", "Dastur al-wuzaro", "Noma-yi nomi", "Habib us-siyar", "Humoyun-noma" and Mirkhand's "Ravzat us-safo" were identified and deeply studied by the scientist. She comparatively studied the copies of these rare manuscripts

copied at different periods and gave scientific conclusions and comments. On the basis of scientific research on this topic, D. Yusupova defended her doctoral dissertation in 2001 and received her PhD degree [11, p. 67]. The author published a monograph on the life of Khandamir in 2006 [12, p. 325].

Academician D. Yusupova actively participated in national and international scientific conferences on the results of her researches on the above-mentioned scientific topics. In particular, she has made a worthy contribution to the promotion of our invaluable scientific heritage by presenting reports in Uzbek, Russian, English, French and Turkish languages in England, France, Russia, Japan, Iran, Turkey, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and other countries. A vivid example of this is more than 220 scientific articles of the scientist published in prestigious scientific journals and collections of national and international scientific conferences [See: 13, pp. 19-47.]. It is noteworthy that they cover not only the political, social, economic and cultural life of the peoples of Uzbekistan, but also the relations of the Central Asian countries with Khorasan, the Middle East, India and ethnic problems, ethnogenesis, the development of science at given period, construction work, history of medicine and other issues based on historical sources [14-24].

Over the years, D. Yusupova together with the scientific staff of the Institute of Oriental Studies of the Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Uzbekistan translated hundreds of historical sources from Oriental languages into Uzbek and Russian and put them into scientific circulation. Also catalogs of manuscripts containing important information about them were created and published. Scientific catalogs created with the participation of the scientist

led to the introduction of these sources into scientific circulation. Such scientific catalogs include "Catalog of the Oriental Manuscripts Fund of the Academy of Sciences of the USSR. History", "Catalog of Abdurahmon Jami's manuscripts kept in the funds of the Institute of Oriental Studies of the Republic of Uzbekistan", "Collection of Oriental Manuscripts" (volumes 9, 11), "Catalog of lithographic books in Uzbek language" (1 volume), "Catalog of Manuscripts of Termez Scholars" (452 manuscript reviews), "Catalog of Manuscripts in the Library of the National University of Uzbekistan" (187 manuscript reviews), "Electronic catalog of manuscripts of the Oriental Manuscripts Center" (1100 manuscripts reviewed on the basis of Gerda Henkel grant), "Classification and catalog of philological works of the Oriental Manuscripts Center named after Abu Rayhan Beruni" (1080 manuscript classification) and others. In addition, proceedings of a number of national and international scientific conferences have been prepared for publication with the active participation and assistance of D. Yusupova. An example of this can be international scientific and practical events dedicated to the anniversaries of such great statesmen as Amir Temur (660 years old) and Mirzo Ulugbek (600 years old) [25-33].

It should be noted that academician D. Yusupova, in addition to conducting extensive research, was repeatedly recognized as the executive editor and official reviewer, actively participates in the publication of the results of new research. Currently, the scientist is a member of the Academic Councils of the Institute of History, the Institute of Oriental Studies and the Tashkent State Institute of Oriental Studies, specializing in "07.00.08 - Historiography, source studies and methods of

historical research." In parallel, D. Yusupova works as an editor. Currently, the scientist is a member of the editorial board of such scientific journals as "Me'ros" ("Heritage"), "Ozbekistonda ijtimoiy fanlar" ("Social Sciences in Uzbekistan") and "Turon tarixi" ("History of Turan"), which are included in the list of scientific publications of the Higher Attestation Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan [34].

Also, the education of students plays an important role in the academician D. Yusupova's life. Nowadays, under her guidance highly qualified personnel make a unique contribution to the development of science in the country. In particular, under the supervision of D. Yusupova three PhD holders: O. Kilichev (2005), H. Turaev (2007), Sh. Uljaeva (2008) and three candidates of science: M. Khamidova (2009), O. Makhmudov (2018), R. Khudaiberganov (2020) completed their research work and were awarded the corresponding academic degrees. They currently work in prestigious higher education institutions in the country.

CONCLUSION

Thus, scientific achievements of D. Yusupova who is a great orientalist and source scholar, mature specialist in her field, a kind teacher and potential mentor, and her efforts to educate the younger generation as mature professionals deserve recognition. The scientist's contribution to the development of science in the Republic of Uzbekistan, in particular source studies, is worth a high assessment. It should be noted that these work of D. Yusupova did not go unnoticed by our government. In other words, she was awarded the order of "Mehnat shuhrati" ("Labor Glory") in 2011, the Certificate of Honor

of the "Olima" women's committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan in 2012 and the title of Academician of the Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Uzbekistan in 2018. We wish academician D.Y. Yusupova, who is Doctor of Historical Sciences, our esteemed teacher, well known for her scientific work not only among Uzbek scientists, but also in many countries around the world, health and success in her future endeavors!

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