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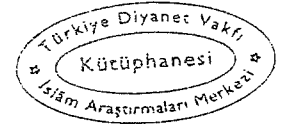
## The *Musnad* of al-Shāfiʿī

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### Abstract

A collection of hadith called *Musnad al-Shāfiʿī* is associated with the Nishapur traditionist Abū al-ʿAbbās Muḥammad ibn Yaʿqūb al-Aʿṣamm (d. Nishapur, 346/957). It was apparently assembled by students from what al-Aʿṣamm had heard from al-Rabīʿ ibn Sulaymān al-Murādī (d. 270/884) in his youth. Around 40 percent of the hadith in the *Umm* of al-Shāfiʿī (d. 204/820) shows up also in the *Musnad* of al-Aʿṣamm. Comparisons between the *Musnad* and the *Umm* can tell us something of the state of the *Umm* as al-Rabīʿ dictated it near the end of his life. Books in the *Musnad* correspond only roughly to books in the *Umm*, so there was still some fluidity of organization. There are also many minor differences of wording, especially to *isnāds*. However, the order of hadith within books of the *Musnad* agrees well with their order in the *Umm*, confirming that the *Umm* as we have it is close to the state in which al-Rabīʿ left it.

### Keywords

al-Aʿṣamm – al-Shāfiʿī – hadith – Islamic law

### Résumé

Une collection de hadiths appelée *Musnad al-Shāfiʿī* est associée au traditionniste de Nishapur Abū al-ʿAbbās Muḥammad ibn Yaʿqūb al-Aʿṣamm (D. Nishapur, 346/957). Elle a apparemment été compilée par des étudiants de ce qu'al-Aʿṣamm avait entendu d'al-Rabīʿ ibn Sulaymān al-Murādī (d. 270/884) dans sa jeunesse. Environ 40 % des hadiths du *K. al-Umm* d'al-Shāfiʿī (d. 204/820) apparaissent également dans le *Musnad* d'al-Aʿṣamm. Les comparaisons entre le *Musnad* et le *K. al-Umm* peuvent nous dire quelque chose sur l'état du *K. al-Umm* tel qu'al-Rabīʿ l'a dicté vers la fin de sa vie. Les livres du *Musnad* ne correspondent qu'en gros aux livres du *K. al-Umm*, il y avait donc