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Preface

This volume is the product of the international symposium “Le Qāḍī Abū Bakr Ibn al-‘Arabī (m. 543/1148): parcours, héritage et transmission” which was hosted by the Centre Jacques Berque (Rabat) on 28–29 January 2022.

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Consonants: ʾ, b, t, th, j, ḥ, kh, d, dh, r, z, s, sh, ṣ, ḍ, ṭ, z, ʿ, gh, f, q, k, l, m, n, h, w, y.

Short vowels: a, i, u.

Long vowels: ā, ī, ū.

Diphthongs: aw, ay.

Tāʾ marbūʿa: -a, -at (construct state).

While classical proper names are fully transliterated (e.g., al-Ghazālī), for modern names, i.e., since 1900, also the official or common spellings are adopted (e.g., Mohammed Ali al-Bar). The “l” of the definite article “al-” is always retained, regardless of whether it is assimilated in pronunciation to the initial consonant of the word to which it is attached (*idghām*).

If not otherwise specified, the dates given are common era (CE) dates. If two dates are provided (e.g., 505/1111), the first one is the year according to the Islamic hijrī calendar (AH) and the second the CE date. For dates after 1900 only the CE date is provided.

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