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## *Der Mehdi in der Türkei. Eine qualitative Studie zu den Ansichten religiöser Experten über den Mehdi*

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### **Abstract (English)**

This dissertation is about a messianic figure in Islam - the so called Mehdi. The survey is mainly based on interviews and not only on the existent literature about that topic. The dimension of the study doesn't embrace the whole Muslim world but the focal point lies only on Turkey. For the approach a religious setting was chosen and the political aspect is therefore very peripheral. People who were questioned are Turks and the bulk of the interviews were performed in Turkey. All of them are members of the miscellaneous Islamic branches which are present in modern Turkey (Sunnis, Shiites, Alevis and Sufis). They derive from different fields like media, science, associations, education, trusts and governmental facilities. All of them are specialist in the sacral area in their own way. For this reason, the thesis is about expert interviews which were executed with an interview guideline. As the proper technic for the method and the evaluation the grounded theory was used.