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Nouha Khalifa's wide reading across the Arabic Islamic tradition and command of sources ranging from Ibn Araba's *al-Fut* at *al-Makkiyya* to Ibn Azm's *awq al-Azmama* produces an interesting hermeneutic. Her translations and transliterations are excellent and her deep engagement with the tradition is itself engaging, but her negotiation of secondary scholarship is a missed opportunity in this, the first monograph in English to be published on al-Tan kha.

Hardship and Deliverance in the Islamic Tradition begins with an introduction addressing al-Tan⊠kh⊠'s life, works, and sectarian affiliation and is then structured in three parts addressing the three themes of the journey, love, and generosity. For each theme, Khalifa introduces the topic with a synchronic overview of the Islamic tradition before moving to translate and discuss relevant selected...

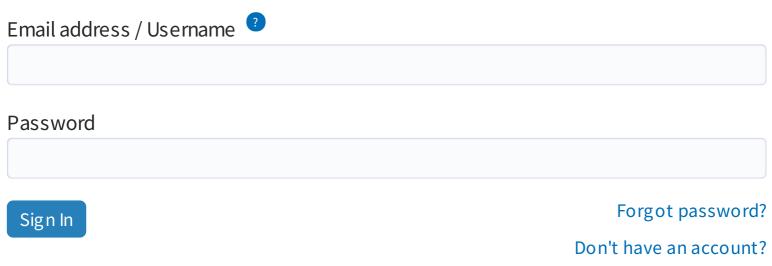
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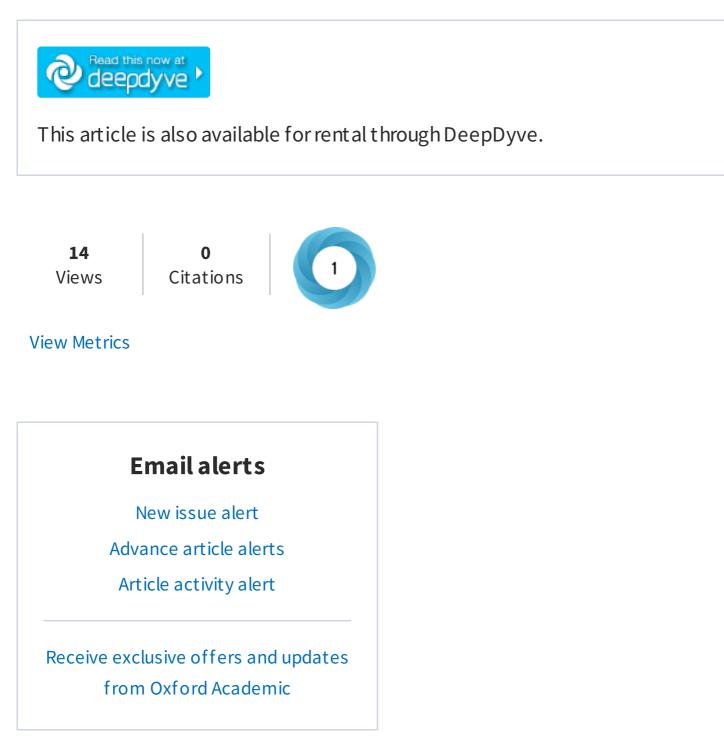
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