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## OSMAN INSURGENT SHEIKH BEDREDDIN: LIFE AND WORK

### Summary

*After a short exposition of the subject in the introduction, this paper presents an influential medieval figure – Sheikh Bedreddin, who was active in the area of Ottoman Empire in the period from the 14th until the 15th century. His figure is examined through several segments: childhood, growing up, journey to mysticism and education. The paper puts in focus Shekih's written work, Varidat. Special attention is given to Sheikh's adversaries. The emphasis is also put on the other circumstances of the Ottoman Empire in the period of the insurgent Sheikh Bedreddin's activity, as well as on the repercussions of the uprising and its effects after Sheikh's death. This paper demonstrates Sheikh's life and work through an interpretation of the famous literature about him. Since both Turkey and Greece evidently lay claim on Sheikh's figure, the interest for the life and work of Sheikh Bedreddin still arouses interest of historians and the general public.*

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