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Harvey, Graham (2004), 'Performing and Constructing Research as Guesthood in the Study of Religions', in L. Hume and J. Mulcock (eds), *Anthropologists in the Field: Cases in Participant Observation*, New York: Columbia University Press, pp. 168–82.

Repeated year entry:

Harvey, Graham (2014a),... Harvey, Graham (2014b),...

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Dusuki, Asyraf Wajdi, and Nurdianawati Irwani Abdullah (2007), 'Maqasid al-Shari'a, Masalaha, and Corporate social Responsibility', *The American Journal of Islamic Social Science* 24(1), pp. 25–45.

Thesis:

El Kohly, Samha Amin (1953), 'The Function of Music in Islamic Culture (in the period up to 1100 AD)', PhD thesis, Edinburgh University.

Blog/online pub:

Yusuf, Sami (2006), 'Open Letter from Sami Yusuf to Yvonne Ridley', https://turn-toislam.com/community/threads/open-letter-from-sami-yusuf-to-Yvonne-ridley.4215/#post-20713 (last accessed 5 July 2021).

Video:

TRTWorld (2016). Interview with Maher Zain and Mustafa Ceceli on the programme 'Showcase', 24 June, https://wwwtrtworld.com/video/showcase/showcase-exclusive-maher-zain-Mustafa-ceceli/5a40bcc441736a1f528aca4d (last accessed 11 February 2019).

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