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## Short Academic Biography

Since 2002, and now in her retirement, Sara Sviri has been affiliated as a distinguished visiting professor to the Department of Arabic and the Department of Comparative Religions at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Formerly, while residing in England, she was teaching at the Department of Hebrew and Jewish Studies at University College London and at the University of Oxford. Her fields of study are Islamic mysticism (Sufism), mystical philosophy, mystical psychology, Judaeo-Arabic mystical writings, comparative and phenomenological aspects of Islam, the formative period of Islamic mysticism, and related topics. Papers on these topics were published in many academic publications and can be viewed on www.academia.edu. Her book *The Taste of Hidden Things: Images on the Sufi Path* was published in 1997 in the USA. In 2008 Tel-Aviv University Press published Sara's extensive *Sufi Anthology* in Hebrew. An Arabic version of this anthology is due to come out summer 2016. Sara is currently preparing a monograph on *Aspects of the Formative Period of Islamic Mysticism*.