Iconoclasm, the debate about the legitimacy of religious art that began in Byzantium around 720 and continued for nearly 120 years, has long held a firm grip on the historical imagination. This is the first book in English for over fifty years to survey this most elusive and fascinating period in medieval history. It is also the first book in any language to combine the expertise of two authors who are specialists in the written, archaeological, and visual evidence from this period, a combination of particular importance to the iconoclasm debate. The authors have worked together to provide a comprehensive overview of the visual, written, and other materials that together help clarify the complex issues of iconoclasm in Byzantium. In doing so, they challenge many traditional assumptions about iconoclasm and set the period firmly in its broader political, cultural, and social-economic context.


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Adopting an appropriate and consistent form for Byzantine Greek names of people and places is always problematic, since several possibilities exist. We have preferred to use standard anglicised forms of personal names, where they exist and are in common English usage – thus George, Constantine, Michael, Theodore etc. – but have otherwise ‘hellenised’ Greek names (e.g. Theodosios, Epiphanios, Germanos, Nikephoros, Niketas, Romanos, Theophilos) rather than use Latinised versions, which were not used by the Byzantines themselves, except on the fringes of the empire, in Italy. By the same token we have left titles and official posts in the Greek form – sygkellos, not syncellus, magistros, not magister, for example. Titles of Greek texts are normally cited either in English (e.g. Book of Ceremonies) or transcribed from the Greek (e.g. Ekloge) except in instances where the Latinised version has become habitual (e.g. Theophanes continuatus). Not everyone will agree with this but, like all such decisions, it reflects our own preferences as much as any scientific rationale, and has at least the virtue of consistency.

We have also continued to use the term ‘iconoclasm’ despite the fact that, as discussed several times in the course of this volume, the Byzantines themselves used the term ‘iconomachy’. We are somewhat hesitant about following this convention, as it perpetuates a misleading assumption about the period, but the word is so firmly entrenched in modern scholarly usage that it seemed precious and pedantic to insist on scrupulous accuracy here.
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ACO III, 1 Acta Conciliorum Oecumenicorum II, 3.1: Concilium universale Nicaenum secundum, Concilii actiones I-III, ed. E. Lamberz (Berlin, 2008)
ADAJ Annual of the Department of Antiquities of Jordan
AS Acta Sanctorum (Antwerp, 1643)
B Byzantion (Brussels, 1924)
BAV Biblioteca Apostolica Vaticana
BBA Berliner byzantinistische Arbeiten (Berlin, 1955)
BBS Berliner byzantinistische Studien (Berlin, 1994)
BCH Bulletin de correspondance Hellénique (Paris, 1877)
BBOM Birmingham Byzantine and Ottoman monographs
BF Byzantinische Forschungen (Amsterdam, 1966)
BGA De Goeje, M.-J. (ed.). 1870/1938 (Blachère, R. [ed.]). Bibliotheca Geographorum Araborum. Leyden
BHG F. Halkin, Bibliotheca Hagiographica Graeca (Subsidia hagiographica 8a. 3rd edn. Brussels, 1957)
BHG, Auct. F. Halkin, Novum Auctarium Bibliothecae Hagiographicae Graecae (Subsidia hagiographica 65. Brussels, 1959)
BNF Bibliothèque Nationale de France
BS Byzantinoslavica (Prague, 1929)
BZ Byzantinische Zeitschrift (Leipzig/Munich/Cologne, 1892)
CCSL Corpus Christianorum, series Latina
Abbreviations

CCSG
Corpus Christianorum, series Graeca

CFHB

CIETA
Bulletin du Centre international d’étude des textiles anciens

CIG
Corpus Inscriptionum Graecarum, ed. A. Böckh (vols. 1 and 2), I. Franz (vols. 3ff.) (Berlin, 1828)

CIL
Corpus Inscriptionum Latinarum, eds. Th. Mommsen, O. Hirschfeld, A. von Domaszewski et al. (Berlin, 1863)

CMH iv

CPG

CPG, Suppl.

CSBO
Corpus Scriptorum Christianorum Orientalium (Paris and Louvain, 1903–)

CSEL
Corpus Scriptorum Ecclesiasticorum Latinorum (Vienna, 1866–)

CSHB
Corpus Scriptorum Historiae Byzantinae (Bonn, 1828–97)

DMA
Dictionary of the Middle Ages, 13 vols. (New York, 1982–9)

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Dölger, Reg.
F. Dölger, Regesten der Kaiserkunden des oströmischen Reiches 565–1453 (Corpus der griechischen Urkunden des Mittelalters und der neueren...
Abbreviations


DOS Dumbarton Oaks Studies

DO T Dumbarton Oaks Texts

Doukakis, Megas

Synaxaristes

ΔΧΑΕ Δελτίον τῆς Χριστιανικῆς Ἀρχαιολογικῆς Ἐταιρείας (Athens, 1892)

ΕΕΒΣ Ἐπετηρὶς Ἐταιρείας Βυζαντίνων Σπουδῶν (Athens, 1924)

ΕΕΦΣΑ Ἐπιστημονικὴ Ἐπετηρὶς τῆς Φιλοσοφικῆς Σχολῆς τοῦ Πανεπιστημίου Αθηνῶν (Athens 1902–22; 1935)

EHR English Historical Review (London, 1885)

EI Encyclopaedia of Islam, new edn. (Leyden/London, 1960)

EO Échos d’Orient, 1–39 (Paris [Constantinople/Bucharest] 1897–1941/2)

Exc. de Insid. Excerpta historica iussu imp. Constantini Porphyrogeniti confecta III: Excerpta de Insidiis, ed. C. de Boor (Berlin, 1905)

Exc. de Leg. Excerpta historica iussu imp. Constantini Porphyrogeniti confecta I: Excerpta de Legationibus, 2 parts, ed. C. de Boor (Berlin, 1903)


GCS Die griechischen christlichen Schriftsteller der ersten (drei) Jahrhunderte (Leipzig, Berlin, 1897)

GRBS Greek, Roman and Byzantine Studies (1: Greek and Byzantine Studies), (San Antonio) ([University/ Miss.–] Cambridge/Mass.) (Durham, 1958)


HGM Historici Graeci Minores, ed. L. Dindorf, 2 vols. (Leipzig, 1870–1)

IGLS Inscriptions grecques et latines de la Syrie, eds. L. Jalalbert, R. Mouterde et al. (Paris, 1929)
Abbreviations


**JGR** Jus Graecoromanum, eds. I. and P. Zepos, 8 vols. (Athens, 1931/Aalen, 1962)

**JHS** Journal of Hellenic Studies (London, 1880)

**JÖB** Jahrbuch der österreichischen Byzantinistik, 18ff. (Vienna–[Cologne/Graz], 1969)

**JÖBG** Jahrbuch der österreichischen byzantinischen Gesellschaft, 1–17 (Vienna–[Cologne–Graz], 1951–68)

**JRS** Journal of Roman Studies (London, 1911)

**LA** Liber Annuus. Studi biblica francescani

**LCL** Loeb Classical Library


**Mansi** Sacrorum Conciliorum nova et amplissima Collectio, ed. J.D. Mansi (Florence, 1759)

**MGH** Monumenta Germaniae Historica (Hanover-Berlin, 1826)


**MGH, Leges** Monumenta Germaniae Historica (Legum), 5 vols. (Hanover, 1835–89)

**MGH (SGUS)** Monumenta Germaniae Historica (scriptores rerum Germanicarum in usum scholarum) (Hanover, 1871–1965); n.s. 13 vols. (Berlin-Weimar, 1920–67)

**MGH (Script. Rerum Langobardicarum)** Monumenta Germaniae Historica (Scriptores rerum Langobardicarum et Italicarum saec. VI–IX) (Hanover, 1878)

**MGH (Script. Rerum Merovingicarum)** Monumenta Germaniae Historica (Scriptores rerum Merovingicarum), 7 vols. (Hanover, 1885–1920)

**MGH(SS)** Monumenta Germaniae Historica (scriptorum), 32 vols. (Hanover, 1826–1934)
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REG Revue des Études Grecques (Paris, 1888)
RESEE Revue des Études Sud–Est Européennes (Bucharest, 1913)
RH Revue Historique (Paris, 1876)
RSBN Rivista di Studi Bizantini e Neoellenici, n.s. (Rome, 1964)
SEG Supplementum Epigraphicum Graecum, eds. J.J.E. Hondius, A.G. Woodhead (Leiden, 1927–)
SLAEI Studies in Late Antiquity and Early Islam, eds. A. Cameron, L. Conrad, G. King (Princeton, 1992–)
TM Travaux et Mémoires (Paris, 1965)
**Abbreviations**


**VV**

*Vizantiyskii Vremmenik*, vols. 1–25 (St Petersburg [Leningrad], 1894–1927); new series (Moscow, 1947)

**WBS**

*Wiener Byzantinistische Studien* (Vienna–[Graz–Cologne], 1964)

**ZRVI**

*Zbornik Radova Vizantološkog Instituta* (Belgrade, 1952)