This is the first detailed analysis of Byzantine political attitudes towards the Ottomans and western Europeans during the critical last century of Byzantium. The book covers three major regions of the Byzantine Empire – Thessalonike, Constantinople, and the Morea – where the political orientations of aristocrats, merchants, the urban populace, peasants, and members of ecclesiastical and monastic circles are examined against the background of social and economic conditions. Through its particular focus on the political and religious dispositions of individuals, families, and social groups, the book offers an original view of late Byzantine politics and society which is not found in conventional narratives. Drawing on a wide range of Byzantine, western, and Ottoman sources, it authoritatively illustrates how late Byzantium was drawn into an Ottoman system in spite of the westward-looking orientation of the majority of its ruling elite.

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To my parents, Ülkü and Hikmet Necipoğlu,
and
in loving memory of Angeliki Laiou
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In general, I have employed a Greek transliteration of Byzantine proper names and technical terms. However, some common first names have been rendered in their modern English form: for example, John, not Ioannes, and Constantine, not Konstantinos. By the same principle, for well-known place names I have generally preferred the use of conventional modern English spelling: for example, Constantinople, Athens, and Coron. For proper names and technical vocabulary pertaining to the Ottomans, on the other hand, modern Turkish orthography has been used.
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<td>Aşıkpaşazade–Giese</td>
<td>Die altosmanische Chronik des Αşıkpaşazâde, ed. F. Giese (Leipzig, 1929)</td>
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<td>ASLSP</td>
<td>Atti della Società Ligure di Storia Patria</td>
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<td>Byz</td>
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<td>Badoer</td>
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Chilandar (P) Actes de Chilandar, vol. 1: Actes grecs, ed. L. Petit, Vizantijskij vremennik 17 (1911; repr. Amsterdam, 1975)


Dionysiou Actes de Dionysiou, ed. N. Oikonomidès (Paris, 1968)

Docheiariou Actes de Docheiariou, ed. N. Oikonomidès (Paris, 1984)


DOP Dumbarton Oaks Papers

Doukas–Grecu Ducas, Istoria Turco-Bizantină (1341–1462), ed. V. Grecu (Bucharest, 1958)

EEBΣ Έπετηρις Εταιρείας Βυζαντινών Σπουδών


EI The Encyclopaedia of Islam

EI2 The Encyclopaedia of Islam, 2nd edn.


Iorga, Notes N. Iorga, Notes et extraits pour servir à l’histoire des Croisades au XVe siècle, 4 vols. (Paris, 1899–1915)

Isidore–Christophorides Ἰσιδώρου Γλαβά Άρχιεπισκόπου Θεσσαλονίκης όμιλες, ed. B. Ch. Christophorides, 2 vols. (Thessalonike, 1992–6)


Isidore–Laourdas Ἰσιδώρου Άρχιεπισκόπου Θεσσαλονίκης, Ὄμιλες εἰς τὰς ἑορτὰς τοῦ Ἅγιου Δημητρίου, ed. B. Laourdas (Thessalonike, 1954)

Iviron Actes d’Iviron, vols. iii–iv, ed. J. Lefort, N. Oikonomidès, D. Papachryssanthou, and
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V. Kravari, with the collaboration of H. Métrévéli (Paris, 1994–5)

JÖB

Jahrbuch der Österreichischen Byzantinistik

Kalekas–Loenertz

Correspondance de Manuel Calécas, ed. R.-J. Loenertz (Vatican City, 1950)

Kritob.–Reinsch

Critobuli Imbriotae Historiae, ed. D. R. Reinsch (Berlin and New York, 1983)

Kydones–Loenertz

Démétrius Cydonès Correspondance, ed. R.-J. Loenertz, 2 vols. (Vatican City, 1956–60)

Lavra


Manuel II, Fun. Or.

Manuel II Palaeologus, Funeral Oration on his Brother Theodore. Introduction, Text, Translation and Notes, ed. J. Chrysostomides (Thessalonike, 1985)

MM

F. Miklosich and J. Müller, Acta et diplomata graeca medii aevi sacra et profana, 6 vols. (Vienna, 1860–90)

MP


NE

Νέος Ἡληνικός Νέος (Athens, 1912–30; repr. 1972)

OCP

Orientalia christiana periodica

ODB


PG


PLP

Prosopographisches Lexikon der Paläiologenzeit, ed. E. Trapp et al. (Vienna, 1976–94)

PP


REB

Revue des Études Byzantines

RESEE

Revue des Études Sud-Est Européennes

RIS

Rerum italicarum scriptores, ed. L. A. Muratori, new edn.

ROL

Revue de l’Orient Latin
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<td>Schatzkammer</td>
<td>F. Dölger, <em>Aus den Schatzkammern des Heiligen Berges</em> (Munich, 1948)</td>
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<td><em>Georgios Sphrantzes, Memorii, 1401–1477</em>, ed. V. Grecu (Bucharest, 1966)</td>
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<td>StVen</td>
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<td><em>Συμεών ἀρχιεπισκόπου Θεσσαλονίκης. Τὰ λειτουργικά συγγράμματα</em>, vol. i: <em>Εὐχαί καὶ οἶνοι</em>, ed. I. M. Phountoules (Thessalonike, 1968)</td>
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<td>TM</td>
<td><em>Travaux et Mémoires</em></td>
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<td><em>Wiener Zeitschrift für die Kunde des Morgenlandes</em></td>
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<td><em>Zbornik radova Vizantološkog Instituta</em></td>
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