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### **Montjoie**

The idea that with the decline of the Roman Empire Europe entered into some immense 'dark age' has long been viewed as inadequate by many historians. How could a world still so profoundly shaped by Rome and which encompassed such remarkable societies as the Byzantine, Carolingian and Ottonian empires, be anything other than central to the development of European history? How could a world of so many peoples, whether expanding, moving or stable, of Goths, Franks, Vandals, Byzantines, Arabs, Anglo-Saxons, Vikings, whose genetic and linguistic inheritors we all are, not lie at the heart of how we understand ourselves? The Inheritance of Rome is a work of remarkable scope and ambition. Drawing on a wealth of new material, it is a book which will transform its many readers' ideas about the crucible in which Europe would in the end be created. From the collapse of the Roman imperial system to the establishment of the new European dynastic states, perhaps this book's most striking achievement is to make sense of an immensely long period of time,

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experienced by many generations of Europeans, and which, while it certainly included catastrophic invasions and turbulence, also contained long periods of continuity and achievement. From Ireland to Constantinople, from the Baltic to the Mediterranean, this is a genuinely Europe-wide history of a new kind, with something surprising or arresting on every page.

### **Catalogue of the Byzantine Coins in the Dumbarton Oaks Collection and in the Whittemore Collection**

Previously published essays, with corrections to the original text.

### **Byzantine Court Culture from 829 to 1204**

Agrarian Change and Crisis in Europe, 1200-1500 addresses one of the classic subjects on economic history: the process of aggregate economic growth and the crisis that engulfed the European continent during the late Middle Ages. This was not an ordinary crisis. During the period 1200-1500, Europe witnessed endemic episodes of famine and a wave of plague epidemics that amounted to one of its worst health crises, rivaled only by the Justinian plague in the sixth century. These challenges called into question the production of goods and services and the distribution of wealth, opening the possibility of fundamental systemic change. This book offers an empirical synthesis on a host of economic, demographic, and technological developments which characterized the

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period 1200-1500. It covers virtually the entire continent and places equal emphasis both on providing a solid factual framework and comparing and contrasting various theoretical interpretations. The broad geographical and conceptual scope of the book renders it indispensable not only for undergraduate students who take courses relating to the economic and social life of the Middle Ages but also to more advanced scholars who often specialize in only one country or region.

### **The Economy, Fiscal Administration and Coinage of Byzantium**

This book brings together papers arising from the 24th Spring Symposium of Byzantine Studies held in Cambridge in 1990. It represents a comprehensive investigation of Byzantine diplomacy from the emergence of the empire in late antiquity to its final throes as it fell to the Ottoman Turks. This is not just a narrow study of political relations, but a broad sweep from Italy to the steppes of Central Asia, from the imperial court to the marriage bed, from the scriptorium to the barracks. The book also includes a mysterious communication from a long-dead emperor.

### **Life and Society in Byzantine Cappadocia**

This fourth installment of Byzantium and the Arabs in the Sixth Century resumes the previous volume's discussion of the Ghassanids by examining their economic, social, and cultural history. First, Irfan

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Shahîd focuses on the economy of the Ghassanids and presents information on various trade routes and fairs. Second, the author reconstructs Ghassanid daily life by discussing topics as varied as music, food, medicine, the role of women, and horse racing. Shahîd concludes the volume with an examination of cultural life, including descriptions of urbanization, Arabic script, chivalry, and poetry. Throughout the volume, the author reveals the history of a fully developed and unique Christian-Arab culture. Shahîd exhaustively describes the society of the Ghassanids, and their contributions to the cultural environment that persisted in Oriens during the sixth century and continued into the period of the Umayyad caliphate.

### **Byzantine Jewry in the Mediterranean Economy**

### **Mount Athos and Byzantine Monasticism**

A pronoia was a type of conditional grant from the emperor, often to soldiers, of various properties and privileges. In large measure the institution of pronoia characterized social and economic relations in later Byzantium, and its study is the study of later Byzantium. Filling the need for a comprehensive study of the institution, this book examines the origin, evolution and characteristics of pronoia, focusing particularly on the later thirteenth and fourteenth centuries. But the book is much more than a study of a single institution. With a broad chronological scope extending from the mid-tenth to the mid-fifteenth

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century, it incorporates the latest understanding of Byzantine agrarian relations, taxation, administration and the economy, as it deals with relations between the emperor, monastic and lay landholders, including soldiers and peasants. Particular attention is paid to the relation between the pronoia and Western European, Slavic and Middle Eastern institutions, especially the Ottoman timar.

### **Social and Economic Life in Byzantium**

This book comprises three closely related studies, namely 'The Nature of Trade in the Roman Mediterranean, c. 200 BC-AD 600'; 'Decline and Recovery: Byzantine Trade, c. 600-1150'; and 'Urban Change and Continuity in Roman and Byzantine Corinth'. In addition, a translation of the 'Rhodian Sea-Law', an important text for maritime trading history, is included as an appendix. 'From Rome to Byzantium' provides a detailed overview of trading activity in the Roman and Byzantine Mediterranean, grounded in recent archaeological research. In particular, it is argued that an element of 'free trade' played a significant role in the direction and nature of trading in Classical and Late Antiquity. It is also suggested that the so-called 'Dark Ages' of the seventh and eighth centuries saw more continuity in terms of both commercial activity and urban life than is sometimes admitted.

### **The Archaeology of Public Policy in Late Roman Greece**

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Based on archaeological survey material as well as textual evidence, Cynthia Kosso studies the effects of Late Roman imperialism and colonialism in Achaia, Greece.

### **Land and Privilege in Byzantium**

Volume I of The Cambridge Economic History of Europe is a survey of agrarian life in Roman and Byzantine Europe.

### **From Rome to Byzantium: Trade and Continuity in the First Millennium AD**

This new edition of Byzantium and the Crusades provides a fully-revised and updated version of Jonathan Harris's landmark text in the field of Byzantine and crusader history. The book offers a chronological exploration of Byzantium and the outlook of its rulers during the time of the Crusades. It argues that one of the main keys to Byzantine interaction with Western Europe, the Crusades and the crusader states can be found in the nature of the Byzantine Empire and the ideology which underpinned it, rather than in any generalised hostility between the peoples. Taking recent scholarship into account, this new edition includes an updated notes section and bibliography, as well as significant additions to the text: - New material on the role of religious differences after 1100 - A detailed discussion of economic, social and religious changes that took place in 12th-century Byzantine relations with the west - In-depth coverage of Byzantium and

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the Crusades during the 13th century - New maps, illustrations, genealogical tables and a timeline of key dates Byzantium and the Crusades is an important contribution to the historiography by a major scholar in the field that should be read by anyone interested in Byzantine and crusader history.

### **The Byzantine Aristocracy and Its Military Function**

This 2007 study was the first to systematically investigate Byzantine imperial ideology, court rhetoric and political thought after the Latin conquest of Constantinople in 1204. It investigates the correspondence and fissures between official political rhetoric and the political ideas of lay thinkers and churchmen, analysing a wide body of sources.

### **The Measure of Civilization**

This is a concise survey of the economy of the Byzantine Empire from the fourth century AD to the fall of Constantinople in 1453. Organised chronologically, the book addresses key themes such as demography, agriculture, manufacturing and the urban economy, trade, monetary developments, and the role of the state and ideology. It provides a comprehensive overview of the economy with an emphasis on the economic actions of the state and the productive role of the city and non-economic actors, such as landlords, artisans and money-changers. The final chapter compares the Byzantine economy with the economies of western Europe and

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concludes that the Byzantine economy was one of the most successful examples of a mixed economy in the pre-industrial world. This is the only concise general history of the Byzantine economy and will be essential reading for students of economic history, Byzantine history and medieval history more generally.

### **Byzantium and the Crusades**

This collection of 18 articles about various aspects of the Crusades has been compiled in honour of Hans Eberhard Mayer - a leading Crusade historian.

### **The Byzantine Economy**

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### **Encyclopedia of the Byzantine Empire**

This is a concise survey of the economy of the Byzantine Empire from the fourth century AD to the fall of Constantinople in 1453. Organised chronologically, the book addresses key themes such as demography, agriculture, manufacturing and the urban economy, trade, monetary developments, and the role of the state and ideology. It provides a comprehensive overview of the economy with an emphasis on the economic actions of the state and the productive role of the city and non-economic actors, such as landlords, artisans and money-changers. The final chapter compares the Byzantine economy with the economies of western Europe and concludes that the Byzantine economy was one of the

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### **Imperial Ideology and Political Thought in Byzantium, 1204-1330**

Byzantium lasted a thousand years, ruled to the end by self-styled 'emperors of the Romans'. It underwent kaleidoscopic territorial and structural changes, yet recovered repeatedly from disaster: even after the near-impregnable Constantinople fell in 1204, variant forms of the empire reconstituted themselves. The Cambridge History of the Byzantine Empire c.500-1492 tells the story, tracing political and military events, religious controversies and economic change. It offers clear, authoritative chapters on the main events and periods, with more detailed chapters on outlying regions and neighbouring societies and powers of Byzantium. With aids such as maps, a glossary, an alternative place-name table and references to English translations of sources, it will be valuable as an introduction. However, it also offers stimulating new approaches and important findings, making it essential reading for postgraduates and for specialists. The revised paperback edition contains a new preface by the editor and will offer an invaluable companion to survey courses in Byzantine history.

### **Mexico's Recent Economic Growth**

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Studies on everyday life commonly focus on housing conditions, eating and drinking, clothing, hygiene and medical care, professions, land and sea communications, and generally, on production and consumption. Material objects are dominant in these areas; nevertheless, mental aspects can also frequently be considered the carrier and/or symbol of concepts or values. For this reason, an international symposium held in Cambridge in 2001, which counted the Viennese Institute of Byzantine Studies among its organizers, was intent upon including the concept of "well-being" in its multi-faceted aspects, in the material, legal and philosophical-religious dialogue. The symposium's proceedings, consisting of twenty-three contributions preceded by an introduction discussing the current state of research and future plans, accordingly deal with, among other things, town planning, perfume in the secular sphere as well as that of the church, magical practices and holy physicians, clothing as a status symbol, and forms of abundance and shortage in the Byzantine diet.

### **Byzantine Monastic Foundation Documents**

The Byzantine World presents the latest insights of the leading scholars in the fields of Byzantine studies, history, art and architectural history, literature, and theology. Those who know little of Byzantine history, culture and civilization between AD 700 and 1453 will find overviews and distillations, while those who know much already will be afforded countless new vistas. Each chapter offers an innovative approach to a well-

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known topic or a diversion from a well-trodden path. Readers will be introduced to Byzantine women and children, men and eunuchs, emperors, patriarchs, aristocrats and slaves. They will explore churches and fortifications, monasteries and palaces, from Constantinople to Cyprus and Syria in the east, and to Apulia and Venice in the west. Secular and sacred art, profane and spiritual literature will be revealed to the reader, who will be encouraged to read, see, smell and touch. The worlds of Byzantine ceremonial and sanctity, liturgy and letters, Orthodoxy and heresy will be explored, by both leading and innovative international scholars. Ultimately, readers will find insights into the emergence of modern Byzantine studies and of popular Byzantine history that are informative, novel and unexpected, and that provide a thorough understanding of both.

## **The Cambridge History of the Byzantine Empire c.500-1492**

Social and Economic Life in Byzantium is the third selection of papers by the late Nicolas Oikonomides to be published in the Variorum Collected Studies Series; a fourth, Society, Culture and Politics in Byzantium, will follow in 2005. The present volume is centred upon the period from the 9th to the 11th century, and a series of examinations into the society and economic activity of the Byzantine world. Other groups of studies investigate relations between state and church, monasteries in particular, aspects of the history of the Slavs in the Balkans, and topics in Byzantine epigraphy.

## **The Inheritance of Rome**

This book discusses the nature and process of change in human society over the past two million years. The author draws on economic, historical and biological concepts to examine the driving forces of change and looks to likely developments in the future. This analysis produces some very thought-provoking and controversial conclusions.

## **The Dynamic Society**

This collection of conference papers embodies the results of research into the archives of Mount Athos. All aspects of Byzantine monasticism are covered, dealing with questions of asceticism, authority, community, economy, enlightenment, fortification, liturgy, music, manuscripts, hesychasm, scandal, spirituality and women. These papers provide an overview of scholarship in the field.

## **Material Culture and Well-being in Byzantium (400-1453)**

The papers here examine questions relating to the extent and nature of Byzantine trade from Late Antiquity into the Middle Ages. The Byzantine state was the only political entity of the Mediterranean to survive Antiquity and thus offers a theoretical standard against which to measure diachronic and regional changes in trading practices within the area and beyond. To complement previous extensive work on late antique long-distance trade within the

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Mediterranean (based on the grain supply, amphorae and fine ware circulation), the papers concentrate on local and international trade.

### **Byzantine Diplomacy**

This work is the first comprehensive assessment of Russia's foreign trade flows and economic growth in the seventeenth century. By demonstrating the growing openness of the economy, it reveals a key element in Russia's rise to great power status.

### **Egypt in the Byzantine World, 300-700**

In this book Dr. Harvey shows that if we broaden our comprehension of feudalism, the economic developments of the Byzantine empire and the medieval West were far more comparable than Byzantine historians have been prepared to admit. Previous interpretations have linked economic trends too closely to the political fortunes of the state, and have consequently regarded the twelfth century as a period of economic stagnation. Yet there is considerable evidence that during this period, the empire's population expanded, agricultural production intensified, coinage in circulation increased, and towns revived. Dr. Harvey's conclusions will affect all future interpretations of the general course of Byzantine history. and call for a reassessment of the whole nature and social structure of the Byzantine economy.

### **The Cambridge Economic History of**

## **Europe from the Decline of the Roman Empire: Volume 1, Agrarian Life of the Middle Ages**

Containing more than fifteen hundred entries, an encyclopedia of life in Eastern Europe during the Middle Ages includes genealogies of Byzantine rulers, a chronology of emperors, and maps of the Empire at various stages.

## **The Byzantine World**

This is the first in-depth historical study of Byzantine Cappadocia. The authors draw on extensive textual and archaeological materials to examine the nature and place of Cappadocia in the Byzantine Empire from the fourth through eleventh centuries.

## **Byzantine Trade, 4th-12th Centuries**

A groundbreaking look at Western and Eastern social development from the end of the ice age to today In the past thirty years, there have been fierce debates over how civilizations develop and why the West became so powerful. The Measure of Civilization presents a brand-new way of investigating these questions and provides new tools for assessing the long-term growth of societies. Using a groundbreaking numerical index of social development that compares societies in different times and places, award-winning author Ian Morris sets forth a sweeping examination of Eastern and Western development across 15,000 years since the end of the last ice age. He offers

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surprising conclusions about when and why the West came to dominate the world and fresh perspectives for thinking about the twenty-first century. Adapting the United Nations' approach for measuring human development, Morris's index breaks social development into four traits—energy capture per capita, organization, information technology, and war-making capacity—and he uses archaeological, historical, and current government data to quantify patterns. Morris reveals that for 90 percent of the time since the last ice age, the world's most advanced region has been at the western end of Eurasia, but contrary to what many historians once believed, there were roughly 1,200 years—from about 550 to 1750 CE—when an East Asian region was more advanced. Only in the late eighteenth century CE, when northwest Europeans tapped into the energy trapped in fossil fuels, did the West leap ahead. Resolving some of the biggest debates in global history, *The Measure of Civilization* puts forth innovative tools for determining past, present, and future economic and social trends.

### **Russia's Foreign Trade and Economic Expansion in the Seventeenth Century**

This volume presents a broad-ranging analysis of the Byzantine aristocracy of the 8th-12th centuries. The essays examine the evolution of aristocratic families and the composition of this group, the relative importance of landholding and public office, the notion of 'civilian' and 'military' families, and patterns of inheritance. They also focus on the Byzantine army,

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with studies looking both at the position of aristocrats within it, and more generally at the effectiveness of the army itself, notably in the campaigns in Asia Minor against the Arabs and the Turks.

### **Round Table Sessions on 8 and 12 August Byzantine Bureaucracy and Specific Features of Byzantine State Structure**

The nature of the *typkia*, discussed by John Thomas in the introduction, was one of flexible and personal documents, which differed considerably in form, length, and content. Not all of them were foundation documents in the strict sense, since they could be issued at any time in the history of an institution. Some were wills; others were reform decrees and rules; yet others were primarily liturgical in character.

### **Agrarian Change and Crisis in Europe, 1200-1500**

### **Being Byzantine**

### **Byzantium, Latin Romania and the Mediterranean**

### **A History of Medicine: Byzantine and Islamic medicine**

## **Byzantinische Forschungen**

Covers the middle Byzantine period, describing the day-to-day workings of the Byzantine-Jewish economy via primary sources.

## **The Byzantine Economy**

The Mexican economy underwent a process of growth and transformation in the twentieth century, which was confirmed by the indexes and figures that economists use to chart the rate of growth, even allowing for possible inaccuracies in these figures. This volume of six essays makes readily available to English-speaking readers a selection of significant contributions by outstanding Mexican economists dealing with the mid-twentieth-century growth of the Mexican economy. Enrique Pérez López provides an overview of the development of the gross national product in the economy and the structural changes that were imperative if basic social goals were to be implemented and the optimal adjustments to changing world conditions effected. Ernesto Fernández Hurtado discusses the process of accommodation and cooperation between the public and the private sectors that has contributed significantly to economic growth, stressing particularly the role of agriculture. Mario Ramón Beteta describes central bank policy and the functioning of the Central Bank, showing how control over credit and the banking system assures stability and accelerating growth through its credit rationing.

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Alfredo Navarrete R. traces the sources of domestic savings that have provided 90 percent of the capital employed in the economy since the Revolution, and Ifigenia M. de Navarrete demonstrates that rapid economic growth has not resulted in a more equitable distribution of income. Victor Urquidi stresses the balanced growth, achieved by allocating public capital formation to basic infrastructure, that has helped develop agriculture as well as industry, and indicates the nature of the structural change that must occur if the economy is to expand rapidly. In his introduction Tom E. Davis compares growth in Mexico with developments during the same period in Chile and Argentina. The country reached its midcentury standard of living after fifty years of drastic social and political changes under a constitution that altered the system and the concept of private property and the role of the state. These new concepts brought about changes in the structure of production and social relationships, together with a rise to new cultural, technical, and moral levels. These changes, in turn, placed Mexico in a new position with new problems. A question that must be answered is whether the economic goals of the future require a reappraisal of social relationships and of the ways of administering and utilizing the country's resources and potential productivity.

### **Byzantium and the Arabs in the Sixth Century**

A comprehensive portrayal of Egypt from the fourth to the seventh centuries, first published in 2007.

## **Economic Expansion in the Byzantine Empire, 900-1200**

New interpretation of the medieval history of Greece over the period 1200-1420, focusing particularly on the ethnic identity of the Greeks during this period and their relationship with their western rulers. The book argues that there was less ethnic conflict than has often been supposed.

## **Originality in Byzantine Literature, Art, and Music**

This volume, which includes three previously unpublished studies, is concerned with the economic history of the Late Roman and Byzantine empires between the 4th and 12th centuries. Its aim is to help bridge the gap that still exists between historians and numismatists, and to evolve a consistent and plausible monetary history of the period. The first group of articles examines the nature and functioning of the late antique and Byzantine economy, and looks in particular at the 12th century, arguing that this was not a time of decline, but of expansion, and that the coinage formed a coherent and reasonably stable system, not one in chaos due to indiscriminate debasement. The next articles focus on the relationship between coin production and fiscal administration. They set out the proposition that, for much of the period in question, coin was not produced and distributed to perform any commercial or broader economic function, but to serve fiscal needs - its primary purpose was to provide a medium in which

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the state, or emperor, could collect taxes and disburse public expenditure.

### **History of the Byzantine State**

The imperial court in Constantinople is central to the outsider's vision of Byzantium. However, in spite of its fame in literature and scholarship, there have been few attempts to analyze the court in its entirety as a phenomenon. These studies provide a unified composition by presenting Byzantine courtly life in all its interconnected facets.

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