

# Curriculum Vitae

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### EDUCATION

- 2004-2008 **PhD in Medieval History, Royal Holloway, University of London**  
Thesis: *Crusading in Romania: A Study in Byzantine-Western Relations and Attitudes, 1204-c.1282*  
Supervisor: Prof. Jonathan Harris
- 2006-2007 **Postgraduate Certificate of Teaching in Higher Education (INSTIL), Royal Holloway, University of London**  
Training programme accredited by the Higher Education Academy (HEA), UK  
Grade: "Merit"
- 2000-2001 **MA in Late Antique and Byzantine Studies, King's College London**  
Grade: "Distinction" (74.5/100)
- 1996-2000 **Ptychion (BA Hons) in History and Archaeology, University of Athens**  
Grade: "Excellent" (8.69/10; First Class equivalent)

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Interfaith and cross-cultural relations in the medieval Mediterranean; identity in the Middle Ages; the crusades (esp. crusading in Frankish Greece, the Later Crusades, and crusading against Christians); Byzantium and its interaction with the Latin world; the papacy and its policy in the Levant (12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> c.); political theory and imperial ideology in Byzantium and the West.

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (TEACHING & RESEARCH)

- 2023- **Assistant Professor of Medieval European History, University of Athens (Department of History & Archaeology)**
- 2018-2023 **Assistant Professor of Medieval European History, Democritus University of Thrace (Department of History & Ethnology)**
- 2014-2022 **Associate Lecturer, Hellenic Open University (School of Humanities)**  
Teaching for the "Studies in European Civilization" Programme (Distance Learning).
- 2017-2018 **Visiting Lecturer, University of Crete (Department of History & Archaeology)**
- 2012-2015 **Postdoctoral Research Fellow, University of Athens (Department of History & Archaeology)**  
Research Project: "Worlds Apart? Identity and Otherness in Late Byzantine Perceptions of the West (1204-1453): The Evidence of Oratory and Correspondence" (EU-funded)
- 2006-2012 **Teaching Fellow, Royal Holloway, University of London (Department of History)**
- 2009-2010 **Visiting Tutor, University of Birmingham (School of History and Cultures)**
- 2003-2004 **Research Assistant, University of Athens (Department of History & Archaeology)**
- 2001-2002 **Research Project: "Byzantium and the West: conflict and interaction from the 11<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> centuries"**

## OTHER ACADEMIC ROLES

- 2021- **Member of the Scientific Committee, *Templars Route European Federation (TREF)***, an association for the promotion of heritage sites related to the Templar Order throughout Europe, representative for Greece
- 2018- **Member of the Editorial Board, *Frankokratia – A Journal of the Study of Greek Lands under Latin Rule*** (published by Brill)
- 2018- **Member of the Advisory Board, *Advances in Crusades Research*** (series published by Routledge)
- 2017- **Member of the Steering Committee for the Byzantine Orthodoxy Group, *International Orthodox Theological Association (IOTA)***
- 2016- **Member of the Committee of the *Society for the Study of the Crusades and the Latin East (SSCLE)***:  
Secretary of the SSCLE (2021-)  
Editor of the SSCLE Bulletin (2016-2021)
- 2013- **Honorary Research Associate, *Royal Holloway, University of London (Department of History)***
- 2012- **Associate Editor, *Crusades***  
Journal of the SSCLE (published formerly by Ashgate and now by Routledge)
- 2018 **Evaluator, *Cyprus Research Awards, Research Promotion Foundation (Cyprus)***
- N/A **Peer-reviewer** for various journals, incl.: *Speculum, Mediterranean Studies, Revue des Etudes Byzantines, Frankokratia, Crusades, Al-Masāq*

## COURSES TAUGHT

### **Democritus University of Thrace, Department of History & Ethnology (2018-2023)**

Introduction to Medieval European History (Year 1)

Crusades and Crusader States (Years 2-4)

Frankish Lordships in Greek Lands, 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> c.: Politics, Society and Culture (Years 3-4)

Transformations of Medieval Europe: Authority and Society (Years 3-4)

Bibliographical and Documentary Materials for the Study of Local History (Postgraduate, guest lecturer)

### **Hellenic Open University, “Studies in European Civilization” Programme (2014-)**

General History of Europe (Year 1 – Distance Learning)

The Byzantine and Western Worlds (Years 3-4 – Distance Learning)

### **University of Crete, Department of History & Archaeology (2017-2018)**

Latin Presence in Greek Lands, 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> c. (Years 3-4)

### **University of Athens, Department of History & Archaeology (2016-2017)**

Survey of Western Medieval History, 5<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> c. (Year 1)

Western Medieval History II: Latin Presence in the Eastern Mediterranean (Year 3)

**Royal Holloway, University of London, Department of History (2006-2012)**

From Rome to Renaissance: An Introduction to the Middle Ages (Year 1)

Gods, Men and Power: An Introduction to the Ancient World from Homer to Mohammed (Year 1)

Doing History: Sources for the Historian and their Uses from Antiquity to the Present (Year 1)

The Rise and Fall of the Roman Republic (Year 2)

Rome and its Empire from Augustus to Commodus (Year 2)

Workshops on “Approaches to Byzantine Texts” and “Approaches to Byzantine Art” (Years 2-3)

Byzantium and the First Crusade (MA Level)

**University of Birmingham, School of History and Cultures (2009-2010)**

Medieval History c.500-c.1050 (Year 1)

Medieval History c.1050-c.1500 (Year 1)

**MEMBERSHIP OF SOCIETIES**

Committee Member of the Society for the Study of the Crusades and the Latin East (SSCLE)

Member of the Society for the Promotion of Byzantine Studies (SPBS)

Member of the Society for the Medieval Mediterranean (SMM)

Associate Fellow of the Higher Education Academy, UK (HEA)

**AWARDS & GRANTS**

**Major Grants**

2018-2019 *Fellowship (5 months) at the Paris Institute for Advanced Study [declined due to appointment as Assistant Professor at the Democritus University of Thrace]*

2012-2015 Postdoctoral Research Grant, Greek General Secretariat of Research and Technology  
EU/ESF-funded, via open competition “Support for Postdoctoral Researchers”

2004-2008 The Alexandros S. Onassis Foundation Scholarship (PhD)

2004-2008 The A.G. Leventis Foundation Educational Grant (x4)

2004-2007 Doctoral Award, Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC)

**Research and Conference Grants**

2016 Grant for Younger Scholars, AIEB and the Serbian National Committee  
(23<sup>rd</sup> International Congress of Byzantine Studies, Belgrade)

2011 Helen Cam Award, Royal Holloway, University of London  
For manuscript research in Paris (Bibliothèque nationale) and Rome (Vatican Library)

2011 Conference Grant, Society for the Promotion of Byzantine Studies  
(22<sup>nd</sup> International Congress of Byzantine Studies, Sofia)

2007 Conference Grant, Royal Historical Society  
(International Medieval Congress at Leeds)

2006-2008 George of Cyprus Bursary, RHUL, Hellenic Institute (x2)

2006 Research Expenses Grant, RHUL, Department of History  
(21<sup>st</sup> International Congress of Byzantine Studies, London)

## CONFERENCE ORGANISATION

- 2014 “Byzantium and the West: Perception and Reality (12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> centuries)”, University of Athens, 5-6 September 2014 (Principal organiser)  
The conference proceedings were published by Routledge (see Publications, below)  
Funding provided by: the Greek General Secretariat of Research and Technology (postdoc project); the Department of History & Archaeology, University of Athens; and the Welfare Foundation for Social & Cultural Affairs (KIKPE)
- 2010 “Contact and Conflict in Frankish Greece and the Aegean: Crusade, Trade and Religion between Latins, Greeks and Muslims, 1204-1453”, Institute of Historical Research, London, 9 July 2010 (Co-organiser, with Michael Carr, RHUL)  
The conference proceedings were published by Ashgate (see Publications, below)  
Funding provided by: the Department of History, Royal Holloway, University of London; the Society for the Promotion of Hellenic Studies (SPHS); the Society for the Promotion of Byzantine Studies (SPBS); and the British Institute at Ankara (BIAA)

## CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PAPERS

- “Holy War and the construction of identities in the Eastern Mediterranean” [in Greek] (jointly with Marco Miotto), at the Colloquium of the Department of History and Ethnology of the Democritus University of Thrace (Komotini / online, 30 May 2023)
- \* “Byzantium, the crusader states and Latin presence in the Eastern Mediterranean: diplomacy, rhetoric and ideology”, at the seminar series on “Byzantium and Foreign Peoples: International Relations, Migrations, Intermarriages”, organized by the Centre for Byzantine Research of the Aristotelian University of Thessalonica (Thessalonica / online, 24 March 2023)
- \* - “Colonial and post-colonial studies applied to the Middle Ages. Regarding the recent book by George E. Demacopoulos, *Colonizing Christianity: Greek and Latin Religious Identity in the Era of the Fourth Crusade* (New York: Fordham University Press, 2019)” (jointly with Marie-Hélène Blanchet, CNRS, and Raúl Estangüi Gómez, Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne), at the seminar series “Histoire de la période paléologue (1261-1453): Byzance, Orient latin, mondes slave et turc” (CNRS/Université Paris I, Panthéon-Sorbonne, Paris, 2 February 2023)
- “Propagating the East: Memory, space, and the ‘Oriental’ others in the works of Marino Sanudo Torsello and Philippe de Mézières”, at the Seventh Biennial Conference of the Society for the Medieval Mediterranean (SMM) (Rethymnon, 11-15 July 2022)
- “Crusading against the Byzantines”, at the SSCLE 10<sup>th</sup> International Conference: “Crusading Encounters” (London, 27 June-1 July 2022)
- \* Invited respondent to papers by Angeliki Papageorgiou, “Ties of blood, bids for power: Usurpation attempts during the reign of John II Komnenos” and Vlada Stanković, “From Christ the Savior to the Virgin Mary the Savior of the World: Sebastokrator Isaac and His Place Within the First Purple-Born Generation of the Komnenoi”, at International Workshop on “Isaac Comnenus Porphyrogenitus: Walking the Line in 12<sup>th</sup>-century Byzantium and Beyond” (Odense, Denmark, 5-6 March 2020)
- \* “War of Faith? Byzantine criticisms of crusading”, at the Inaugural Conference of the International Orthodox Theological Association (IOTA): “Pan-Orthodox Unity and Conciliarity” (Iasi, Romania, 9-12 January 2019)
- “Intellectual and ideological developments in Western Medieval Europe and crusading against the Byzantines” [in Greek] at the colloquium “The Meeting between Byzantium and the West: Historical and Cultural Aspects” organized by the Department of History and Ethnology of the

Democritus University of Thrace in honour of Prof. Benjamin Hendrickx (Komotini, 10 October 2018)

- \* “After the cataclysm: transformations of Roman identity in a fragmented world (1204-c.1300)”, at the 51<sup>st</sup> Spring Symposium of Byzantine Studies (Edinburgh, 13-15 April 2018)
- \* “Les croisades et le schisme dans les relations entre Byzance et l’Occident sous les premiers Paléologues”, at the seminar series “Histoire de la période paléologue (1261-1453): Byzance, Orient latin, monde slave” (CNRS/Université Paris I, Panthéon-Sorbonne, Paris, 2 March 2017)
- “Paradise lost or negligent shepherd? Constantinople and Byzantine identity after 1204”, at the 23rd International Congress of Byzantine Studies (Belgrade, 22-27 August 2016)
- “Vanquishing deviance by pen and sword: Intellectual currents in western Europe and crusading against Orthodox Christians”, at the Ninth Quadrennial Conference of the SSCLE (Odense, 27 June – 1 July 2016)
- “Identity discourses in post-1204 Byzantium: ‘ecumenical’, ‘political’ or ‘national’?”, at the TORCH Conference “Identity, Ethnicity and Nationhood before Modernity: Old Debates and New Perspectives” (Oxford, 24-26 April 2015)
- “Worlds apart? Reconsidering late Byzantine identity through the image of the West (13th-14th c.)”, at the conference “Byzantium and the West: Perception and Reality” (University of Athens, 5-6 September 2014)
- “War of (whose) faith? Byzantine criticisms of crusading”, at the International Medieval Congress (Leeds, 7-10 July 2014)
- “Ideological and political contestations in post-1204 Byzantium: The orations of Niketas Choniates and the imperial court of Nicaea”, at the 47<sup>th</sup> Spring Symposium of Byzantine Studies (Cardiff, 25-27 April 2014)
- \* “Broken brotherhood: Greeks and Latins in the thirteenth century”, at the International Conference on “The presence and contribution of the Eastern Roman Empire in the formation of Europe” (Athens, 18-19 April 2013)
- \* “Tearing Christ’s seamless tunic? The ‘Eastern Schism’ and crusades against the Greeks in the thirteenth century”, at the London Society for Medieval Studies (Institute of Historical Research, London, 21 February 2012); and at the Eighth Quadrennial Conference of the SSCLE (Cáceres, 25-29 June 2012)
- “Byzantine crusaders: holy war and crusade rhetoric in Byzantine contacts with the West (1095-1341)”, at the Crusades and the Latin East Seminar Series of the Institute of Historical Research (London, 26 March 2012); a variant version presented in Greek at the “Nikos Oikonomides” Interdisciplinary Postgraduate Seminar (University of Athens/National Hellenic Research Foundation, 26 June 2014)
- \* “Re-integrating the European Middle Ages in Greek university history teaching: the crusades as a case-study” [in Greek], at the Academic Workshop “Research and Teaching on Medieval and Early Modern European History in Greek Universities” (University of Crete, 25-27 November 2011)
- “Of heretics and Christian brothers: Pope Gregory IX and the Greek East” at the 22<sup>nd</sup> International Congress of Byzantine Studies (Sofia, 22-27 August 2011)
- “New frontiers: Frankish Greece and the expansion of crusading in the early thirteenth century”, at the conference “Contact and Conflict in Frankish Greece and the Aegean: Crusade, Trade and Religion amongst Latins, Greeks and Muslims, 1204-1453” (Institute of Historical Research, London, 9 July 2010)
- “Charles of Anjou’s anti-Byzantine ‘crusade’ (1267-1282): a re-examination”, at the 43<sup>rd</sup> Spring Symposium of Byzantine Studies (Birmingham, 27-29 March 2010)

- \* “Schismatics or heretics? The justification of crusading action against the Greeks in the thirteenth century”, at the International Medieval Congress (Leeds, 13-16 July 2009)
- \* “The Common Cause of Christendom: crusading rhetoric in Byzantine diplomacy towards the West (12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> c.)”, at the History Department Research Seminar Series, Royal Holloway, University of London (24 February 2009)

\* = invited paper

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books:

1. (Ed. with A. Kolia-Dermizaki and A. Papageorgiou), *Byzantium and the West: Perception and Reality* (London: Routledge, 2019)
2. (Ed. with M. Carr), *Contact and Conflict in Frankish Greece and the Aegean, 1204-1453: Crusade, Religion and Trade between Latins, Greeks and Turks* (Farnham: Ashgate, 2014)
3. *Crusading in Frankish Greece: A Study of Byzantine-Western Relations and Attitudes, 1204-1282* (Turnhout: Brepols, 2012)

### Forthcoming:

4. (Ed. with M. Carr and G. Raccagni), *Crusading against Christians in the Middle Ages* (London: Palgrave Macmillan) [manuscript submitted to publisher]
5. *Mediterranean Identities in Flux: Self and Other in Late Byzantine Perceptions of the West (13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> c.). The Evidence of Oratory and Correspondence* (London: Routledge) [in progress]
6. (Ed. with E. Tounta), *Travelling in the Eastern Mediterranean, c.1300-1500: Politics, Agency, Cultural Memory, and Space* (Turnhout: Brepols) [in progress]
7. *Identity, Memory and Space in Latin-held Eastern Mediterranean (13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> c.)* [in Greek] [monograph in progress]

### Articles and chapters (peer-reviewed):

8. “Gregory IX and the Greek East”, in D.J. Smith (ed.), *Pope Gregory IX (1227-1241): Power and Authority* (Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press, 2023), 151–189
9. “Intellectual and ideological developments in Western Medieval Europe and crusading against the Byzantines” [in Greek], in A.S. Markou, I.M. Mpakirtzis, A. Palikidis and C. Papageorgopoulou (eds.), *History – Society – Civilization: Research Questions and Challenges. Anniversary Volume for the 30 Years of the Department of History and Ethnology of the Democritus University of Thrace* (Thessalonica: Stamoulis, 2022), 579–602
10. “Tearing Christ’s seamless tunic? The ‘Eastern Schism’ and crusades against the Greeks in the thirteenth century”, in P. Srodecki and N. Kersken (eds.), *The Expansion of the Faith: Crusading on the Frontiers of Latin Christendom in the High Middle Ages* (Brepols: Turnhout, 2022), pp. 229–250

11. “Western aggression and Greco-Latin interaction: A view from Greece”, in F. Hinz and J. Meyer-Hamme (eds.), *Controversial Histories: Current Views on the Crusades* (London and New York: Routledge, 2021 [2020]), pp. 42-44
12. “Broken brotherhood: Schism and Crusades in Greek-Latin Relations”, in N. Giantsi and S. Flogaitis (eds.), *The Presence and Contribution of the (Eastern) Roman Empire in the Formation of Europe* (Athens: EPLO, 2019), pp. 115-150
13. “Ideological and political contestations in post-1204 Byzantium: The orations of Niketas Choniates and the imperial court of Nicaea”, in S. Tougher (ed.), *The Emperor in the Byzantine World: Papers from the Forty-Eighth Spring Symposium of Byzantine Studies* (London: Routledge, 2019), pp. 248-263
14. “Worlds apart? Reconsidering late Byzantine identity through the image of the West (13th-14th c.)”, in N. Chrissis, A. Kolia-Dermitzaki, and A. Papageorgiou (eds.), *Byzantium and the West: Perception and Reality* (London: Routledge, 2019), pp. 257-274
15. “Byzantine crusaders: Holy war and crusade rhetoric in Byzantine contacts with the West (1095-1341)”, in A. Boas (ed.), *The Crusader World* (London: Routledge, 2016), pp. 259-277
16. “Crusades and crusaders in medieval Greece”, in N. Tsougarakis and P. Lock (eds.), *A Companion to Latin Greece* (Leiden: Brill, 2014), pp. 23-72
17. “New frontiers: Frankish Greece and crusading in the early 13<sup>th</sup> century”, in N. Chrissis and M. Carr (eds.), *Contact and Conflict in Frankish Greece and the Aegean, 1204-1453: Crusade, Religion and Trade between Latins, Greeks and Turks* (Farnham: Ashgate, 2014), pp. 17-41
18. “The city and the cross: The image of Constantinople and the Latin Empire in thirteenth-century papal crusading rhetoric”, *Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies* 36 (2012), pp. 20-37
19. “A diversion that never was: Thibaut IV of Champagne, Richard of Cornwall and Pope Gregory IX’s crusading plans for Constantinople, 1235-1239”, *Crusades* 9 (2010), pp. 123-145

Forthcoming:

20. “Crusades against the Byzantines”, in M. Carr, G. Raccagni, and N. Chrissis (eds.), *Crusading against Christians in the Middle Ages* (London: Palgrave Macmillan, forthcoming) [text submitted to publisher]
21. (with Marie-Hélène Blanchet) “Accusations of Heresy between East and West”, in R. Flower (ed.), *The Cambridge Companion to Christian Heresy* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, forthcoming) [text submitted to editor]
22. “Frankish Greece”, in J. Phillips et al. (eds.), *The Cambridge History of the Crusades* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, forthcoming) [text submitted to editor]
23. “Crusades against Christians, c.1200-1350”, in J. Harris (ed.), *The New Oxford Illustrated History of the Crusades* (Oxford: Oxford University Press) [text submitted to editor]
24. “Propagating the East: Memory, space, and the ‘Oriental’ others in the works of Marino Sanudo Torsello and Philippe de Mézières” in E. Tounta and N. Chrissis (eds.), *Travelling in the Eastern Mediterranean, c.1300-1500: Politics, Agency, Cultural Memory, and Space* (Turnhout: Brepols, forthcoming) [in progress]

25. “The Chronicle of the Morea: Society and Identity in Frankish Greece”, in S. Parsons and L. Paterson (eds.), *The Routledge Handbook of Crusade Texts, Images and Artifacts* (London: Routledge, forthcoming) [in progress]

**Translation of primary sources:**

26. Translation of the Greek sources (John Kinnamos, Niketas Choniates, ‘Manganeios Prodromos’ and Euthymios Malakes) relating to Reynald of Châtillon, in P. Crawford (ed.), *Reynald of Châtillon: A Biography and Sources in Latin, Armenian and Greek* (forthcoming) [text submitted in December 2014]

**Book reviews:**

27. Dimiter Angelov, *The Byzantine Hellene: The Life of Emperor Theodore Laskaris and Byzantium in the Thirteenth Century* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2019), in *Speculum* 97/3 (July 2022), 778-779
28. Norman Housley (ed.), *Knighthoods of Christ: Essays on the History of the Crusades and the Knights Templar, Presented to Malcolm Barber* (London and New York: Routledge; first published 2007; republished as e-book, 2017), in *Byzantina Symmeikta* 30 (2020), pp. 431-444 [in Greek]
29. Rebecca Rist, *Popes and Jews, 1095-1291* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016), in *The English Historical Review* 134 (2019), pp. 679-681
30. Anne van Arsdall and Helen Moody (trans.), *The Old French Chronicle of the Morea: An Account of Frankish Greece after the Fourth Crusade* (Farnham: Ashgate, 2015), in *The Journal of Religious History, Literature and Culture* 5.1 (2019), pp. 100-103
31. Mike Carr, *Merchant Crusaders in the Aegean, 1291-1352* (Rochester, NY: Boydell Press, 2015) in *The American Historical Review* 122 (2017), pp. 1674-1676
32. Benjamin Weber, *Lutter contre les Turcs: les formes nouvelles de la croisade pontificale au XV<sup>e</sup> siècle* (Rome: École française de Rome, 2013), in *The American Historical Review* 120 (2015), pp. 702-703
33. Julian Chrysostomides, *Byzantium and Venice, 1204-1453: Collected Studies*, ed. by Michael Heslop and Charalambos Dendrinos (Farnham: Ashgate, 2011), in *The Anglo-Hellenic Review* 44 (Autumn 2011), pp. 31-32
34. Christopher Tyerman, *God’s War: A New History of the Crusades* (Cambridge MA: Belknap Press, 2009), in *The Medieval Review*, January 2010 (online) <https://scholarworks.iu.edu/dspace/bitstream/handle/2022/6686/10.01.01.html>

Forthcoming:

35. Ludivine Voisin, *Les monastères Grecs sous domination latine (XIIIe-XVIe siècles): Comme un loup poursuivant un mouton* (Turnhout: Brepols, 2021), in *Crusades* 22?? (2023??) [in progress]
36. Nicolas Drocourt and Sebastian Kolditz (eds.), *A Companion to Byzantium and the West, 900-1204* (Leiden: Brill, 2021/2022) in *The Journal of Religious History, Literature and Culture* 9?? (2023??) [in progress; volume posted in late May (Nicky); received by mid-June]

## APPENDIX

### Reviews for *Crusading in Frankish Greece*

“On every level, this book is a success. [...] Chrissis places generations of crusading in Frankish Greece firmly into the framework of the medieval crusading movement. It is an impressive work, long overdue.” (Prof. Thomas F. Madden, Saint Louis University, in *The American Historical Review* 119/2 (2014): 577-578)

“This book sets out to fill the gap left by the almost complete neglect of crusading activity in Frankish Greece after 1204. In this it succeeds admirably, and will be the reference work on this topic. It is well researched, academically rigorous, and clearly and interestingly written. [...] This is a good book and deserves a wide readership.” (Prof. Peter Lock, York St. John University, in *Speculum* 89/1 (2014): 173-174)

“Although there has been a flood of monographs on the crusades in the last decade, there is nothing really comparable to this book. [...] Those with an interest in crusading, the papacy, and the Latin Empire more generally should read *Crusading in Frankish Greece*. This book is an important contribution and a now required starting point for further research in any of these fields” (Dr. David Parnell, Indiana University Northwest, in *The Medieval Review* 2013.10.13: <https://scholarworks.iu.edu/journals/index.php/tmr/article/view/17946/24064>)

“Overall, this fascinating and at times rather combative study provides a detailed analysis of papal/Byzantine relations during an important and formative period. [...] A particularly impressive aspect of this work is Chrissis’ ability to situate the ongoing political dialogue surrounding Romania in the wider context of the evolving Mediterranean and European worlds.” (Dr. Nicholas Morton, Nottingham Trent University, in *Al-Masāq: Journal of the Medieval Mediterranean* 26/3 (2014): 323-325)

“This is a detailed and closely argued study, firmly based on the primary evidence, some of which is from unpublished papal bulls. [...] this study will be invaluable not only to historians of western crusading policy but also for scholars of the medieval eastern Mediterranean and of Byzantine-Western relations” (Prof. Helen J. Nicholson, University of Cardiff, *The Journal of Ecclesiastical History* 65/3 (2014): 670-672)

“This book is an important advance not only on the history of the crusade movement in Latin Greece, the Balkans and the Aegean but also on the history of Frankish Greece *per se*, by placing it in a broader European context through an examination of the genesis and development of crusading there.” (Dr. Nicholas Coureas, Cyprus Research Center, in *Byzantina Symmeikta* 23 (2013): 351-359)

“[T]he result is a very readable account. Chrissis demonstrates with admirable control how the mechanisms and justification for crusading in Frankish Greece developed and were in a constantly dynamic relationship with other papal priorities as well as with the exigencies of considerable change elsewhere in Europe.” (Prof. Catherine Holmes, University College, Oxford, in *Crusades* 15 (2016): 232-234)

“Plus encore, cet ouvrage est novateur car [Chrissis] replace à juste titre son étude dans le contexte plus large de l’évolution des guerres saintes et de l’expansion des fronts croisés en Europe médiévale (en Baltique, dans la péninsule ibérique ou contre les hérétiques), prenant ainsi en compte l’ensemble du contexte socio-politique, économique et religieux qui mena à l’expansion de la chrétienté latine.” (Dr. Marie Guerin, Université Paris-Sorbonne (Paris IV), in *Cahiers de civilisation médiévale* 60 (2017): 291-293)

### Reviews for *Contact and Conflict in Frankish Greece and the Aegean*

“This important collection of eight essays offers new approaches to the study of interaction between Latins, Byzantines, and Ottomans in the Aegean from the thirteenth to the fifteenth centuries. It addresses a gap in the scholarship of the Crusades [...]. The editors must be commended for the high quality and originality of the volume and for bringing together specialists in Byzantine, the medieval West and Ottoman studies to examine themes of contact and conflict from different perspectives.” (Dr. Fotini Kondyli, University of Virginia, in *The Medieval Review* 2015.11.25: <https://scholarworks.iu.edu/journals/index.php/tmr/article/view/20465/26521>)

“The whole forms a seamless cross-cultural study of the eastern Mediterranean from the Fourth Crusade to the early fifteenth century, revealing how Latins, Greeks and Turks interacted in peace and War. Together, the

studies in this volume form an excellent overview and introduction to the subject as well as opening up areas for future research.” (Prof. Helen J. Nicholson, University of Cardiff, *Al-Masāq: Journal of the Medieval Mediterranean* 27/3 (2015): 296-298)

“Each paper contains something that everyone dealing with the eastern Mediterranean in the latter half of the Middle Ages, and perhaps everyone studying medieval history, should know.” (Prof. Chris Schabel, University of Cyprus, in *Crusades* 14 (2015): 254-256)

“This edited volume provides a wide range of topics in essays that go into great and fascinating scholarly depth. The book makes a solid attempt at getting historians from a variety of different historical periods to share their scholarship and work to expand their fields by making interesting cross-cultural comparisons in their studies.” (Kyle Shimoda, Ohio State University, in *Hortulus* 11/2 (2015): <https://hortulus-journal.com/shimoda/>)

“The great merit of the book lies in the methodological reconsideration of the way in which to study Latin Greece, clearly presented in the introduction by the two editors, as well as in the interdisciplinary investigation of this world of complex political and social fragmentation and extreme cultural pluralism. [...] a stimulating contribution not only to the history of Latin Greece but to the way in which we study the history of Latin Greece, opening at the same time new vistas for the understanding of the medieval Mediterranean world at large in terms of both conflict and interaction” (Dr. Angel Nicolaou-Konnari, University of Cyprus, in *The Journal of Ecclesiastical History* 66 (2015): 178-179)

### **Reviews for *Byzantium and the West: Perception and Reality***

“[T]his is a significant and very useful collection of essays. The editors are to be congratulated on giving it a rare coherence so that all the chapters hang together as a contribution to the overall theme. It has a long future ahead as a resource both for researchers and teachers.” (Prof. Jonathan Harris, Royal Holloway, University of London, in *Speculum* 96/2 (2021): 484-485)

“Altogether *Byzantium and the West* is a carefully crafted book. [...] Its editors and its publisher deserve praise for attempting to present Byzantine historical scholarship to a wider public.” (Prof. John Howe, Texas Tech University, in *The Medieval Review* 2021.02.02: <https://scholarworks.iu.edu/journals/index.php/tmr/article/view/31902/35830>)