

YANNIS STOURAITIS

University of Edinburgh | School of History, Classics and Archaeology | William Robertson Wing, Room 1.23
+44 131 6515042 | yannis.stouraitis@ed.ac.uk

CURRICULUM VITAE

1. PROFESSIONAL CAREER

Aug. 2022 – present	Senior Lecturer in Byzantine History, Department of Classics, School of History, Classics, and Archaeology, University of Edinburgh.
Jan. 2018 – July 2022	Lecturer in Byzantine History, Department of Classics, School of History, Classics, and Archaeology, University of Edinburgh.
April 2017 – Dec. 2017	Senior postdoctoral researcher and project leader, Department of Byzantine & Modern Greek Studies, University of Vienna.
2009/2012/2014–2017	Adjunct Lecturer (part-time contracts), Department of Byzantine & Modern Greek Studies, University of Vienna.
2016 – 2017	Research Fellow (project associate), Institute for Medieval Studies/Division of Byzantine, Austrian Academy of Sciences.
2012 – 2015	Post-doc researcher and project coordinator, Department of Byzantine & Modern Greek Studies, University of Vienna.
2008 – 2011	Post-doc researcher, Department of Byzantine & Modern Greek Studies, University of Vienna.

2. UNIVERSITY EDUCATION

November 2007	Dr. phil. in Byzantine Studies, Department of Byzantine Studies, University of Vienna—Thesis: <i>Krieg in Byzanz: Eine Studie zur politischen und ideologischen Wahrnehmung des Krieges durch die Byzantiner, 7.-11. Jh.</i> ; concluded with <i>summa cum laude</i> .
October 2002	M.A. in Medieval Studies with focus on Byzantium (two-year programme), School of Philosophy, University of Ioannina (Greece)—Thesis: <i>Basil II and the military aristocracy: Imposing imperial authority in the last quarter of the 10th c.</i> [in Greek]; concluded with <i>summa cum laude</i> .

September 1999

Degree in History (four-year programme) at the Department of History and Archaeology, School of Philosophy, University of Ioannina (Greece).

3. RESEARCH

I specialize in the social and cultural history of the Byzantine empire with a focus on the period 7th-13th centuries. Main research interests: collective identifications and group formation (*Identitätsforschung*) in a cross-cultural perspective; ideological and social aspects of war; war ethic in a comparative perspective with the Latin Christendom and Islam; Byzantine historiography and cultural memory (*mnemohistory*); Migrations in the medieval eastern Mediterranean.

3.1. RESEARCH GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, SCHOLARSHIPS

- 3.1.1. 2021: £25.000 from the AG Leventis Foundation for the launching of the peer-reviewed *Journal of Late Antique, Islamic and Byzantine Studies* at the University of Edinburgh/Edinburgh University Press (EUP).
- 3.1.2. 2017: Four-year Research Grant by the Austrian Science Fund (FWF), Department of Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies, University of Vienna.
 - Project: *Contested Empire: Civil War in the East Roman Imperial State, 500-1204*; amount of funding: 321000€. Role: Project leader and senior post-doc researcher (the project stopped during the first year due to my appointment as lecturer at the University of Edinburgh).
- 3.1.3. 2014 (Sept.-Dec.): Stanley J. Seeger Research Fellow at the Seeger Center for Hellenic Studies, Princeton University.
 - Project: *The Historiography of War and the Poetics of a 'New' Identity in Twelfth-Century Byzantium*.
- 3.1.4. 2012: Three-year Research Grant by the Austrian Science Fund (FWF), Department of Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies, University of Vienna
 - Project: *Ideologies under Scrutiny: Differentiated Perceptions of Roman Imperial Ideals in Byzantine Society (7th-12th centuries)*; amount of funding: 386000€. Role: Main author of the research proposal, project coordinator, and supervisor of a junior post-doctoral researcher; project leader: Prof. Johannes Koder.
- 3.1.5. 2010 (fall term): Visiting lecturer at the Faculty of History and Archaeology, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki; Erasmus Teaching Assignment Programme.
- 3.1.6. 2008: Three-year Research Grant by the Austrian Science Fund (FWF), Department of Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies, University of Vienna.
 - Project: *Holy War? A study on Byzantine Perceptions and Concepts of War and Peace in the Period from the Late 11th to the Early 13th Century*; amount of funding: 187,000€. Role: Main author of the research proposal and junior post researcher; project leader: Prof. Johannes Koder.
- 3.1.7. 2003: "Bertha von Suttner" PhD scholarship (three years), granted by the Austrian State.

- 3.1.8. 1999: Scholarship of the Interdisciplinary Postgraduate Programme in Medieval Studies (two years) from the University of Ioannina.

3.2. ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCES

- *War and Peoplehood in the Middle Ages in a Comparative Perspective*, International Workshop, University of Vienna, 18-19 June 2018.
- *The Post-1204 Byzantine World: New Approaches and Novel Directions*, 51st Spring Symposium of Byzantine Studies, University of Edinburgh, 13-15 April 2018 (Co-organisers: Prof. Niels Gaul and Dr Mike Carr).
- *Ideologies and Identities in the Medieval Byzantine World*, International Workshop, University of Vienna, April 16-17, 2015.
- *Byzantine war ideology between Roman Imperial Concept and Christian Religion*, International Symposium at the University of Vienna, May 19–21, 2011 (Co-organiser: Prof. Johannes Koder).

3.3. INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH COLLABORATIONS

- Member of the steering committee of the international research network “*A Viking in the Sun: Harald Hardrada and the Mediterranean on the Eve of the Crusades*” (<https://blogs.ed.ac.uk/hardrada/>).
- Affiliated scholar at the research group “Mobility, Microstructures and Personal Agency in Byzantium”, headed by Professor Claudia Rapp, University of Vienna (<https://rapp.univie.ac.at/about-us/affiliate-scholars/yannis-stouraitis/>).
- Member of the international research network “Conversations on Identity, Ethnicity and Nationhood” at The Oxford Research Centre in the Humanities (TORCH) (<https://www.torch.ox.ac.uk/the-long-history-of-identity-ethnicity-and-nationhood#tab-845041>).

4. TEACHING

My teaching interests span the period from the 4th to the 15th century and pertain to the social and cultural history of the Byzantine Empire and its relations with neighbouring cultures, in particular the Islamic and Slavic worlds; Byzantium and the Crusades; and the comparative history of medieval war ethics.

4.1. TEACHING PORTFOLIO: POSTGRADUATE SEMINARS

- 4.1.1. “Popular unrest, revolts, and rebellions in the Byzantine world”, new course planned to be taught in fall term 2025
- 4.1.2. “Political Ideology and Collective Identities in the Byzantine World, 500-1500”, spring term 2023.
- 4.1.3. “The Long Twelfth Century: Byzantium in the Era of the Crusades”, fall term 2022, 2024.

- 4.1.4. "Constantinople: The History of a Medieval Megalopolis from Constantine the Great to Suleyman the Magnificent" - jointly taught with Prof. Jim Crow - fall term 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021.
- 4.1.5. "The Seventh Century: The rise of Islam and the transformation of East Rome", jointly taught with Dr Marie Legendre - spring term 2020, 2022, 2024.
- 4.1.6. "Approaches to the Long Late Antiquity" - MSc core course, taught yearly, 2018/19, 19/20, 21/22, 23/24, 24/25.
- 4.1.7. "Byzantine Text Seminar 2: The Chronicle of Theophanes Continuatus" - spring term 2019.
- 4.1.8. "Iconoclasm in Byzantium" - spring term 2019.
- 4.1.9. "Byzantine text seminar 1: The Taktika of Leo VI" - fall term 2018.
- 4.1.10. "The transformation of East Rome and the rise of Islam, c.600-750" - spring term 2018.
- 4.1.11. "Hellenisms from Late Antiquity up to the Modern Era", jointly taught with Dr Dimitris Kousouris (in German), University of Vienna, fall term 2017.

4.2. TEACHING PORTFOLIO: UNDERGRADUATE LECTURES & SEMINARS

- 4.2.1. "Popular unrest, revolts, and rebellions in the Byzantine world", new course planned to be taught in fall term 2025.
- 4.2.2. "Constantinople: The History of a Medieval Megalopolis from Constantine the Great to Süleyman the Magnificent", jointly taught with Prof. Jim Crow, UG seminar, fall term 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021.
- 4.2.3. "The Seventh Century: The rise of Islam and the transformation of East Rome" - UG seminar, jointly taught with Dr Marie Legendre, spring term 2020, 2022.
- 4.2.4. "The Long Twelfth Century: Byzantium in the Era of the Crusades", UG seminar, spring term 2020, fall term 2022, 2024.
- 4.2.5. "The formation of the medieval Roman Empire, 602-867" - UG seminar, 2019, 2023, 2025.
- 4.2.6. "Religion and War in Byzantium and in a Comparative Perspective" - UG seminar, spring term 2018, 2022, 2024.
- 4.2.7. "The Transformation of the Roman World, ca. 300-800: Towards Byzantium and the Early Medieval West" - UG lecture course (jointly taught - leading lecturer and course organiser), fall term 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2025.
- 4.2.8. "The Long Seventh Century: East Rome in the Time of Mohammed and the Slavic Settlement in the Balkans" - University of Vienna, UG seminar, spring term 2016.
- 4.2.9. "Byzantium and Modern Greek Nation Building: The process of reconstruction and adaptation of the medieval past" (in German) - University of Vienna, UG seminar, fall term 2015.
- 4.2.10. "Byzantium and the Crusades, 1096-1204" (in German) - University of Vienna, UG seminar, fall term 2014.
- 4.2.11. "Perceptions and Ethics of War in a Comparative Perspective - Byzantium between East and West" (in German) - University of Vienna, UG lecture course, spring term 2012.

- 4.2.12. “Introduction to Byzantine Studies” (in German), teaching assistant of Prof. Claudia Rapp – University of Vienna, UG lecture course, fall term 2012.
- 4.2.13. “Byzantine Military Organization, 7th-10th Centuries” (in German) – University of Vienna, UG seminar, fall term 2009.

4.3. SUPERVISION OF MA & PHD STUDENTS

- 4.3.1 2018 – 2024: Supervisor of 14 master theses at the MSc programme in Late Antique, Islamic and Byzantine Studies on topics in Byzantine, late antique, and Islamic history, as well as the history of the Slavic peoples in the Balkans.
- 4.3.2 2018 – present: Co-organizer of the research seminar for PhD students “Byzantine Colloquium”.
- 4.3.3 Supervisor of the following PhD theses:
- Lucas Butler: “Geography and Roman Identity in the Middle Byzantine Period” – primary supervisor.
 - Defangyu Kong: “Female rule in Byzantium and Tang China: The empresses Eirene and Wu Zetian” – secondary supervisor.
 - Bilal Adiguzel: “Patterns of resistance and subversion in the middle Byzantine empire: a cross-cultural approach to contesting power and piety (7th-11th c.)” – secondary supervisor.
 - Daiki Sano: “Imperial decision making and its performance and implementation in early Palaiologan Byzantium (1261-1341)” – secondary supervisor.
 - Joaquin Daniel Serrano Del Pozo: “Invincible Weapons: Holy Relics in Late Roman and Byzantine War” – primary supervisor (completed in February 2024).
 - Leone Fedele Pecorini Goodall: “Heirs to the Caliphate: Continuity, territoriality and gender in the accession of the late Umayyads and early Abbasids” – secondary supervisor (completed in September 2023).
 - Aristotelis George Nayfa: “Monetary exchanges and social capital in the court and empire of Constantine VII Porphyrogenetos” – secondary supervisor (completed in January 2022).

5. ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP & MANAGEMENT

- 5.1. August 2018 – present: Director of the MSc in Late Antique, Islamic, and Byzantine Studies.
- 5.2. 2018 – present: Member of the History Classics and Archaeology School Postgraduate Studies Committee.
- 5.3. 2018 – present: Member of the History Classics and Archaeology School Board of Studies committee.
- 5.4. 2018 – present: Co-organizer of the Byzantine seminar series.
- 5.5. 2021 – present: Member of the Steering Committee of the Centre for Late Antique, Islamic and Byzantine Studies (CLAIBS).
- 5.6. 2022 – present: Member of the Classics department PhD Scholarships committee

6. ACADEMIC CITIZENSHIP

EDITOR

- 6.1. 2018 – present: Co-editor of the peer-reviewed Series *Edinburgh Byzantine Studies*, Edinburgh University Press.
- 6.2. 2021 – present: Founder and editor-in-chief of the peer-reviewed *Journal of Late Antique, Islamic and Byzantine Studies*.

REVIEWER

- 6.3. Science Funding Bodies:

Oct. 2022 – present: Science Fund of the Republic of Serbia/Фонд за науку Републике Србије.

- 6.4. Publishing houses: Oxford University Press; Edinburgh University Press; Central European University Press; Kismet Press.
- 6.5. Academic Journals: *Jahrbuch der Österreichischen Byzantinistik (JÖB)*; *Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies (BMGS)*; *Byzantion*; *Byzantine Symmeikta*; *Studies in Late Antiquity: A Journal*; *Annual of the British School of Athens (ABSA)*; *History Compass*; *Civil Wars*.

EXTERNAL EXAMINER FOR UG & PG PROGRAMMES

- 6.6. Sept. 2023 – present: Department of Middle Eastern Studies, School of History at the University of St Andrews: Examiner for the Master programmes in Middle Eastern History and Iranian Studies; UG honours modules in History with a Middle East focus.

EXAMINER OF PHD THESES:

- 6.7. February 1, 2019: Matthew Anthony Tanton, King's College London – thesis: *Conflict and Rivalry in Thirteenth Century Byzantium: a comparison of Trapezuntine and Nicaean political ideologies and propaganda*.
- 6.8. September 8, 2020: Ivan Maric, University of Edinburgh – thesis: *Iconoclast Imperial Authority and its Contested Legacy. From the Arab Siege (717/18) until the Death of Michael III (867)*.
- 6.9. October 7, 2022: Samuel Nwokoro, University of Edinburgh – thesis: *The Making of Melkite Christianity under Early Islam: A Study on Social and Religious Resources in Legislation, Aristocracy, Martyrology and Theology*.

7. TALKS AT RESEARCH SEMINARS & CONFERENCES

- 7.1. “Civil War, Empire, and Society in Byzantium (7th-12th c.): Towards a New Approach”, invited lecture at Tübingen Byzantine and Near Eastern Seminar, Universität Tübingen, 5 December 2024 (by invitation).

- 7.2. “Rebellion and Identity in the Writings of Neophytos the Recluse”, International Workshop *Neophytos Enkleistos’s Testamentary Typikon: Manuscript, Texts, Contexts*, University of Cyprus, Nicosia, 23-26 November 2024 (by invitation).
- 7.3. “All Tyrants Must Die’, or Perhaps Not: Conflict Resolution in Byzantine Civil Wars”, SCORE Conference 2024: How Rebellion Ends, University of Hamburg, 12-13 September 2024 (by invitation).
- 7.4. “The Post-1204 Crisis of Byzantine Romanness: Problematising Modern Approaches to Ethnicity”, Paper given at Leeds International Medieval Congress 2024, Session: *Epiros: The Other Western Rome*, University of Leeds, 1-4 July 2024.
- 7.5. “At the Emperor’s Service: Harald Hardrada in Byzantine Sources”, Panel: *Viking in the Sun: Harald Hardrada and the Mediterranean between the Late Viking Age and the Eve of the Crusades (I)*, Eighth International Conference of the Society for the Medieval Mediterranean (SMM), University of Edinburgh, 24-27 June, 2024 (by invitation).
- 7.6. „Ökumenizitäts- bzw. Weltherrschaftsvorstellungen in Byzanz“, Internationale Tagung: *Universalistische und Regionalistische Reiche: Die Ideologie der Universalen Herrschaft in der Darstellung der Monarchien in diachronischer Perspektive*, University of Augsburg, 11-12 April 2024 (by invitation).
- 7.7. “Christianity and Roman Identity in Byzantium”, Seminar talk in the context of the Research Project “Group Formation and Maintenance in the Abbasid period”, The Aga Khan University (International) in the United Kingdom, 8 March 2024 (by invitation).
- 7.8. “Contested Empire: Civil War as Central Aspect of Byzantine Social Relations”, lecture at the History department of Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, 26 February 2024 (by invitation).
- 7.9. “War and Collective Identities in the Middle Ages: East, West, and Beyond”, *New Approaches to Mediterranean Studies: International encounter organized by the CSIC’s Interdisciplinary Thematic Platform Social and Cultural history of the Mediterranean: Local Contexts, Global Dynamics*, Centro de Ciencias Humanas y Sociales, Madrid, 27-28 November 2023 (by invitation).
- 7.10. “A Rare Case of Tax Rebellion in High Medieval Byzantium: The Vlach Revolt of 1066”, *The Trouble with Taxation: Tax Revolts and Discourses against Fiscal Policies*, Joint workshop organised by the ERC project “The Finances of the Caliphate” (Edinburgh) and the DFG research group “Social Contexts of Rebellion in the Early Islamic Period” (Hamburg), with the generous support of the “Balzan Seminar on the Formation, Maintenance, and Failure of States in the Muslim World before 1800” (Princeton University), University of Edinburgh, 4-5 September 2023 (by invitation).
- 7.11. “When did the Roman *translatio imperii* take place? Alternative Byzantine views of New Rome’s exclusive claim to Romanness in the Middle Ages”, Thematic session: *Medieval Roman Empires East and West, III: Imperial Pasts and Futures* at the International Medieval Congress Leeds, 3-6 July 2023 (by invitation).
- 7.12. “At the Emperor’s Service: Harald Hardrada in Byzantine Sources”, *Harald Hardrada, the Mediterranean, and the Nordic World between the late Viking Age and the Eve of the Crusades: Textual and material primary sources*, Snorrastofa, Reykholt, 29-31 May 2023 (by invitation).
- 7.13. “Ethnicity and Political loyalty in the Balkans: The Case of the Norman Wars”, Seminar Series “*The Balkans Between Empires*”, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and Ibn Haldun University, 03 March 2023 (by invitation).

- 7.14. “Some Reflections on Dynastic Succession and the Legitimacy of Imperial Power in Byzantium”, *The Imperial Uction and the Legitimacy of Power in the Byzantine Commonwealth*, Thematic Session at the 24th International Congress of Byzantine Studies, Venice and Padua, 22-27 August, 2022 (by invitation).
- 7.15. “Round Table: Byzantium and its Enemies – Cultures of War in Transition”, *War with Byzantium Legitimation, Consequences and Reception*, International Conference of the Research Training Group 2304 “Byzantium and the Euro-Mediterranean Cultures of War: Exchange, Differentiation and Reception”, Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz, June 9-11, 2022 (by invitation).
- 7.16. “Experiences and Perceptions of Migration in Byzantine Society”, *Mobility in Focus: Byzantium*, Conference of the Project *Moving Byzantium: Mobility, Microstructures, and Personal Agency*, University of Vienna, 18-21 November 2021 (by invitation).
- 7.17. “Empire or Nation? Dominant Views of the Roman Community in Byzantium” (in Greek), Research Seminar of the Department of Social Anthropology and History at the University of the Aegean (Greece), 3 November 2021 (by invitation).
- 7.18. “Whose War Ethic? Normative vs. Subaltern Views of Justified Warfare in Byzantium”, *On Being Conquered in Byzantium*, Virtual symposium at Dumbarton Oaks, April 16-17, 2021 (by invitation).
- 7.19. “Constantinople and the Balkans: Some Reflections on Provincial Loyalty in the High Middle Ages”, *Unity in Diversity: Aspects of Centrality and Regionalism in the Byzantine world (Texts, Visual Culture, Ideology, Identity)*, Belgrade (via video link hosted by the European University of Cyprus), 9-10 November 2020 (by invitation).
- 7.20. “Constructing heroes and inventing saints in the context of ninth-century Byzantine-Arab warfare”, lecture at The Hellenic Society of Scotland, 6 October 2020 (by invitation).
- 7.21. “Authorial Agencies, Ideology and Historicity in the Story of the 42 Martyrs of Amorion”, the Seminar Series of the Wittgenstein-Award Project: “Mobility, Microstructures and Personal Agency in Byzantium”, University of Vienna, 22 June 2020 (by invitation).
- 7.22. “Representations of Romanness in Byzantine Civil Wars”, Late Antique and Byzantine Seminar, Oxford University, 27 May 2020 (by invitation).
- 7.23. “Imperial Power and Inertia: Some Thoughts on Dynastic Continuity in Byzantium”, *Historical inertia: Continuity in the face of change 500-1500 CE*, 3rd Annual Edinburgh International Graduate Conference in Late Antique, Islamic and Byzantine Studies, 22-23 November 2019 (by invitation).
- 7.24. “Fighting against their own kind: war against Christians in Byzantine thought”, *Religion and War from Antiquity to Early Modernity*, Conference at King’s College London, 24-26 June 2019 (by invitation).
- 7.25. “State, Society, and Military Power in the Medieval East Roman Empire”, *Comparative Approaches to the Chinese and Byzantine Imperial Systems: Literati, Courts, Cities, Soldiers*, School of History, Classics & Archaeology, Conference at The University of Edinburgh, 16-18 May 2019 (by invitation).
- 7.26. “The Terminology of Political Peoplehood and Ethnicity in High Medieval Byzantium (10-12 c.)”, *Ethnic Terminologies in the Early Middle Ages*, Workshop at the Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, 24-25 January 2019 (by invitation).
- 7.27. “The triumph of the vanquished: The story of the 42 Martyrs of Amorion as invention and Propaganda”, *Victors and Vanquished in the Euro-Mediterranean Cultures of War in the Middle*

- Ages*, Conference at Leibniz-Institut für Europäische Geschichte, Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz, 18–20 October 2018 (by invitation).
- 7.28. “Civil war and the discourse of peoplehood in the Byzantine Empire”, *War and Peoplehood in the Middle Ages in a Comparative Perspective*, International Workshop, University of Vienna, 18-19 June 2018.
- 7.29. “The lands of the *Rhomaioi*: Imagined geographies in a period of transition, 12-13th centuries”, *Imagined Geographies in the Mediterranean, Middle East and Beyond*, Workshop, University of St Andrews, 11-12 May 2018 (by invitation).
- 7.30. “Romanness and Chalcedonian Orthodoxy in Byzantium”, *Ethnicity & Religion*, Conference at the Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, 18-19 January 2018 (by invitation).
- 7.31. “Just war in Leo VI’s *Tactica* as a Hallmark of Imperial Romanness in early tenth-century Byzantium”, *Reflections of a Militarised World? Perceptions and conceptions of war and the military in the early Middle Ages (ca. 500-1000)*, Conference at Freie Universität, Berlin, 19-21 September 2017 (by invitation).
- 7.32. “Historiography as a means of reproducing and reconstructing Byzantine Romanness”, *The Reproduction of Medieval Identity, Ethnicity, and Nationhood* (Session IV), Leeds International Medieval Congress, July 5, 2017 (by invitation).
- 7.33. “With God’s aid: Byzantine military violence in the name of Roman exceptionalism and Christian chosenness”, *Premodern Religions and War in Comparative Perspective*, Workshop at the University of Vienna, May 19-20, 2017 (by invitation).
- 7.34. The lonely patriot Niketas Choniates: Warfare and Byzantine identity in the long twelfth century”, Lecture at the General Seminar of the Centre for Byzantine, Ottoman and Modern Greek Studies, University of Birmingham, May 3, 2017 (by invitation).
- 7.35. “*Byzantinism, Hellenism, and Roman Republicanism*: Byzantine Identities as Constructs of European Fantasy and Western Hegemony?”, Seminar series 'The Long History of Ethnicity and Nationhood Reconsidered', The Oxford Centre of the Humanities (TORCH), May 2, 2017 (by invitation).
- 7.36. “Collective Identities in Byzantium: Old and New Approaches in the Shadow of Orientalism” [in Greek], Department of History and Archaeology, University of Rethymnon (Crete), March 29, 2017 (by invitation).
- 7.37. “Inverting the image of defeat: The fall of Amorion in Byzantine historical memory”, *Amorium: A Byzantine Provincial Capital in the Setting of the Empire*, Workshop of the Amorion Urban Archaeology Project, IMS/FORTH, Athens, November 25-26, 2016 (by invitation).
- 7.38. “The microstructures of revolt and the historiographical image of the people in high-medieval Constantinople”, *Forces of Stability: Personal Agency and Microstructures*, Round table at the 23rd International Congress of Byzantine Studies, Belgrade, August 22–27, 2016 (by invitation).
- 7.39. “Holy warriors? Some thoughts on the religious identity of Byzantine soldiers”, *War and peace in Byzantium: Changes and turning-points in the middle and late Byzantine period (7th- 15th centuries)*, Thematic session at the 23rd International Congress of Byzantine, Belgrade, August 22–27, 2016.
- 7.40. “New Rome’s Chosen People: The various faces of Byzantine exceptionalism”, *‘And you shall be unto me a Kingdom of Priests, a Holy Nation’: Chosen Peoples from the Bible to Daesh*, Workshop at the Ertegun House & The Oxford Research Centre of the Humanities (TORCH), Oxford University, June 20th–21st, 2016 (by invitation).

- 7.41. “Byzantium and Migration: An Introduction”, Keynote lecture at *Mobility and Migration: the Perspective of Written Culture (Sources and Concepts)*, Vienna Dialogues series, University of Vienna, June 17-18, 2016 (by invitation).
- 7.42. “The political un-importance of ethnicity in the medieval East Roman world”, *Ethnicity in (pre-) colonial societies*, Conference at the University of Cologne, October 15-16, 2015 (by invitation).
- 7.43. “Identities in the Byzantine Empire: A case-study for the debate over pre-modern nationhood and ethnicity”, *Identity, Ethnicity and Nationhood before Modernity: Old Debates and New Perspectives*, Conference of the Oxford Centre for Research in Humanities, Oxford University, April 24–26, 2015 (by invitation).
- 7.44. Byzantium between ideology and identity: *Instead of an introduction*”, *Ideologies and Identities in the Medieval Byzantine World*, Workshop, University of Vienna, April 16-17, 2015.
- 7.45. “Who is *subaltern*? Some reflections on powerless status in Byzantine society”, *“Social” Profiles and “Social” Groups: Perceptions about Social Position in Byzantium*, Workshop at the Institute of Historical Research/National Hellenic Research Foundation, Athens, December 19, 2014 (by invitation).
- 7.46. “In the Shadow of the Nation: A critical approach to the issue of ‘Byzantine’ identity”, Lecture at the Seeger Center for Hellenic Studies, Princeton University, November 7, 2014 (by invitation).
- 7.47. “Using the Bible to legitimize Byzantine warfare”, *The Bible in Byzantium: Use and Abuse of Tradition*, International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Vienna, Austria, July 6-10, 2014 (by invitation).
- 7.48. “Trapped in the grand narrative? Imperial warfare and the Byzantine masses”, *Common men and women at war, 300-1500 AD*, International Conference at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim, June 2-4, 2014 (by invitation).
- 7.49. “Migration within medieval empire: towards a typology of movement and removal of people and groups in post-sixth century Byzantium”, *Early Medieval Migrations, Abbasid Caliphate – Iran – East Slavic Lands – Byzantium*, Tenth European Social Science History Conference in Vienna, April 23–26, 2014.
- 7.50. “In search of Byzantine Ideologies: A Multi-Layered Approach”, Lecture at the University of Notre Dame, Department of History/Medieval Institute, February 20, 2014 (by invitation).
- 7.51. “*Scriptores post Theophanem*: New old genre for new old normativities”, *Historiographies of identity IV: Historiography and Identity towards the end of the first millennium*, Conference by VISCOM, University of Vienna, December 16–17, 2013 (by invitation).
- 7.52. “Imperial city-state and ‘civil war’: Typologizing Byzantine internal armed conflict”, lecture at the Central European University, Budapest, December 5, 2013 (by invitation).
- 7.53. “*Τον καιρό του Βουλγαρακτόνου*: The role of identity in the ideological legitimization of the same war-conflict in two different historical epochs”, *Histories of War in South-Eastern Europe: An approach in the Longue Durée*, Conference at the University of Athens, November 7–9, 2013 (by invitation).
- 7.54. “Byzantine Romanness: Ethnic, National or Class Identity?”, *Being Roman after Rome IV. The Transformation of Romanness: Regions and Identities*, Conference of the ERC SCIRE at the University of Vienna, October 29–31, 2013 (by invitation).
- 7.55. “On Eastern Christians in Byzantine Sources: Visions of Community”, 32. *Deutscher Orientalistentag* an der Universität Münster, September 22–27, 2013 (by invitation).

- 7.56. “Identity as Ideology? The usefulness of the question for approaching Byzantine society from below” [in Greek], Lecture at the University of Athens, April 24, 2013 (by invitation).
- 7.57. “Ideologie zwischen Stadt und Provinz: Fall-Studie Konstantinopel und die Provinzen”, Lecture at the Research Core Program: ‘Economy and Society’, University of Vienna, April 15, 2013 (by invitation).
- 7.58. “Narratives of John II Komnenos’ wars: Comparing discursive realities”, *In the Shadow of Father and Son: John II Komnenos and his Reign*, Workshop at King’s College London, January 14, 2013 (by invitation).
- 7.59. “Ideology from the *bottom-up*: Exploring the views of the Byzantine ‘subaltern’”, Lecture at the Seeger Center for Hellenic Studies, Princeton University, December 7, 2012 (by invitation).
- 7.60. “Byzantine conceptions of warfare in the time of the Crusades: Holy War?”, Lecture at the Byzantine Seminar at King’s College London, December 6, 2011 (by invitation).
- 7.61. “Theoretical and methodological considerations on Byzantine war ideology”, 22nd International Congress of Byzantine Studies, Sofia, August 2011.
- 7.62. “Conceptions of war and peace in Anna Comnena’s Alexiad”, *Byzantine war ideology between Roman imperial concept and Christian Religion*, International Symposium at the University of Vienna, May 19–21, 2011.
- 7.63. “Oecumenical Ideology and Byzantine identity” [in Greek], Lecture at the University of Patras, April 2011 (by invitation).
- 7.64. “Überlegungen zur Frage des heiligen Krieges in Byzanz”, *Laetae segetes iterum*, Conference in Telč, Czech Republic, October 2007.

8. MEMBERSHIP IN ACADEMIC SOCIETIES

- Österreichische Byzantinische Gesellschaft (ÖBG)
- Österreichische Gesellschaft Für Neugriechische Studien (ÖGNS)
- Society for the Promotion of Byzantine Studies, UK (SPBS) – member of the executive committee
- Association Internationale des Études Byzantines – AIEB

9. LANGUAGES

9.1. PREMODERN: Ancient/Medieval Greek; Latin.

9.2. MODERN: Modern Greek (native speaker); English (fluent); German (fluent); Italian (active); French (reading); Spanish (reading).

YANNIS STOURAITIS

University of Edinburgh | School of History, Classics and Archaeology | William Robertson Wing, Room 1.23
+44 131 6515042 | yannis.stouraitis@ed.ac.uk

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

MONOGRAPHS

1. *Krieg und Frieden in der politischen und ideologischen Wahrnehmung in Byzanz (7.-11. Jahrhundert)* (Vienna: Fassbaender Verlag, 2009), 400pp.

EDITED VOLUMES (peer-reviewed)

2. *Mobility and Microstructures in Byzantium*, co-edited with Claudia Rapp (Göttingen: V&R unipress, January 2024), 217pp. (open access).
3. *War and Collective Identities in the Middle Ages: East, West, and Beyond* (Leeds: Arc Humanities Press, 2023), 230pp.
4. *Identities and Ideologies in the Medieval East Roman World* (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press 2022), 432pp.
5. *Migration Histories of the Medieval Afroeurasian Transition Zone. Aspects of mobility between Africa, Asia and Europe, 300-1500 C.E.*, co-editor with Johannes Preiser-Kapeller and Lucian Reinfandt (Leiden: Brill, 2020), 492pp. (open access)
6. *A Companion to the Byzantine Culture of War, c. 300-1204* (Leiden: Brill 2018), 500pp.
7. *Byzantine War Ideology between Roman Imperial Concept and Christian Religion*, co-editor with J. Koder, (Vienna: ÖAW Verlag, 2012), 140pp.

ARTICLES IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

8. "Whose War Ethic? Dominant versus Subaltern Ideas about Just War in Byzantine Society, *Dumbarton Oak Papers* 78 (2024): 81-103 (open access).
9. "The Roman State from a Byzantine Perspective", Comment in Debate. 'Was There A Medieval »State«?', *Medieval Worlds* 18 (2023): 151-54 (open access).
10. "Trapped in the imperial narrative? Some reflections on imperial warfare and the provincial masses in Byzantium (600-1204)", *Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies* 44 (2020): 1-20.

11. “Reinventing Roman ethnicity in high and late medieval Byzantium”, *Medieval Worlds* 5 (2017): 70–94 (open access).
12. “Roman identity in Byzantium: a critical approach”, *Byzantinische Zeitschrift* 107/1 (2014): 175–220 (open access).
13. “‘Just war’ and ‘holy war’ in the Middle Ages: Rethinking theory through the Byzantine case-study”, *Jahrbuch der Österreichischen Byzantinistik* 62 (2012): 227–64 (open access).
14. “Jihād and Crusade: Byzantine positions towards the notions of ‘holy war’”, *Byzantina Symmeikta* 21 (2011): 11–63 (open access).
15. “Byzantine war against Christians: an *emphylios polemos*?”, *Byzantina Symmeikta* 20 (2010): 85–110 (open access).
16. “Bürgerkrieg in ideologischer Wahrnehmung durch die Byzantiner: Die Frage der Legitimierung und Rechtfertigung”, *Jahrbuch der Österreichischen Byzantinistik* 60 (2010): 141–72.
17. “Methodologische Überlegungen zur Frage des byzantinischen ‘heiligen’ Krieges”, *Byzantinoslavica* 67 (2009): 269–90.
18. “Neue Aspekte des Machtkampfes im Zeitraum 976–985 in Byzanz”, *Jahrbuch der Österreichischen Byzantinistik* 55 (2005): 99–120.

CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES (Peer-Reviewed)

19. “The Historiographical Image of the People and the Microstructures of Revolt in High Medieval Constantinople”, in Cl. Rapp and Y. Stouraitis (eds), *Mobility and Microstructures in Byzantium* (Göttingen: V&R unipress, January 2024), 91–115 (open access).
20. “Microstructures and Mobility in Byzantium: An Introduction”, co-authored with Claudia Rapp, in Cl. Rapp and Y. Stouraitis (eds), *Mobility and Microstructures in Byzantium* (Göttingen: V&R unipress, 2024), 7–19 (open access).
21. “Collective Identifications in Byzantine Civil Wars”, in *War and Collective Identity in the Middle Ages: East, West, and Beyond* (Leeds: Arc Humanities Press, 2023), 99–116.
22. “War and Peoplehood in the Middle Ages: An Introduction”, in *War and Collective Identity in the Middle Ages: East, West, and Beyond* (Leeds: Arc Humanities Press, 2023), 1–14.
23. “War and Collective Identifications in Medieval Societies: Drawing Comparisons”, in *War and Collective Identification in the Middle Ages: East, West, and Beyond* (Leeds: Arc Humanities Press, 2023), 203–24.
24. “The Lands of the *Rhōmaioi*: Imagined Geographies in Byzantium Before and After 1204”, in Dimitris Kastritsis, Anna Stavrakopoulou, and Angus Stewart (eds), *Imagined Geographies in the Mediterranean, Middle East and Beyond* (Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press), 45–63.
25. “The Ideology of Identities and the Identity of Ideologies: An Introduction”, co-authored with John Haldon, in Y. Stouraitis (ed.), *Identities and Ideologies in the Medieval East Roman World*, (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press 2022), 1–16.

26. “Is *Byzantinism* an *Orientalism*? Reflections on Byzantium’s Constructed Identities and Debated Ideologies”, in Y. Stouraitis (ed.), *Identities and Ideologies in the Medieval East Roman World*, Edinburgh Byzantine Studies (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press 2022), 19–47.
27. “Scriptores post Theophanem: Normative Aspects of Imperial Historiography in Tenth-Century Byzantium”, in W. Pohl and D. Mahoney (eds), *Historiography and Identity IV: Writing History Across Medieval Eurasia* (Turnhout: Brepols, 2021), 219–46 (open access)
28. “Migration History of the Afro-Eurasian Transition Zone, c.300-1500: An Introduction”, co-authored with Preiser-Kapeller and L. Reinfandt, in J. Preiser-Kapeller, L. Reinfandt, and Y. Stouraitis (eds), *Migration History of the Medieval Afro-Eurasian Transition Zone. Aspects of mobility between Africa, Asia and Europe, 300–1500 C.E.*, Leiden: Brill, 2020, 1–49 (open access).
29. “Migrating in the Medieval East Roman World, ca. 600-1204”, in J. Preiser-Kapeller, L. Reinfandt, and Y. Stouraitis (eds), *Migration History of the Medieval Afro-Eurasian Transition Zone. Aspects of mobility between Africa, Asia and Europe, 300–1500 C.E.* (Leiden: Brill, 2020), 141–65 (open access).
30. “Civil War in the Christian Empire”, in Y. Stouraitis (ed.), *A Companion to the Byzantine Culture of War, c. 300-1204* (Leiden: Brill, 2018), 92–123.
31. “Military Power in the Christian Roman Empire, c. 300–1204”, in Y. Stouraitis (ed.), *A Companion to the Byzantine Culture of War, c. 300-1204* (Leiden: Brill, 2018), 1–22.
32. “State War Ethic and Popular Views on Warfare”, in Y. Stouraitis (ed.), *A Companion to the Byzantine Culture of War, c. 300-1204* (Leiden: Brill, 2018), 59–91.
33. “Byzantine Romanness: From Geopolitical to Ethnic Conceptions”, in W. Pohl, C. Gantner, C. Grifoni, and M. Pollheimer (eds), *Transformations of Romanness in the Early Middle Ages: Regions and Identities* (Berlin: De Gruyter 2018), 123–39.
34. “Narratives of John II Komnenos’ Wars: Comparing Byzantine and Modern Approaches”, in A. Bucossi and A. Rodriguez (eds), *John II Komnenos, Emperor of Byzantium: In the shadow of his father and his son* (Farnham: Ashgate 2016), 22–36.
35. “Conceptions of War and Peace in Anna Comnena’s Alexiad”, in J. Koder and Y. Stouraitis (eds), *Byzantine War Ideology between Roman Imperial Concept and Christian Religion* (Vienna, 2012), 69–80.
36. “Byzantine Approaches to Warfare (6th-12th c.): An Introduction”, co-authored with J. Koder, in J. Koder and Y. Stouraitis (eds), *Byzantine War Ideology between Roman Imperial Concept and Christian Religion* (Vienna, 2012), 9–15.

CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES (reviewed by editors)

37. “Using the Bible to Justify Imperial Warfare in High-Medieval Byzantium”, in C. Rapp and A. Külzer (eds), *The Bible in Byzantium: Appropriation, Adaptation, Interpretation, Journal of Ancient Judaism Supplements 25/6* (2019), 89–106.
38. “Legitimierung und Rechtfertigung von Krieg und Frieden in byzantinischer Zeit”, in: A. Obenaus and C. Kaindel (eds), *Krieg im mittelalterlichen Abendland* (Vienna, 2010), 331–53.

39. Der Mord als Mittel zur Machtergreifung anhand von Quellenbeispielen aus der mittelbyzantinischen Zeit”, in M. Popovic and J. Preiser-Kapeller (eds), *Junge Römer – Neue Griechen. Eine byzantinische Melange aus Wien* (Vienna, 2008), 223–36.

REVIEWS/ENTRIES IN HANDBOOKS AND ENCYCLOPAEDIAS

REVIEWS

40. “Identity as Ideology in the Empire that Would not Die”, in John Haldon’s *The Empire that would not die: A Symposium*, *Journal of European Economic History* 46 (2017): 129–37.
41. Papadopoulou Th., *Συλλογική ταυτότητα και αυτογνωσία στο Βυζάντιο. Συμβολή στον προσδιορισμό της αυτοαντίληψης των Βυζαντινών κατά την λόγια γραμματεία τους (11ος – αρχές 13ου αι.)*, Athens 2015, in *Byzantinische Zeitschrift* 110/2 (2017): 784–89.
42. Kaldellis A., *The Byzantine Republic: people and power in New Rome*, Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 2015, in *Journal of Hellenic Studies* 136 (2016): 296–97.

ENTRIES IN HANDBOOKS

43. “Formen der Instabilität: Kriminalität, Bandenwesen, Unruhen und Aufstände”, in: F. Daim (ed.), *Byzanz. Historisch-kulturwissenschaftliches Handbuch, III: Mensch und Gesellschaft*, Der Neue Pauly, Supplemente 11, (Stuttgart – Weimar, 2016), 401–9.
44. “Feste, Feiern und Rituale als temporäre Stabilisatoren”, in: F. Daim (ed.), *Byzanz. Historisch-kulturwissenschaftliches Handbuch, III: Mensch und Gesellschaft*, Der Neue Pauly, Supplemente 11, (Stuttgart – Weimar 2016), 409–14.

ENTRIES IN ENCYCLOPAEDIAS

45. “Tornikios family”, in: *Encyclopaedia of the Hellenic World, Asia Minor* (2005).
46. “Rebellion of Bardas Phokas, 987-89”, in: *Encyclopaedia of the Hellenic World, Asia Minor* (2003).
47. “Rebellion of Bardas Skleros, 987-89”, in: *Encyclopaedia of the Hellenic World, Asia Minor* (2003).
48. “Rebellion of Nikephoros Phokas, 963”, in: *Encyclopaedia of the Hellenic World, Asia Minor* (2003).
49. “Themes”, in: *Encyclopaedia of the Hellenic World, Asia Minor* (2003).
50. “Kourkouas Family”, in: *Encyclopaedia of the Hellenic World, Asia Minor* (2003).
51. “Constantine Maleinos”, in: *Encyclopaedia of the Hellenic World, Asia Minor* (2003).
52. “Michael Bourtzēs”, in: *Encyclopaedia of the Hellenic World, Asia Minor* (2003).
53. “Romanos Kourkouas”, in: *Encyclopaedia of the Hellenic World, Asia Minor* (2003).

54. “Nikephoros Phokas (Barytrachēlos)”, in: *Encyclopaedia of the Hellenic World, Asia Minor* (2003).
55. “Basil Lekapenos”, in: *Encyclopaedia of the Hellenic World, Asia Minor* (2003).
56. “Bardas Phokas (Doux of Chaldia)”, in: *Encyclopaedia of the Hellenic World, Asia Minor* (2003).
57. “Michael Lachanodrakon”, in: *Encyclopaedia of the Hellenic World, Asia Minor* (2005).
58. “Skleroi Family”, in: *Encyclopaedia of the Hellenic World, Asia Minor* (2003).
59. “Battle at the straights of Andrasus, 960”, in: *Encyclopaedia of the Hellenic World, Asia Minor* (2003).
60. “Lekapenos Family”, in: *Encyclopaedia of the Hellenic World, Asia Minor* (2003).

PUBLICATIONS ACCEPTED/IN THE PRESS

CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES (peer-reviewed)

61. “What did it mean to be ‘Roman’ in Byzantium?”, in J. Shepard, P. Frankopan, and A. Cameron (eds), *Byzantine Spheres: The Byzantine Commonwealth Re-evaluated* (Oxford University Press) (ca. 7000 words).
62. “Byzantine History”, in N. Christofis (ed.), *A View of the Future across Time: History and Historiography in Greece* (Making Sense of History series, Berghahn) (ca. 7000 words).
63. “The Christian Empire and the Early Byzantine Epoch, c. 300-700”, in R.D.S. Yates, B. Meissner, and K. Raaflaub (eds), *The Cambridge History of War I: The Ancient World* (Cambridge University Press) (ca. 15000 words).

PUBLICATIONS UNDER PEER REVIEW

EDITED VOLUMES

64. *The Post-1204 Byzantine World: New Approaches and Novel Directions*, co-editor with Niels Gaul and Mike Carr (Routledge) (ca. 160000 words).

CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES

65. “Romanness and Chalcedonian Christianity in Byzantium”, in W. Pohl, I. Hartl, and G. Heydemann (eds), *Ethnicity and Religion in Eurasian Comparison* (Brill) (ca. 11000 words).
66. “Ethnic terminology of peoplehood in Byzantine historiography after the ‘dark centuries’ and before 1204”, in W. Pohl, C. Grifoni, and S. Gruber (eds), *Ethnic Terminologies in the Early Middle Ages* (Brill) (ca. 9300 words).

67. “Historicity, Agency, and Ideology: The Story of the Sack of Amorion between Reality and Fiction”, in N. Tsivikis (ed.), *Byzantine Medieval Cities: Amorium and the Middle Byzantine Provincial Capitals* (Millennium Studies. De Gruyter) (ca. 11000 words).
68. “Urban Population and Society”, in Neslihan Asutay-Effenberger, Arne Effenberger, and Paul Magdalino (eds), *Brill Companion to Constantinople* (Leiden: Brill) (ca. 12000 words).
69. “Introduction: Entering the Post-1204 Byzantine World”, co-authored with Niels Gaul and Mike Carr in N. Gaul, M. Carr, and Y. Stouraitis (eds), *The Post-1204 Byzantine World: New Approaches and Novel Directions* (Routledge).