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ACADEMIC PATH

Sophia Mergiali, born in Thessaloniki, graduate of the School of Philosophy of the Aristotelian University of Thessaloniki in Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies (1984), received a post graduate degree and a Ph.D. degree from the University of Paris-I (Panthéon-Sorbonne) in History (1991). Her research experience includes work with the research team of the Lexicon of Mediaeval Language (1100-1669) by Emmanuel Kriaras (1984-1985), in the Institut National des Langues et Civilisations Orientales (Fonds Thomas Whittemore-Institut Byzantin, 1991-1992), in the Institute of Mediterranean Studies (1992-1995), and in the Dumbarton Oaks Center for Byzantine Studies (Harvard University), Washington, D.C., USA (1996-1997). She has taught in the Departments of History and Archaeology of the University of Crete (1993-1996), of Philology of the University of Patras (2005-2006), of History and Archaeology of the School of Philosophy of the University of Thessaloniki (2005-2006) and of History of the Ionian University in Corfu (2007-2011). She has been a member of the scholarly associations Byzantine Studies Conference - USA and Canada (1997-2002) and of the Canadian Committee of Byzantinists (1998-2002). She is also a member of the Greek Historical Society (1993-), of the Greek Committee of Byzantine Studies (2004-) and of the Research Society of the Relations of the Medieval and Modern Hellenism with the West (2012-). She has participated in scholarly conferences, and she has lectured in Greece, USA and Canada.

SCOLARLY INTERESTS

The later Byzantine period (11th-15th c.) with emphasis on the history of education; the institutions of learning; the circle of intellectuals; the Byzantine diplomacy with the West; the expressions of social divergence and deviation; the place of the saint in Byzantine society; piracy and slave trade.

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

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13. «A Byzantine ambassador to the West and his office during the fourteenth

- and fifteenth centuries: a profile», *Byzantinische Zeitschrift* 94 (2001) 588-604.
14. «The other face of imperial diplomacy: the Byzantine emperor in the role of an ambassador in the 14th and 15th c.» (in Greek), *Βυζαντικά* 25 (2005/06) 235-259.
15. «An ultimate wealth for inauspicious times: Holy relics in rescue of Manuel II Palaeologus' reign», *Byzantion* 76 (2006) 264-275.
16. «Pirates and ascetics: the phenomenon of piracy in the hagiological texts of the Palaeologan era» (in Greek), *Ιόνιος Λόγος* 2 (2010) 221-234.
17. «Byzantine diplomacy at the Palaeologan period» (in Greek). Under publication in the three-volume handbook entitled *Βυζάντιο. Ιστορία και πολιτισμός* (=Byzantium. History and Civilization), edited by Ewald Kislinger of the University of Vienna and Tilemachos Lougges, Director of research of the Institute of Byzantine Research of the National Research Center.
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BOOK REVIEW AND BOOK PRESENTATIONS

1. A. G. Savvidis, *Βυζαντινή Ιστορία, III (1025-1461)* [=Byzantine History, III (1025-1461)], Athens, Patakis, 2004, 278 pp.. *Byzantion* 77 (2007) 690-691.
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