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Professor of Byzantine Philology

RESEARCH AREAS

- Byzantine Epistolography, mainly this of the 10th century
- Byzantine scholarly poetry of the Middle and Late Byzantine Period
- Byzantine Hymnography, with emphasis on the textual criticism and the new edition of Romanos Melodos' Hymns
- Byzantine Rhetoric
- Gnomological texts
- Schedography

EDUCATION

- **1983-1987:** Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece, Diploma in Classics
- **1991-1992:** Universität Hamburg, Germany, Fellow of the Graduiertenkolleg „Griechische und Byzantinische Textüberlieferung, Humanismusforschung und Neulatein“
- **1988-1992:** Universität Hamburg, Germany, PhD (Classical and Byzantine Philology)

Doctoral Thesis: *„Die Sprüche der sieben Weisen. Zwei byzantinische Sammlungen. Einleitung, Text, Testimonien und Kommentar“*

Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Winfried Bühler

CAREER HISTORY

- **1993:** Lecturer (under temporary contract), Universität Bonn, Germany
- **1994-1995:** Lecturer (under temporary contract) in Byzantine and Modern Greek Philology and Postdoctoral Researcher (Scholarship from the DFG), Universität Hamburg, Germany
- **1995-1996 and 1998 s.s.:** Lecturer (appointed) in Byzantine and Modern Greek Philology, Universität Hamburg, Germany
- **1998-1999:** Professor (under temporary contract) in Byzantine Philology, Democritus University of Thrace (Department of Greek Philology)
- **1999-2007:** Assistant Professor in Byzantine Philology (tenure granted 2003)
- **2007-2012:** Associate Professor
- **2012-present:** Professor in the same Department
- **2.10.2008-31.8.2010 and 1.9.2010-31.08.2012:** elected Deputy Chairperson of the same Department
- **11.12.2013-30.9.2015 and 17.10.2018-30.06.2021:** Scientific Director of the Postgraduate Studies Programme of the same Department
- **22.6.2018-31.08.2022:** Scientific Director of the Postgraduate Studies Programme «Κείμενα και Πολιτισμός» of the same Department
- **1.12.2017-31.8.2020:** elected Head of the same Department
- **1.9.2020-31.8.2022:** elected Head of the same Department

- **6.12.2018-present (elected three consecutive times):** Director of the Hans & Niki Eideneier Laboratory of Byzantine, Post-Byzantine, and Early Modern Greek Literature, Department of Greek Philology, Democritus University of Thrace

HONOUR

- 9th December 1996: Prize “Kurt-Hartwig-Siemers-Preis” for 1995 by the Scientific Foundation of Hamburg as a recognition of the merits of my thesis and my overall scientific research
- 18th June 2025: The Award for Distinguished Achievement and Research by the School of Classics and Humanities at the Democritus University of Thrace, for the academic year 2024-2025, in recognition of my many years of high-level scientific work.

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

- *Die Sprüche der sieben Weisen. Zwei byzantinische Sammlungen. Einleitung, Text, Testimonien und Kommentar* [Beiträge zur Altertumskunde, 51], Stuttgart/ Leipzig 1994, XXV, 497. (ISBN 3-519-07600-4), reprinted 2011 by De Gruyter (ISBN 978-3-11-095932-1).
- *Theodori Metropolitae Cyzici epistulae. Accedunt epistulae mutuae Constantini Porphyrogeniti, recensuit Maria Tziatzi-Papagianni* [Corpus Fontium Historiae Byzantinae 48. Series Berolinensis], Berlin/Boston 2012, X, 112*, 243, 3 Tafeln, ISBN 978-3-11-022474-0.

ARTICLES/CHAPTERS IN VOLUMES

- **Theodoros Prodromos. Historisches Gedicht LXXVIII**, in: *Byzantinische Zeitschrift* 86/87, 2 (1993/94) 363-382.
- **Eine gekürzte Fassung der delphischen Sprüche der sieben Weisen**, in: *Hermes* 125.3 (1997) 309-329.
- **Eine neue Variante eines Distichons der *Comparatio Menandri et Philistionis***, in: *Hermes* 126.2 (1998) 253-255.
- **Ein bisher unediertes byzantinisches Alphabet**, in: “Lesarten. Festschrift für Athanasios Kambylis zum 70. Geburtstag dargebracht von Schülern, Kollegen und Freunden. Herausgegeben von I. Vassis, G.S. Henrich, D.R. Reinsch”, Berlin – New York 1998, 226-239.
- **Zu Plutarch, De comparatione Aristophanis et Menandri epitome 4, 854D**, in: *Ελληνικά* 48 (1998) 365-366.
- **Η επιστολή αρ. 6 Darrouzès του Θεοδώρου Κυζίκου στον κώδ. Ω 126 της Μονής Μεγίστης Λαύρας**, in: «Λόγια και Δημώδης Γραμματεία του Ελληνικού Μεσαίωνα» (= Festschrift for Prof. Dr. Evdoxos Tsolakis) [Proceedings of the 9th Scientific Meeting of the Section of Medieval and Modern Hellenic Studies, Faculty of Humanities, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki], Thessaloniki 2002, pp. 123-138.
- **Το ποίημα του Ιωάννη Γεωμέτρη «Εἰς τὴν ἀποστασίαν»**, in: *Ελληνικά* 52 (2002) 263-277.
- **Die Epistel Nr. 3 (ed. Lampros) des Theodoros, Bischofs von Kyzikos, im Codex Vind. phil. Gr. 342**, in: “L’épistolographie et la poésie épigrammatique” (Dossiers Byzantins 3) [Proceedings of the 16th Roundtable on ‘Epistolography

- Epigrammatic poetry', 20th International Congress of Byzantine Studies], Paris 2003, pp. 103-120.
- **Η επιστολή αρ. 3 (έκδ. Σπ. Λάμπρου) του Θεοδώρου Κυζίκου στον κώδικα Vind. phil. Gr. 342**, in: «Θεμέλιος»: Festschrift for Professor Dr. Georgios Dimitrokallis, Komotini 2003, pp. 127-145.
 - **Die Korrespondenz des Theodoros von Kyzikos im Codex Laura Ω 126: Textkritische Beiträge**, in: *Byzantinische Zeitschrift* 96.1 (2003) 223-268.
 - **Παρατηρήσεις στην επιστολή αρ. 111 (Darrouzès) τοῦ «Συμεὼν μαγίστρου καὶ λογοθέτου τοῦ δρόμου»**, in: *ΕΕΒΣ ΝΑ'* (2003) 109-118 (Festschrift for Professor Dr. Athanasios Kominis).
 - **Über Zitate und Anspielungen in der Alexias Anna Komnenes sowie Anklänge derselben in den späteren Geschichtsschreibern**, in: *Byzantinische Zeitschrift* 97. 1 (2004) 167-186.
 - **Zur panegyrischen Rede des Theophylaktos von Achrida auf Kaiser Alexios I. Komnenos**, in: *Jahrbuch der Österreichischen Byzantinistik* 54 (2004) 191-206.
 - **Άννα Κομνηνή: Μεταξύ ιστορίας και μονωδίας**, in: «Λόγος γυναικών»: Πρακτικά Διεθνούς Συνεδρίου, Κομοτηνή 26-28 Μαΐου 2006 (επιμ. Β. Κοντογιάννη), Ε.Λ.Ι.Α., Athens 2008, pp. 397-414 [Proceedings of an International Congress, titled «Λόγος γυναικών», held in Komotini, 26th - 28th May 2006].
 - **Το κοντάκιο του Ρωμανού του Μελωδού «Εἰς τὸν χωλὸν τὸν παρὰ τὴν πύλην τοῦ ἱεροῦ θεραπευθέντα ὑπὸ τῶν Ἀποστόλων» (αρ. 39 Μ.-Τr.): Φιλολογικές παρατηρήσεις και νέα κριτική έκδοση**, in: *Βυζαντινά* 29 (2009) 63-109.
 - **Das zweite Kontakion des Pseudo-Romanos auf den heiligen Nikolaos (= Maas-Trypanis 78)**, in: *Βυζαντινά* 30 (2010) 25-54.
 - **Ὅστις ποτ' ἂν βούλοιο μαθεῖν τὴν Θράκην: Η Θράκη μέσα από τους στίχους του ποιητή Μανουήλ Φιλί**, in: *Byzantinische Forschungen* XXX (2011) 245-262.
 - **Zu einer neuen kritischen und kommentierten Edition der Gedichte des Michael Choniates**, in: Proceedings of the 22nd International Congress of Byzantine Studies, Sofia, 22-27 August 2011, vol. III, Abstracts of free communications, Sofia 2011, σελ. 151.
 - **Die byzantinische Epistolographie und ihre Bedeutung für die Forschung von Personen und Sachen. Das Beispiel des Theodoros von Kyzikos**, in: «Ροδόπη» (Επετηρίδα Τμήματος Ελληνικής Φιλολογίας) (Yearbook of the Department of Greek Philology, Democritus University of Thrace) vol. 2, Komotini 2013, pp. 161-173 (Festschrift for Professor Dr. Andreas Manos).
 - **Homerzitate im Gedicht Θεανώ des Michael Choniates**, in: Lemmata. Beiträge zum Gedenken an Christos Theodoridis, herausgegeben von M. Tziatzi, M. Billerbeck, Fr. Montanari, K. Tsantsanoglou, Berlin/Boston 2015, 521-541.
 - **Bemerkungen zum Kontakion «Εἰς τὸν ἐσχηκότα τὸν λεγεῶνα τῶν δαιμόνων» des Romanos Melodos**, in: "Pour une poétique de Byzance". Hommage à Vassilis Katsaros (ed. St. Efthymiadis, Ch. Messis, P. Odorico, I. Polémis), Dossiers Byzantins 16, Paris 2015, 295-311.
 - **Παρατηρήσεις στο ποίημα του Μιχαήλ Χωνιάτη «Εἰς τὴν σταύρωσιν»**, in: «Αναπαραστάσεις και αποχωρισμοί. Τιμητικός τόμος στη μνήμη της Μάρθας

- Πύλια», Komotini 2015, 383-389 (Festschrift in memory of Professor Martha Pylia).
- **Bemerkungen zu Gedichten des Georgios Pisides** (only the abstract of the communication), in: Proceedings of the 23rd International Congress of Byzantine Studies. Belgrade, 22-27 August 2016. Thematic Sessions of Free Communications (online edit.), **edited by Dejan Dželebdžić and Stanoje Bojanin with Miloš Cvetković and Tamara Matović. The Serbian National Committee of AIEB**, Belgrade 2016, p. 391, 394:
<http://www.byzinst-sasa.rs/eng/uploaded/Thematic%20Sessions%20of%20Free%20%20Communications.pdf>
 - **Ἰωάννης Δαμασκηνός: λύρα εὐσημος τῆς εὐσεβείας**, in: *Παρησία*, ἔτος Δ', τεύχος 13^ο (Ιανουάριος- Μάρτιος 2017), 12-19.
 - **Μυθολογικά, βιβλικά και ιστορικά πρόσωπα στο ποίημα Θεανώ του Μιχαήλ Χωνιάτη**, in the Proceedings of the International Anniversary Conference "Identities: Language and Literature" organized by the Department of Greek Philology of the Democritus University of Thrace, t. II 63-77.
 - **Θεόδωρος Πρόδρομος ο φιλοπαίγμων**, in the Festschrift for Professor Konstantinos Chatzopoulos «Ἀνδρὶ Κόσμος», Thessaloniki 2019, 629-645.
 - **The Akolouthia in honour of the so-called Kalytenoi saints by Eustathius of Thessaloniki**, in the international peer-reviewed journal *Analecta Bollandiana* 138-I (2020) 124-146.
 - **MICHAEL CHONIATES' GEDICHT „EIS THN ΔΕΥΤΕΡΑΝ ΤΟΥ ΧΡΙΣΤΟΥ ΠΑΡΟΥΣΙΑΝ“: PHILOLOGISCHE ANMERKUNGEN**, in the international peer-reviewed journal *Byzantion* 90 (2020) 397-418.
 - **Ἔρως Ἀθηνῶν τῶν πάλαι θρυλουμένων: Athen im dichterischen Werk seines Metropoliten Michael Choniates**, in: Proceedings of the Conference "Byzantine Athens", October 21-23, 2016, Byzantine and Christian Museum, Athens, 2021, 237-248.
 - **«Ὅμηρος, ὃν λέγουσι πηγὴν τῶν λόγων»: Ὁ Ὅμηρος στα ιστορικά ποιήματα του Γεωργίου Πισίδη**, in: "Σύμμεικτα προς τιμὴν Καλλιόπης (Κέλλυς) Α. Μπουρδάρη «Ἀρετὴν τὴν καλλίστην»", t. 2, Athen-Thessaloniki 2021, p. 1935-1942.
 - Grigorios Papagiannis, **Maria Tziatzi-Papagianni**, Vasileios-Alexandros Kollias, Anastasia Nikolaou, **Observations on the Portrayal of the Ruler in the Novels of Leo VI***, in: *Studia Ceranea* 11 (2021) 1-23.
 - **Σημαίνοντα και σημαινόμενα στον Μιχαήλ Χωνιάτη**, in: *Επιστημονική Επετηρίδα της Σ.Κ.Α.Σ. του Δ.Π.Θ.*, vol. 1 (γλωσσανθοί), 2021-2022, 273-280.
 - **Wörtliche Zitate und Anspielungen in der Alexias Anna Komnenes: Deuteros Plous**, in: *Βυζαντινά Σύμμεικτα*, 33 (2023) 43–69. <https://doi.org/10.12681/byzsym.328873>
 - **Παρατηρήσεις σε ποιήματα του Γεωργίου Πισίδη**, in: *Anekdotia Byzantina. Studien zur byzantinischen Geschichte und Kultur. Festschrift für Albrecht Berger anlässlich seines 65. Geburtstags*. Herausgegeben von Isabel Grimm-Stadelmann, Alexander Riehle, Raimondo Tocchi und Martin Marko Vučetić, Berlin/Boston 2023, 747-763. <https://doi.org/10.1515/9783111070315-047>

- Το ποίημα του Μιχαήλ Χωνιάτη «Εἰς ὃν κατόκει βραχύτατον οἰκίσκον», in the Festschrift in memory of Professor Konstantinos Pitsakis: «Κωνσταντῖνῳ Γ. Πιτσάκη Μνήμης χάριν». *Συμβολές στην Ιστορία του Δικαίου*, vol. 17, Academy of Athens, Κέντρον Ερεύνης Ιστορίας Ελληνικού Δικαίου, Athens 2023, 575-584.
- Die Legende vom Einhorn bei Michael Choniates: Quellen und Imitationen, in: *Βυζαντινά Σύμμεικτα*, 34 (2024) 11-38. <https://doi.org/10.12681/byzsym.34952>
- The Schedographers of Thessalonike in the Late Byzantine Period: The Example of Demetrios (?) Staphidakes, in: *Education and Learning in Byzantine Thessalonike*, Edited by: Filippomaria Pontani, Volume 164, series Trends in Classics - Supplementary Volumes, ed. by Franco Montanari and Antonios Rengakos, Walter de Gruyter, Berlin / New York 2024, 71-85. <https://doi.org/10.1515/9783111429410>
- Η Ιστορία σε άλλα λογοτεχνικά κείμενα: Η περίπτωση της «Θεανούς» του Μιχαήλ Χωνιάτη, in: *Escribir la Historia en Bizancio Γράφοντας την Ιστορία στο Βυζάντιο*, Encarnación Motos Guirao y Panagiota Papadopoulou (eds.), Centro de Estudios Bizantinos, Neogriegos y Chipriotas, Serie de Estudios Bizantinos, Granada 2024, 369-384

REVIEWS

- “Annae Comnenae Alexias, recensuerunt D. R. Reinsch et A. Kambylis. Pars prior: Prolegomena et textus, Pars altera: Indices, digesserunt F. Kolovou et D. R. Reinsch (Corpus Fontium Historiae Byzantinae. Series Berolinensis, 40/1-2.) Berlin/New York, de Gruyter 2001. 58* + 512, 272 S.”, in: *Byzantinische Zeitschrift* 96. 2 (2003) 764-774.
- “Anna Komnene, Alexias: übersetzt, eingeleitet und mit Anmerkungen versehen von D. R. Reinsch, (Walter de Gruyter - Berlin - N. York) 2001, 607 S.”, in: *Byzantinische Zeitschrift* 96. 2 (2003) 774-776.
- “Discours annuels en l’ honneur du patriarche Georges Xiphilin. Textes édités et commentés par Marina Loukaki, traduits par Corinne Jouanno, Monographies 18, CNRS, Centre de recherche d’ histoire et civilisation de Byzance, Paris 2005”, in: *Βυζαντινά* 27 (2007) 424-448.

EDITING

- «Θεμέλιος»: Festschrift for Professor Georgios Dimitrokallis, Komotini 2003
- Ζ΄ Συνάντηση Βυζαντινολόγων Ελλάδος και Κύπρου: «Παράδοση και ανανέωση στο Βυζάντιο» (Book of Abstracts: “Tradition and Progress in Byzantium”, 7th Meeting of Byzantinologists of Greece and Cyprus), Komotini 2011
- Lemmata. Beiträge zum Gedenken an Christos Theodoridis, Walter de Gruyter, Berlin/Boston 2015

RESEARCH PROGRAMS

- Cooperator in “**D.I-A.L.G.**”: ‘Diachronic interactive Lexicon of Greek’ (initiated in the academic year 2008-2009). The program includes (a) the digitalization of the lexicons of Greek (of any era and any kind) and (b) the editing of a new diachronic Lexicon of Greek on the basis of the included lexicons. The program is under the aegis of the Democritus University of Thrace: <http://dialg.helit.duth.gr/>
- I am a member of the research team in the research program "Digitization of the manuscripts and cataloging of the publications of the Holy Monastery of the Assumption of the Virgin Vulcan of Messinia" with Scientific Officer Mrs. Theoni Kollyropoulou, Assistant Professor D.H.A.C.R.M. (Department of History, Archaeology and Cultural Resources Management), University of Peloponnese. This research project combines the traditional method of cataloging and describing manuscripts with the use of technology for their digitization.
- Associate Academic Advisor in the research project mis1099: "The image of the governor in the middle Byzantine period" with Academic Advisor Mr. Grigorios Papagiannis, Professor of the Department of Greek Philology of Democritus University of Thrace. This research project is part of the EDBM103 Program "Support for researchers with emphasis on young researchers - cycle B". The research team includes Dr. Anastasia Nikolaou and Dr. Alexandros Kolias.

PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCES WITH ANNOUNCEMENT (SELECTION)

- **19.-25. 8. 2001:** 20th International Congress of Byzantine Studies in Paris
- **21-26. 8. 2006:** 21st International Congress of Byzantine Studies in London
- **20-23. 9. 2007:** Ζ' Συνάντηση Βυζαντινολόγων Ελλάδος και Κύπρου in Komotini
- **19-21. 2. 2009:** 23^{ste} Tagung der Arbeitsgemeinschaft der Deutschen Byzantinisten in Hamburg
- **22-27. 8. 2011:** 22nd International Congress of Byzantine Studies in Sofia
- **13-20. 7. 2014:** 18th International Congress of Euroclassica of Academia Homerica of Chios in Chios
- **26-28. 2. 2015:** International Congress «Ευστάθιος Θεσσαλονίκης» in Thessaloniki
- **10-19. 7. 2015:** 19th International Congress of Euroclassica of Academia Homerica of Chios in Chios
- **9-11. 10. 2015:** International Congress «Ταυτότητες: Γλώσσα και Λογοτεχνία» in Komotini
- **16-18. 12. 2015:** Α'[Η'] Συνάντηση Ελλήνων Βυζαντινολόγων in Athens
- **20. 5. 2016:** Conference «Βυζαντινολογικές έρευνες στο Δημοκρίτειο Πανεπιστήμιο Θράκης» of the Department of History and Ethnology of the Democritus University of Thrace in Komotini
- **22-27. 8. 2016:** 23rd International Congress of Byzantine Studies in Belgrade
- **21-23. 10. 2016:** International Congress «Η βυζαντινή Αθήνα» in Athens

- **4-6. 11. 2016:** International Congress «Μνήμη Στυλιανού Αλεξίου και Μάρθας Αποσκήτη: Διασταυρώσεις και συνομιλίες με το έργο του Στυλιανού Αλεξίου. Ζητήματα Ελληνικής Φιλολογίας και Ανθρωπιστικών Επιστημών» in Komotini
- **24. 5. 2017:** Conference «Πτυχές Βυζαντινής Φιλολογίας, Τέχνης και Ιστορίας» of the Department of History and Ethnology of the Democritus University of Thrace in Komotini
- **15-23. 7. 2017:** 21st International Congress of Euroclassica of Academia Homerica of Chios in Chios
- **18. 5. 2018:** Conference «Το βιβλίο ως αντικείμενο. Πίσω από τις λέξεις» ("The book as an object. Behind the words") of the Papyrology and Palaeography Laboratory of the Department of Greek Philology, in Komotini
- **14-16. 2. 2019:** Arbeitstagung der Deutschen Arbeitsgemeinschaft zur Förderung Byzantinischer Studien in Hamburg, Germany
- **27. 3. 2019:** Conference «Η ελληνική γλώσσα διαχρονικά ως πολιτισμική αξία» of the Department of History and Ethnology of the Democritus University of Thrace in Komotini
- **27-30. 11. 2019:** Γ' [I'] Συνάντηση Ελλήνων Βυζαντινολόγων in Jannina
- **15-17. 4. 2021:** International Conference "Colloquia Ceranea III" in Łódź, Poland (online)
- **5-7. 5. 2022:** International Conference «Η παιδεία στη Βυζαντινή Θεσσαλονίκη» in Thessaloniki
- **22-27. 8. 2022:** 24th International Congress of Byzantine Studies in Venice and Padua
- **16-18. 2. 2023:** Arbeitstagung der Deutschen Arbeitsgemeinschaft zur Förderung Byzantinischer Studien in Munich, Germany.
- **24-25. 4. 2023:** Workshop «Peripheral Vision. Marginal Themes, Motifs, Locations in Byzantine Literature and Art» of the Centre of Early Medieval Studies (Seminar of Art History) at the Masaryk University in Brno, Czech Republic.
- **27-30. 9. 2023:** Δ' (IA') Συνάντηση Ελλήνων Βυζαντινολόγων in Komotini.
- **16-17. 11. 2023:** Διεθνές Συμπόσιο / IZ' Επιστημονική Συνάντηση για την Ελλάδα: «Γράφοντας την Ιστορία στο Βυζάντιο» in Granada, Spain.
- **12-14. 9. 2024:** 5^o Συνέδριο των Νεοελληνιστών των Βαλκανικών Χωρών «Η επίδραση του ελληνικού πολιτισμού στους υπόλοιπους βαλκανικούς πολιτισμούς (1453-2024): Γλώσσα, λογοτεχνία, τέχνη, θρησκεία» in Belgrade, Serbia.
- **29. 11. 2024:** Symposium zum Gedenken an Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Athanasios Kambylis) in Thessaloniki.
- **25-28. 9. 2025:** IB' Συνάντηση Ελλήνων Βυζαντινολόγων in Rethymno, Crete.

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

- **2.10.2008 – 31.8.2010 and 1.9.2010 – 31.8.2012:** elected Deputy Chairwoman of the Department of Greek Philology at the Democritus University of Thrace
- **15.1.2014 – 30.11.2017:** Deputy Chairwoman of the Department of Greek Philology at the Democritus University of Thrace (appointed by decision of the

General Assembly) and alternate member of the Senate of the Democritus University of Thrace

- **1.12.2017 – 31.8.2020:** elected Chairwoman of the Department of Greek Philology and regular member of the Senate of the Democritus University of Thrace
- **1.9.2020 – 31.8.2022:** elected Chairwoman of the Department of Greek Philology and regular member of the Senate of the Democritus University of Thrace
- **6.12.2018 – present:** elected Director of the Hans & Niki Eideneier Laboratory of Byzantine, Post-Byzantine, and Early Modern Greek Literature, Department of Greek Philology, Democritus University of Thrace
- **11.10.2022 – present:** elected member of the Board of Directors of the Greek Committee for Byzantine Studies

CITATIONS

According to ACADEMIA.EDU, there have been 328 citations of my publications.

PARTICIPATION IN SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEES

- On January 27, 2006, my membership in the Greek Committee for Byzantine Studies was approved.
- Since November 13, 2015, I have been a member of the Greek Philological Society for Classical Studies.
- Since February 2019, I have been a member of the Deutsche Arbeitsgemeinschaft zur Förderung Byzantinischer Studien (German Society for the Promotion of Byzantine Studies).