

BYZANTINE AND MODERN GREEK STUDIES IN LONDON

Since Professor D. M. Nicol took the Koraës Chair ¹ at King's College, University of London, in 1970, two seminars dealing with Byzantine and Modern Greek studies have been arranged in London; both were open to specialists as well as to postgraduate and research students:

I. The Byzantine Empire (1261-1453)

This seminar was held over the academic year 1971-2. It was organized by the Department of Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies of University of London King's College and conducted by Professor D. M. Nicol and Professor R. Browning. The meetings took place in the Burrows Library ² of the same college which is the only specialist Byzantine and Modern Greek Library in London. Papers were presented on:

- 1) Sources and Literature (by Prof. D. M. Nicol),
- 2) Historical outline (two lectures by Prof. D. M. Nicol),
- 3) Language and Literature (by Prof. R. Browning),
- 4) Intellectual and Cultural Developments (by Sir Steven Runciman),
- 5) The Rise of the Ottomans (by Prof. V. Ménage),
- 6) The Byzantine Church (by Dr. P.O.A. Sherrard),
- 7) Cultural Links between Byzantium and Russia, Bulgaria and Serbia (by Miss Faith Wigzell),
- 8) Artistic Developments (by Mr John Beckwith),
- 9) The Chronicle of the Morea (by Mr. Michael Jeffreys),
- 10) Venetian Colonialism in Byzantium (by Mrs. C. Hodgetts),

1. The Koraës Chair, founded in 1919, has been held so far by Professor Arnold J. Toynbee (1919 - 24; his inaugural lecture: *The Place of Mediaeval and Modern Greece in History*, London, 1919), Professor F. H. Marshall (1926 - 43; his inaugural lecture: *Some Debts to Byzantinism*, London, 1926), Professor R. J. H. Jenkins (1946 - 60; his inaugural lecture: *Palamas*, London, 1947), Professor Cyril Mango (1963 - 67; his inaugural lecture: "Byzantinism and Romantic Hellenism," *Journal of the Warburg and Courtauld Institutes*, XXVIII 1965, pp. 29 - 43), and Professor Donald M. Nicol (1970 - ; his inaugural lecture: *Byzantium and Greece*, London, 1972).

2. The Byzantine and Modern Greek Library bears the name of its founder Ronald Montagu Burrows, Principal of King's College (1913 - 20) and Philhellene. The nucleus was the collection of books which he bequeathed to it, which was supplemented by a gift of some 800 volumes from the library of Dr. William Miller.

- 11) The *Thesaurus* of St. Theognostos: an Unpublished Text (by Rev. J. Munitiz, S. J.),
- 12) The Empire of Trebizond: Society and Economy (by Dr. A. A. M. Bryer),
- 13) The Sebastokratorate of Thessaly (by Mr. P. Magdalinos),
- 14) Trojan Material in the Chronicles and Popular Romances (by Mrs E. Jeffreys),
- 15) The Aristocracy of the Late Byzantine Period: Some Remarks (by Mr. S. Fassoulakis),
- 16) Venetian Archives (two lectures by Miss J. Chrysostomides),
- 17) Byzantine *Demokratia* in the Fourteenth Century (by Mrs. M. Fotina),
- 18) The Architecture of Mesembria in the Fourteenth Century (by Mr. R. Holland),
- 19) Byzantine Prosopography and Genealogy as a discipline (by Prof, D. M. Nicol),
- 20) The Organization of the Genoese in Romania in the Early Fourteenth Century (by Miss Jill Moore).

II. The Greek War of Independence

This seminar was held from 21 January to 18 March 1971 in order to mark the 150th anniversary of the Greek War of Independence. It was organized jointly by the School of Slavonic and East European Studies, in the buildings of which the meetings took place, and King's College, University of London. Papers were presented on:

- 1) Political and Social Origins of the Greek War of Independence (by Mr. R. R. M. Clogg),
- 2) Church, State and the Greek War of Independence (by Dr. P. O. A Sherrard),
- 3) Byron in 19th-Century Greek Literature (by Dr. R. A. Fletcher),
- 4) Philhellenism and Greek Independence (by Mr. Alexis Dimaras),
- 5) The Ottoman Background to the Greek War of Independence (by Prof. B. Lewis),
- 6) The Rumanian Principalities and the Greek War of Independence (by Mr. E. D. Tappe),
- 7) Capodistria's Relations with the Philike Hetairia, 1814-21 (by the Hon. C. M. Woodhouse),

8) The Greek Intelligentsia and the War of Independence (by Mrs. Catherine Koumarianou),

9) The Emergence of the Greek State, 1821-32 (by Prof. D. Dakin).³

Discussion of the papers read in both seminars was conducted by Professor. D. M. Nicol.

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3. Most of the papers read at this seminar are shortly to be published in London as a volume on the Greek War of Independence.