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Curriculum Vitae

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Panos Sophoulis is a specialist in the History of Southeastern Europe, with a particular interest in the Balkans during the Middle Ages. He received his Doctoral Degree (D.Phil.) from Oxford University (2005). His academic interests cover a wide range of subjects in the field of medieval studies. His first monograph, *Byzantium and Bulgaria, 775-831*, published by Brill, has been awarded the 2013 *John D. Bell Book Prize*. He is the author of one other book (*Banditry in the Medieval Balkans, 800-1500*, Palgrave Macmillan 2020), and has edited several collections of studies focusing on the history and culture of Southeastern Europe.

Professional Employment

- 2022- Associate Professor of Southeastern European History at the National & Kapodistrian University of Athens, Faculty of Russian Language and Philology and Slavic Studies
- 2017-2022 Assistant Professor of Southeastern European History at the National & Kapodistrian University of Athens, Faculty of Russian Language and Philology and Slavic Studies
- 2017-2018 Adjunct Academic Staff, Hellenic Open University, Program Studies in Greek Civilization
- 2012-2017 Lecturer of Eastern European History at the National & Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece, Faculty of Russian Language and Philology and Slavic Studies (with tenure)
- 2008-2011 Adjunct Lecturer, National & Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece, Faculty of Slavic Studies
- 2002-2004 Tutor of Byzantine and Medieval Balkan History at Exeter College, University of Oxford, UK

Grants and Awards

- 2016 Recipient of research fellowship from *Center of Advanced Studies - Sofia*

- 2013 *John D. Bell Book Prize* of the Bulgarian Studies Association (BSA, Boston)
- 2011 *Dimitris and Aigli Botsari Foundation* Research price
- 2005 Recipient of Travel and Research grant from Exeter College
- 2000 Recipient of *Alexandros S. Onassis Foundation* scholarship

Professional Service – Affiliations

- Editor-in-chief of the monograph series *Studia medievalia* of 'Herodotus' publisher, Athens
- Member of the advisory board of the journal *Crkvene Studije* (University of Niš, Serbia)
- Member of the advisory board of the journal *Epohi* (University "Saints Cyril and Methodius" of Veliko Tărnovo, Bulgaria)
- External reader for the journal *Byzantina Symmeikta* (National Hellenic Research Foundation)
- External reader for the journal *Tekmeria* (National Hellenic Research Foundation)
Treasurer of the *Association grecque d'Études du sud-est européen*
- Member of the *Early Slavic Studies Association* (ESSA)
- Member of the *Society for the Promotion of Byzantine Studies* (SPBS)
- Member of the *International Center for Orthodox Studies* (University of Niš, Serbia)
- Member of the *Research Centre for the History and Culture of the Mediterranean Area and South-East Europe 'Ceraneum'* (University of Łódź, Poland)
- Member of the *Centre of Medieval Research* (Epohi (University "Saints Cyril and Methodius" of Veliko Tărnovo, Bulgaria)

List of publications

Monographs

- *Banditry in the Medieval Balkans, 800-1500* [series: New Approaches to Byzantine History and Culture], Cham: Palgrave Macmillan, 2020, pp. 201 (<https://www.palgrave.com/gp/book/9783030559045>)
 - Reviewed in the *Bulletin of British Byzantine Studies*, vol. 47 (2021), pp. 124-128
 - Reviewed in *Radovi Filozofskog fakulteta u Sarajevu (Historija, Historija umjetnosti, Arheologija)* т. 8/8 (2021), σσ. 266-270
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- *Bulgaria and Byzantium, 775-831* [series: East Central and Eastern Europe in the Middle Ages, 450–1450, v. 16], Leiden / Boston: Brill, 2012, pp. 480 (<http://www.brill.nl/byzantium-and-bulgaria-775-831>)
 - Awarded the 2013 *John D. Bell Book Prize* of the Bulgarian Studies Association (BSA) (<http://foreninger.uio.no/bsa/prizes.html>)
 - Reviewed in the *Bulletin of British Byzantine Studies*, vol. 38 (2012), pp. 140-142 (<http://www.byzantium.ac.uk/fileadmin/documents/BBBS-2012.pdf>)
 - Reviewed in *Speculum*, vol. 88, issue 4 (October 2013), pp. 1169-1172
 - Reviewed in *Revue des Etudes Sud-Est Europeennes* vol. 51 (2013), pp. 427-428
 - Reviewed in *Cyrrillomethodianum* vol. 19 (2014), pp. 119-120

Edited volumes

- *One hundred years since the the beginning of World War I: The Russian diaspora in the Greek world and the Balkans* [in Greek: *Εκατό χρόνια από την έναρξη του Α΄ Παγκοσμίου Πολέμου: Η ρωσική Διασπορά στον ελλαδικό χώρο και στα Βαλκάνια*], co-editor, Herodotus: Athens 2022, pp. 312
- *Apo Kardias: In Memoriam D. Ch. Pantos* [in Greek: *Από Καρδίας: Μνήμη Δημητρίου Χ. Πάντου*], co-editor. Association grecque d' Études du sud-est européen: Athens 2016, pp. 538
- *Medieval Slavic World* [in Greek: *Μεσαιωνικός Σλαβικός Κόσμος*], co-editor. Herodotus: Athens 2014, pp. 375
- *Slavs and the Greek World. Proceedings of the First Conference of the Dept. of Slavic Studies* [in Greek: *Σλάβοι και ελληνικός κόσμος: Πρακτικά Α΄ Επιστημονικής Ημερίδας Τμήματος Σλαβικών Σπουδών*], ed. Pelekanos: Athens 2014, pp. 244

Articles/Chapters

- «An overview of the history of Byzantine Studies in Bulgaria [Μια αναδρομή στην ιστορία των βυζαντινών σπουδών στη Βουλγαρία]”, *Vyzantinos Domos* 30 (2022), (in print)
- “Cumans, Tatars and Anatolian Turks in the Palaiologan civil wars”, in: Y. V. Pylypchuk (ed.), *Skhid i Ukrayina. Mateialy mizhnarodnoyi naukovoï konferenciï “Skhid ta Ukrayina: Naukova konferenciya prysvyachenna pamyati Yaroslava Dashkevycha, yaka vidbulas’ 17-18 zhovtnya 2022”*, Kyiv: Nacional'nyi pedahogichnyi universytet imeni M. P. Dragomanova, 2022, pp. 54-65
- "The Serbian and Bulgarian involvement in the Byzantine civil wars of the 14th c. [“Η σερβική και βουλγαρική εμπλοκή στους βυζαντινούς εμφυλίου πολέμους του 14^{ου} αι. Σύνομη επισκόπηση]”, *Fragmenta Hellenoslavica* 7 (2021), pp. 109-124
- "Shifting identities in the medieval Balkans: The case of Albania and Bosnia", *Vyzantinos Domos* 29 (2021), pp. 439-447
- "Bulgaria – “The new Byzantium”: Political ideology and self-perception in a medieval Balkan state", in: Ch. Raffensperger (ed.), *Authorship, Worldview, and Identity in Medieval Europe*, Oxford: Taylor & Francis / Routledge, 2022, pp. 311-326

- "Byzantium and East Central Europe: A brief outline of political and cultural relations", in: D. Zupka – G. Vercamer (eds.), *Rulership in Medieval East Central Europe*, Leiden / Boston: Brill, 2021, pp. 309-324
- "War and identity in early medieval Bulgaria", in: G. Stouratis (ed.), *War and Peoplehood in the Middle Ages*, Leeds: Arc Humanities Press (forthcoming)
- "Setting the scene: An overview of Byzantine-Bulgar relations between the 8th and the 11th centuries", in: A. Bosselmann-Ruickbie – F. Daim (eds.), *Autour du Trésor de Preslav: Conference Proceedings*, Mainz: Byzanz zwischen Orient und Okzident, Veröffentlichungen des Leibniz-WissenschaftsCampus (forthcoming)
- "Byzantium and medieval Poland", in G. Kardaras (ed.), *One hundred years of Greek-polish relations. A historical and cultural path*, Athens: Institute of National research, 2019, pp. 101-111
- "The Bulgar paradox: A horse powered (?) elite in the Balkans", in: F. Daim, H. Meller, W. Pohl (eds.), *From the Huns to the Turks – Mounted Warriors in Europe and Central Asia. Internationale Konferenz am Römisch-Germanischen Zentralmuseum - Leibniz Forschungsinstitut für Archäologie in Kooperation mit dem Institut für Mittelalterforschung der Österreichischen Akademie der Wissenschaften und dem Landesmuseum für Vorgeschichte Halle*, Halle: Tagungen des Landesmuseums für Vorgeschichte Halle, 2021, 239-246
- "The Byzantine-Rus competition in the Balkans and Crimea [Ο βυζαντινο-ρωσικός ανταγωνισμός στη Βαλκανική και στην Κριμαία]", in: G. Kardaras (ed.), *Byzantium and the First Russian State (842-1240)*, Athens: Institute of National research, 2021, pp. 41-56.
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- "The 'Chronicle of 811', the Scriptor incertus and the Byzantine-Bulgar wars of the early ninth century", *Bulgaria Mediaevalis* 1 (2010), pp. 377-384
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- "Byzantine-Bulgar relations at the end of the 'Dark Ages': The Numismatic evidence [Σχέσεις Βυζαντίου και Βουλγαρίας κατά το τέλος των "σκοτεινών αιώνων": η νομισματική μαρτυρία]", *Vyzantiaka* 27 (2009), pp. 171-193
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- "Slavs in the Peloponnese [Οι Σλάβοι στην Πελοπόννησο]", *Istoria* 371 (May 1999), pp. 60-67
- "Goth invaders and Justinian [Γότθοι επιδρομείς και Ιουστινιανός]", *Istoria* 367 (January 1999), pp. 14-25

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- V. Georgiev – G.N. Nikolov (eds.), *Evropejskijat Jugoiztok prez vtorata polovina na X – načaloto na XI vek: Istorija i kultura. Meždunarodna konferentsija, Sofija, 6-8 Oktomvri 2014 g. / South-eastern Europe in the second half of the 10th – beginning of the 11th centuries: History and culture. International conference, Sofia, 6-8 October 2014*, Sofia: Bălgarska Akademija na Naukite / Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, 2015, in *Byzantinoslavica* v. 74 (2016), pp. 285-287
- A. Rhoby (ed.), *Inscriptions in Byzantium and beyond: Methods—Projects—Case Studies* [Veröffentlichung zur Byzanzforschung 38; Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften Philosophisch-Historische Klasse Denkschriften 478], Vienna:

Verlag der Österreichischen Akademie der Wissenschaften, 2015, in *Speculum* v. 92/1 (January 2017), pp. 299-300

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