

**Interdisciplinary Postgraduate Seminar “Nikos Oikonomides”, 2020-2021:  
“Countryside in mainland Greece (7th-15th c.): Social relations and built  
environment”**

17 February – 2 June 2021

6.00–8.00 p.m., online, registration at: [Seminario.Oikonomides@gmail.com](mailto:Seminario.Oikonomides@gmail.com)

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The seminar is co-organised by the Department of History and Archaeology of the University of Athens and the Section of Byzantine Research of the Institute of Historical Research, NHRF. The seminar aims at studying the form, evolution and significance of the countryside in mainland Greece from the 7th to the 15th century, particularly in regions under Byzantine rule. Focusing mainly on this geographical framework, the changes in the agricultural world will be thoroughly examined throughout time. The seminar will offer students the opportunity to familiarise themselves with the combined use of written sources and material evidence in the effort to achieve a better understanding of Byzantine society.

Starting with the transition from late antiquity to the Byzantine era, the seminar will focus on demography, settlement organisation, the relations of production (small and great landownership), state and fiscal policy, city and countryside relations, the technology of agricultural production, as well as built environment of the countryside for each period and region.