

Lecture

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The Secret of Liquid Fire-An Early Medieval Terror Weapon

'Greek Fire' or, more accurately - in Byzantine parlance - 'Liquid fire', is generally considered to have been the 'secret weapon' of the Byzantine empire. It has remained a fascination for many students of medieval history as well as of military technology and weaponry. Did it really save the empire from conquest by the Arabs in the 7th and 8th centuries? How did it work, and what was the secret? Competing theories continue to be expounded, but recent practical experiments have resolved many of the questions surrounding it. This paper will at last reveal the secret of Greek Fire.

Thursday, February 16, 2006 at 5:30 p.m.
Georgetown University-Intercultural Center (ICC)
The Auditorium
Light refreshments to follow

The lecture will be held in the ICC Auditorium at Georgetown University and is open to the public without charge.

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