DUMBARTON OAKS
ILLUSTRATED PUBLIC LECTURE IN BYZANTINE STUDIES

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BYZANTINE SCIENCE

Summary

Prof. Mavroudi will discuss why Byzantine science is generally absent from narratives on the history of science that span from antiquity until the present. Her lecture will also refer to the primary source materials available for the study of Byzantine science (manuscripts and instruments) and to the connection of Byzantine science with its equivalent in other parts of the medieval world.

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5:30 P.M.
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The Speaker: Maria Mavroudi is a Byzantinist whose research focuses on the relations between Byzantium and the Arabs, especially bilingualism in Greek and Arabic in the Middle Ages and its implications for cultural exchange between the Byzantine and the Islamic world, including the development of Byzantine and Islamic science. A native of Thessaloniki in Greece, she received her doctorate in Byzantine Studies from Harvard University in 1998, and taught at the University of California at Berkeley before joining the Princeton faculty a couple of years ago. She has published on Greek and Arabic traditions of dream interpretation, and the occult sciences in Byzantium. A MacArthur fellowship for 2004-9 is supporting her current research.

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