SLAYING THE DRAGON: BYZANTINE SURVIVALS IN THE GREEK WAR OF INDEPENDENCE

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The lecture will focus on an aspect of the Greek War of Independence that calls for answers to questions as basic as they are elusive. What role did the Byzantine heritage play in conceptualizing, representing, or animating the struggle against the Ottoman Empire? What strands of Byzantium were foregrounded and through which mechanisms did they find a place in the collective imaginary of the period? In what ways was that process of reception and signification manifested, and to what extent? How can it be studied and properly understood today?

The event is co-sponsored by the UCLA SNF Hellenic Center and Dumbarton Oaks, Washington, DC. Her Excellency Alexandra Papadopoulou, Ambassador of Greece to the United States will provide opening remarks.

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