The Annual Sam Nakis Memorial Lecture

THE CHURCH THAT PREVAILS: RELIGIOUS POLITICS AFTER THE FALL OF CONSTANTINOPLE

with Nikolaos Panou, Assistant Professor and the Peter V. Tsantes Endowed Professor in Hellenic Studies, Stony Brook University

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This lecture focuses on a body of textual sources and religious artifacts that provide rich insights into the geopolitical agenda of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in the first decades after the fall of Constantinople. The point of reference is a story of crime and punishment, of transgression and penitence, of sin and redemption. This is a story where unruly princes, saintly archbishops, disasters, plagues, visions, and miracles, play a key role in a relentless struggle for political and spiritual supremacy in the Balkans under the shadow of the crescent.

Nikos Panou is Assistant Professor and Peter V. Tsantes Endowed Professor in Hellenic Studies in the Department of Cultural Analysis and Theory at Stony Brook University. His current research focuses on the ways power and authority were conceptualized and represented in pre-modern philosophical discourse, with a particular emphasis on moral and political works written from the sixteenth to the eighteenth century.

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