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B.N. Tatakis' *La Philosophie Byzantine* first appeared in 1949 and remains the standard book on the subject. It provides an illuminating introduction for the general reader, and is also consulted by specialists. The result of a close study of a vast amount of mostly unknown and often unedited texts, it covers the period from the sixth to the fifteenth century with great erudition. But its main achievement is that it presents Byzantine philosophy as an autonomous discipline?distinct from Christian theology?that deals with genuinely philosophical questions. This is the book which rightly claimed for Byzantine thought a place in the history of philosophy. --Katerina Ierodiakonou, St. Hugh's College, Oxford; National Technical University of Athens

This book is one of a kind. Tatakis published it in French in 1949 and it had to wait until 2003 before an English edition appeared. The wait was worth it. This is the only book in English that covers the development of the history of philosophy and its intersection with Christianity during the entire course of the history of the Eastern Roman Empire from the fall of Rome and the Western Empire to its own fall in 1453 A.D. --Thomas Riggins, *Political Affairs*

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