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## ABBREVIATIONS

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<i>AA</i>	<i>Archäologischer Anzeiger</i>
<i>AIBL</i>	Académie des Inscriptions et Belles-Lettres (Paris)
<i>AJA</i>	<i>American Journal of Archaeology</i>
<i>AnnalesESC</i>	<i>Annales: Économies, sociétés, civilisations</i>
<i>BCH</i>	<i>Bulletin de Correspondance hellénique</i>
<i>BMGS</i>	<i>Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies</i>
<i>BSA</i>	<i>The Annual of the British School at Athens</i>
<i>BSI</i>	<i>Byzantinoslavica</i>
<i>Byz</i>	<i>Byzantion</i>
<i>ByzForsch</i>	<i>Byzantinische Forschungen</i>
<i>BZ</i>	<i>Byzantinische Zeitschrift</i>
<i>CFHB</i>	Corpus fontium historiae byzantinae
<i>DOC</i>	P. Grierson et al., <i>Catalogue of the Byzantine Coins in the Dumbarton Oaks Collection and in the Whittemore Collection</i> , 5 vols. (Washington DC, 1966–99)
<i>DOP</i>	<i>Dumbarton Oaks Papers</i>
<i>EHB</i>	A. Laiou, ed., <i>The Economic History of Byzantium From the Seventh through the Fifteenth Century</i> , 3 vols. (Washington DC, 2002)
<i>Hommes et richesses</i>	<i>Hommes et richesses dans l'Empire byzantin</i> , 2 vols. (Paris, 1989–91)
<i>JÖB</i>	<i>Jahrbuch der Österreichischen Byzantinistik</i>
<i>JRA</i>	<i>Journal of Roman Archaeology</i>
<i>JRS</i>	<i>Journal of Roman Studies</i>

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- MM F. Miklosich and J. Müller, *Acta et diplomata graeca medii aevi—sacra et profana*, 6 vols. (Vienna, 1860–90)
- OCP *Orientalia christiana periodica*
- ODB *The Oxford Dictionary of Byzantium*, ed. A. Kazhdan et al., 3 vols. (New York–Oxford, 1991)
- PG *Patrologiae cursus completus, series graeca*, ed. J.-P. Migne, 161 vols. in 166 pts. (Paris, 1857–66)
- PL *Patrologiae cursus completus, series latina*, éd. J.-P. Migne, 217 vols. (Paris, 1844–55)
- REB *Revue des études byzantines*
- RH *Revue historique*
- RN *Revue numismatique*
- SEG *Supplementum epigraphicum graecum*, ed. P. Roussel et al. (Leiden, 1923–)
- Skylitzes I. Thurn (ed.), *Ioannis Skylitzae Synopsis historiarum* (Berlin–New York, 1973), 412 (hereafter, Skylitzes)
- SuedostF *Südost-Forschungen*
- TM *Travaux et Mémoires*
- TRW *The Transformation of the Roman World*, 14 vols. (Leiden, Boston, Cologne 1997–)
- Villages *Les villages dans l'Empire byzantin (Ve–XVe siècle)*, eds. J. Lefort, C. Morrisson, J.-P. Sodini (Paris, 2006)
- VV *Vizantiiskii vremennik*
- ZRVI *Zbornik radova Vizantološkog instituta, Srpska akademija nauka*