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Succession in Byzantium and Its Effect on Neighbouring Countries in the Balkans

Abstract

If one compares the regnal dates of Byzantine emperors and empresses in the Middle and Late Byzantine period with corresponding regnal dates in the lands of Southwestern Europe neighbouring Byzantium, one discovers several interesting sequences. Of course, they might have arisen purely by chance. Yet one might ask, for example, whether a succession, either contemporaneous or occurring around a year or two later as in Byzantium, might in fact be causatively connected with a succession in Constantinople. An attempt will be made in this lecture to explore this question.