



# HISTORY OF THE BYZANTINE STATE

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PROFESSOR OSTROGORSKY'S book is already an acknowledged classic. His masterly integration of the various strands of Byzantine history over a period of more than a thousand years has convincingly demonstrated both the organic nature of the Byzantine State and its links with Classical Antiquity. Here the beginner will get an excellent introduction to Byzantium, and the scholar will often find some bibliographical reference which has escaped his notice, while novice and expert alike will enjoy the penetrating and illuminating comments of a master of his subject.

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