

What has Constantinople to do with New York?

Byzantine Reflections on International Human Rights

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In the march of progress in the West, Byzantine thought is frequently set aside as something from the past, offering no meaningful guidance for the problems of the modern world. Nothing could be further from the truth. The Greek East provides a very promising set of resources for guiding and enriching our lives today. In particular, the realm of human rights theory and practice would greatly benefit from an infusion of Byzantine thought. Specifically, the characteristic Eastern assessment of the material world, human knowledge and human nature has much to contribute to our understanding of human rights today.

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