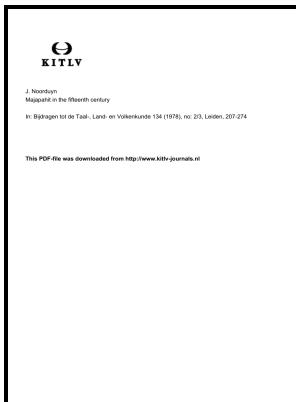


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The Book of Michael of Rhodes, Volume 1

John Jeffries Martin Professor of History, Duke University Essays explore the world of Michael of Rhodes, examining the historical context, the discovery of his manuscript, and Michael's knowledge of mathematics, shipbuilding, navigation, and other topics. Having contextualized Michael's portolan within a much broader yet rather understudied tradition of periplus ancient Greek and Byzantine lists of ports, villages, and cities as encountered during a coastal journey , Falchetta shows how Michael's portolan had been copied from another source like most of the rest of the manuscript. Overall, the companion volume offers valuable insights into maritime practices and technologies and Venetian commerce, as well as into a variety of aspects of popular knowledge and culture in the broader world of the fifteenth-century Mediterranean: from religious piety to popular medicine and astronomy.

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It sheds further light on cultural and religious aspects of the Rhodian officer's life and discusses various questions presented by the manuscript and further tackled by other contributors in the following chapters. Falchetta concludes that the utility of the portolan was symbolic, rather than practical.

The Book of Michael of Rhodes, Volume 1

Reviewed by Veronica Della Dora Published on H-HistGeog March, 2010 Commissioned by Robert J. Its varied, if not eclectic, character is enough to make Michael's manuscript a unique object of study. The third volume comprises studies of the manuscript by nine international experts in different aspects of the early Renaissance, including a paleographer, a mathematician, an art historian specializing in medieval astrological imagery, a historian of Venetian cartography, historians of science and medicine, and an expert in medieval ship construction.

The book of Michael of Rhodes : a fifteenth

The manuscript, which is being published for the first time, marries medieval encyclopaedism with early fifteenth-century technical knowledge, late Byzantine religious beliefs with Venetian culture, and science and art with everyday practice. The portolan contains instructions for the coastal

navigation of Atlantic Europe, the Gulf of Salonika, and the Adriatic—coasts Michael had more or less extensively sailed.

Studies

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