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L'idée de la richesse et de la pauvreté que se faisaient I es paysans non musulmans, sujets du Sultan, reflétée dans la Chronique de Papasynadionos de la première moitié du 17^e siècle

(Abstract)

The Idea of Wealth and Poverty of the Non-Muslim Peasants, Subjects of the Sultan, as Reflected in the Chronicle of Papasianadinos from the First Half of the Seventeenth Century. This study aims to shed light on ideas and notions of wealth and poverty, shared by the non-Muslim peasants of the region of Serres, as reflected in the Chronicle of the Greek priest Synadinos. He speaks in his manuscript of himself and of what happened in the lives of the people of the town of Serres and of those of the surrounding villages in the first half of the 17th century. The people that Synadinos describes carried fragments of the real life, of the ideas of wealth and poverty, of getting rich and being impoverished in the everyday life of medieval people. The study reveals that the Christian moral code, which people should respect in their daily behavior, as well as their personal qualities and choices in life, played a major role in the formation of these ideas. And finally, one should mention the role of the Empire policy with its decisions and actions and their impact on the Ottoman subjects.

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