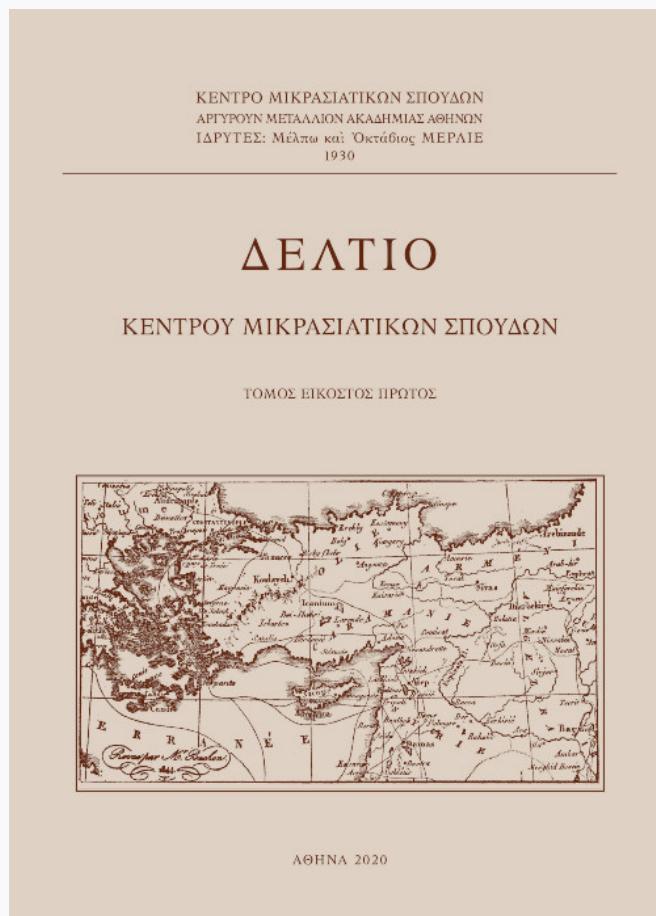


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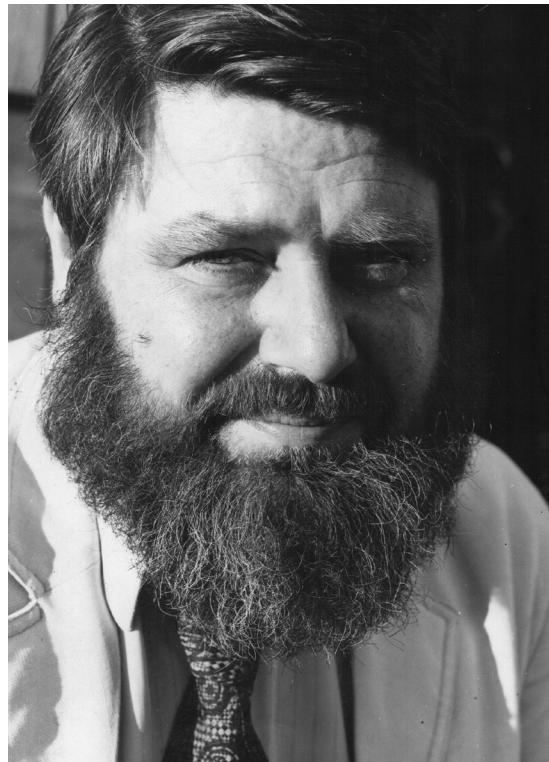


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Anthony A. M. Bryer
(c. 1981-1982)

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A TRIBUTE TO ANTHONY BRYER

Professor Anthony A. M. Bryer (1937-2016) was an iconic presence in the field of Byzantine history and archeology not only in Great Britain but internationally, in all countries where Byzantine studies are cultivated. His multiple contributions to scholarship have been widely acknowledged and are appropriately commented upon in the essays of appreciation that make up this tribute. Bryer was a friend of the Centre for Asia Minor Studies, whose resources he had repeatedly consulted in connection with his researches on the history of Byzantine and post-Byzantine Pontos. He became acquainted with the Centre during his first research residence in Athens in 1962-1963 in connection with his doctoral work on the history of the Empire of Trebizond. He always retained great admiration and respect for the founder of the Centre, Madame Merlier, and he never failed to acknowledge the significance of the Centre's huge oral history archive and other resources for the study of Byzantine and post-Byzantine Asia Minor. He made a habit of visiting the Centre whenever he found himself in Athens, he was an enthusiastic supporter of our work and in 1986 he gave one in the series of the inaugural lectures marking the opening of the A. G. Leventis lecture hall at the Centre.

For us at the Centre for Asia Minor Studies his writings on Pontos have been an inexhaustible source of inspiration and foundational scholarly models for all the work done at the Institute on the subject. His imposing books on the Christian topography and monuments of Pontos represented the record of material evidence of the extensive Greek Orthodox presence in Northeastern Asia Minor and served as a guide and constant reference in producing the ethnography of Pontic Hellenism that has been incorporated in volumes III, IV and V of the Centre's monumental project on the *Exodus of Asia Minor Hellenism*.

As a great scholar, as a mentor and as a generous friend, Bryer will always be remembered with gratitude, admiration and affection at our Institute and by the generations of Asia Minor scholars connected with it. We are very grateful to the esteemed colleagues, Averil Cameron, Margaret Mullett, Paul Magdalino and Anna Balian, who so generously responded to our initiative and supported with their authoritative contributions our wish to fulfill a deeply felt sense of obligation to pay the appropriate tribute due to an unforgettable colleague and mentor.