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Handbook of the Reception History of the Bible. Together with Fraser Watts, he was editorial consultant for The Oxford Handbook of Natural Theology (2013). His research interests have embraced the history of organic chemistry, the British natural theology tradition from the seventeenth to the nineteenth centuries, Darwiniana, and the evaluation of the sciences in different religious cultures. He is probably best known for his Science and Religion: Some Historical Perspectives, which has recently been reissued in the prestigious Canto Classics series of Cambridge University Press. He is currently visiting professor in the School of Philosophy, Religious Studies, and the History of Science at the University of Leeds.

The Science and Orthodox Christianity around the World (SOW) project of the Institute of Historical Research of the National Hellenic Research Foundation aims to chart a previously unknown field: the views and positions on the relations between science and religion in the entire Orthodox Christian world. It is setting the foundations for an organised and advanced dialogue between science and Orthodoxy. The study of these relations is well advanced as far as it concerns Western Christianity and Prof Brooke is a leading specialist in that field. His aforementioned Science and Religion: Some Historical Perspectives has been translated in many languages, including Greek, and has opened new paths in science and religion studies; it is a book of reference for all scholars interested in the field. We are very honoured that Prof Brooke has accepted to give the 2016 C. Th. Dimaras Lecture within the framework of his collaboration with the SOW project.

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