

### Walter E. Kaegi

**Walter E. Kaegi** delivered an invited lecture, “Reassessing Arnold J. Toynbee the Byzantine Historian,” on November 28, 2012, at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, for the Program in Modern Greek Studies and the History Department. On March 1, 2013, he delivered an invited lecture, “Seventh-century North Africa: Military and Political Convergences and Divergences,” at the international conference Africa-Ifriqiya: Cultures of Transition in North Africa between Late Antiquity and the Early Middle Ages, held at Rome, Italy, at the Museo Nazionale Romano — Terme di Diocleziano. It was sponsored by the Deutsches Archäologisches Institut, Rome, Italy, and Durham University, Durham, England, UK. He published two papers: (1) “Byzantine Sardinia Threatened: Its Changing Situation in the Seventh Century,” in *Atti del convegno di Oristano (22-23 marzo 2003) ‘Forme e caratteri della presenza bizantina nel Mediterraneo occidentale: la Sardegna (secoli VI-XI),’ 22-23 March 2003*, edited by Paola Corrias, pp. 43–56 (Cagliari, Sardinia: MT, 2013); (2) “The Heraclians and Holy War,” in *Byzantine War Ideology between Roman Imperial Concept and Christian Religion: Akten des Internationalen Symposium (Vienna, 19-21 May 2011)*, edited by J. Koder, and I. Stouraitis, pp. 17–26 (Denkschriften, Philosophisch-Historische Klasse, Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften 452; Vienna: Verlag Österreichischen Akademie der Wissenschaften, 2012). He prepared a paper “Reassessing Arnold J. Toynbee the Byzantine Historian” for the Bernard Bachrach Festschrift, which Ashgate will publish. He revised and updated “The Byzantine-Arab Frontier: Barrier or Bridge? Reconsiderations after Twenty-five Years” for publication in the proceedings of the international congress Byzantium and the Arab World, Encounter of Civilizations,

held at Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Thessaloniki, Greece. He composed an essay on “Byzantium in the Seventh Century” for the *Oxford Handbook on Maximus the Confessor*, edited by Pauline Allen and Bronwen Neil (Oxford: Oxford University Press). He is revising his 2012 paper entitled “The Islamic Conquest and the Defense of Byzantine Africa: Campaigns and Conquests in Context, Reconsiderations” for publication in a collective volume with Dumbarton Oaks/Harvard. He published a review of Irfan Shahid, *Byzantium and the Arabs in the Sixth Century*, Volume 2, Part 2: *Economic, Social and Cultural History* (Washington, DC: Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Collection, 2009), in the *Journal of Near Eastern Studies* (71 [2012]: 404–06). He helped to edit volume 31 of the journal *Byzantinische Forschungen*. He was history bibliographer for the journal *Byzantinische Zeitschrift*. He served as co-director of the Workshop on Late Antiquity and Byzantium. He continued to supervise continuing retrieval of audiotaped lectures from his Byzantine History Courses at the University of Chicago from the 1980s and early 1990s, with indispensable assistance from University of Chicago Audio/Visual Services in Stuart 004. He performed editorial work for the *Journal of Near Eastern Studies*. He continued to serve as Ex Officio Member of the Officers, US National Committee for Byzantine Studies. He participated in the new University of Chicago Study Abroad program in Istanbul, teaching a section of Middle East Civilization in Istanbul –2 Byzantium from April 22 through May 9, 2013 (Yildiz Technical University, Beşiktaş). In September 2012 he made his first trip to China. He visited museums and sites in Beijing, Xian (ancient Chang’an), and Shanghai, where he gained comparative insights for the history of the later Roman empire and Byzantine empire.

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