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The Houses of the Elite in Byzantine Constantinople

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We think of Byzantine Constantinople mainly as a city of great imperial monuments, fortifications, churches and monasteries. Yet the greater part of its built environment consisted of private housing. This lecture looks at the evidence for the residences of the social elite. It considers their function in imperial, urban society, and the extent to which patterns of location and appearance changed over time.



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