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**The origin and members of the Kamytzes family in Byzantium**

The Kamytzes family, which emerges as part of the Byzantine aristocracy from the Comnenian to the Palaeologan era, has not been systematically studied before now. This paper attempts a critical approach to views concerning the origin of the Kamytzes family, generally considered by modern scholarship to be Turkish, and endeavours to present all the members of the family for whom study of the sigillary material can lead to new conclusions. New readings of seals as well as prosopographical identifications are suggested.