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## **Political non-Capital Punishments in the Byzantine Custom**

### **The Case of the Romanian Medieval Principalities**

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Within the Byzantine Empire the penalties for political offence illustrated the changes at ideological level produced under the impact of Christian faith and oriental influences. The law of Roman origin was adapted to the new realities, and executions were replaced with various physical punishments, among which mutilations were the most important. Walachia and Moldavia adopted Byzantine law, but custom was referred to in procedural practice, which left the princes as autocratic sovereigns great freedom in terms of sentencing. Thus, Romanian medieval society preserved a series of legal practices of Byzantine tradition in full modernity. Mutilation was used for punishing political offences until the 18th century, while beating was practised till the 19th century.

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