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“An Excellent Place to Spend the Winter’: Edirne (Adrianople) as an Ottoman Capital”

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Summary: Edirne is known as the second capital of the Ottoman Empire. Yet what do we actually know about this key city during the first half of the fifteenth century, when it was supposedly the hub of the empire? These years are largely devoid of Ottoman documents. Evidence for the city, therefore, must be gleaned largely from Ottoman and foreign texts, as well as from the physical

and spatial evidence of the city itself. This talk draws on these to propose an interpretation of the city and to suggest why it was so important that it be “an excellent place to spend the winter.”

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