



33rd Levantine Heritage Foundation Zoom lecture gathering with guest speaker Dimitris Kousouris
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The Latin communities of the Archipelago and the Greek Revolution of 1821

After the conquest of the Aegean Archipelago by the Ottoman Empire in the 16th century and through the Ottoman-Venetian wars of the 17th and 18th centuries, the Catholic communities of the former Duchy of Naxos found themselves under double pressure from the Sublime Porte and the Ecumenical Patriarchate. By the early 19th century, Catholics remained mainly in the islands of Tinos, Syros, Naxos and Santorini. Identified as “Latin”, as opposed to the Christian majority of Greek-Orthodox “Romans” (Rum millet), they were under the protection of the French “Most Christian King” for centuries. After the outbreak of the Greek Revolution of 1821, they declared their neutrality in the Greek-Ottoman conflict, raised the French flag on top of their churches and refused all appeals, offers or requests made to them by the Greek insurgents. What followed involves a little-known aspect of the Greek War of Independence, a tale of revolutionary agitation, but also of conquest, subjugation, land appropriation and, in the case of Syros, colonization.

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