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**Aspects of migration and societal conditions: The perspective of Late Byzantine
Hagiographers**

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Abstract:

Late Byzantine hagiographers frequently referred to the notion of mobility and migration and used relevant words either in their metaphoric or literal form.

As the effects of migration constantly cause radical changes over the course of individuals' life, the hagiographers used related terminology in order to describe their heroes' entering the monastic life and leaving the world behind. Describing this decisive moment, the writers used phraseology pertaining to migration with religious connotation.

However, the hagiographers often employed the word migration in its narrow sense meaning one's movement from one region to another. The concept of migration usually conveys the notion of mobility interlinked with socio-political conditions. Such references in the hagiographical narrations reveal the writers' awareness on the current social mobility that had serious consequences in the Byzantine society. A relevant example in a hagiographical text of the time attributed the political upheavals of Zealots in Thessalonica, among others, to the migration factor.