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As its contribution to events marking 100 years since the incorporation of Crete into the Greek state (1913-2013), the Society of Cretan Historical Studies (SCHS) planned and published a volume dedicated to investigating the island's multi-layered relationship with its geographical and historical milieu. Distinguished scholars from Greece and abroad generously offered their time, effort and expertise to examine political, economic, social and cultural issues in Crete, the Balkans and the wider Eastern Mediterranean. *Sovereignties and Consciousnesses in the Eastern Mediterranean [1880-1920]*, ed. Socrates Petmezas and Lena Tzedaki-Apostolaki, was published by the SCHS press in early 2013.

The book was so well received that the SCHS Governing Board has decided to publish an English-language edition as volume XXXVI (2016) of the journal *Cretica Chronika*.

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