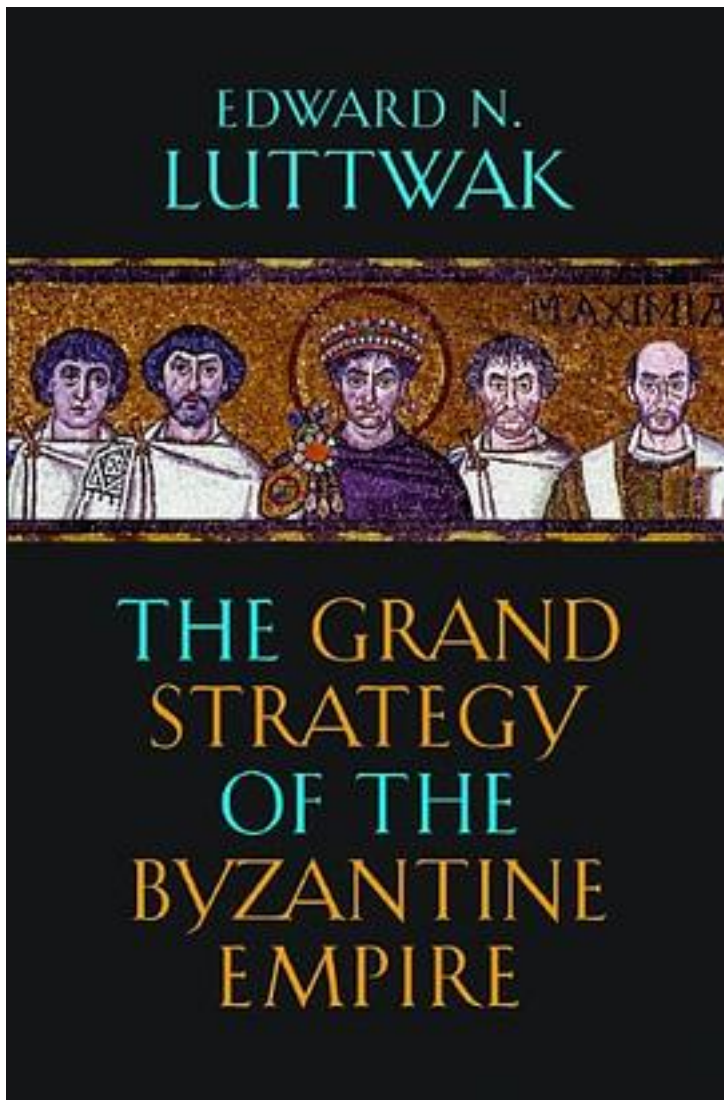


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In this book, the distinguished writer Edward Luttwak presents the grand strategy of the eastern Roman empire we know as Byzantine, which lasted more than twice as long as the more familiar western Roman empire, eight hundred years by the shortest definition. This extraordinary endurance is all the more remarkable because the Byzantine empire was favored neither by geography nor by military preponderance. Yet it was the western empire that dissolved during the fifth century. The Byzantine empire so greatly outlasted its western counterpart because its rulers were able to adapt strategically to diminished circumstances, by devising new ways of coping with successive enemies. It relied less on military strength and more on persuasion - to recruit allies, dissuade threatening neighbors, and manipulate potential enemies into attacking one another instead. Even when the Byzantines fought - which they often did with great skill--they were less inclined to destroy their enemies than to contain them, for they were aware that today's enemies could be tomorrow's allies. Born in the fifth century when the formidable threat of Attila's Huns were deflected with a minimum of force, Byzantine strategy continued to be refined over the centuries, incidentally leaving for us several fascinating guidebooks to statecraft and war. "The Grand Strategy of the Byzantine Empire" is a broad, interpretive account of Byzantine strategy, intelligence, and diplomacy over the course of eight centuries that will appeal to scholars, classicists, military history buffs, and professional soldiers.

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书评

本书所阐发的“拜占庭帝国大战略”并不完全纯是历史研究，从作者的行文来看，也着重对现实中国家处理外部威胁时的战略，甚至在某种程度上与管理学相通。从我的体会来说，这些讨论很容易想到的自然是中国历史上的情形，特别是安史之乱后唐帝国“硬实力”衰落后，如何使用多种“...

这又是一本被翻译毁了的好书。译者作为非专业的历史人士在对本书的专有名词进行翻译时发挥了他们丰富的想象力，包括但不限于将clibanarii（烤炉骑兵）翻译为板甲骑兵，federati翻译为联邦制部队，可以说专有名词几乎全错，而一般文案未必全对，体现了作者极其不认真的翻译态...

抢先读完了勒特维克的这本新著，上一本的《罗马帝国大战略》得自于时老师的推荐，而其系列的另外两本也分别是硕士和博士阶段的两本推荐书目。原本来说，对于拜占庭的战略的兴趣是有限的。在原本的认知中，拜占庭只是一个被异域化的罗马帝国，是罗马盛世结束后，偏安一隅的苟延...

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