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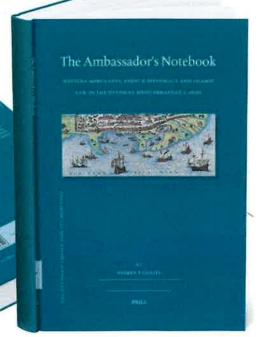
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University of Bucharest Institute of South-East European Studies of the Romanian Academy Using never before studied documents from Manuscript Turc 130 (BnF, Paris), compiled in a unique structure by Ambassador François Savary de Brèves, Viorel Panaite offers a comprehensive picture of the Ottoman Mediterranean around 1600, with the French as protagonists. He explores the foreigner's condition (müstemin) in the Abode of Islam, consular jurisdiction, the Flemish as protégés, and takes the reader on a journey to the cities of Marseille, Tunis, Alexandria, Aleppo and Istanbul. He focuses on the capitulations' provisions about merchants, navigation, trade, goods and taxes, as well as diplomatic efforts to curb the illegal actions of provincial authorities, ship captains, North African pirates and English privateers.



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