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The concept of Moral Οbligation in Ancient Greek Historiography (Herodotus, Thucydides, Polybius)

The present doctoral thesis examines the concept of moral obligation in ancient Greek historiography. The focus of my research will be mainly three of the most important representatives of this genre, Herodotus (c. 485-425 BC), Thucydides (c. 455-399 BC) and Polybius (c. 200-118 BC), each of whom with his work represents and expresses an entire era. This doctoral dissertation aims at the systematic study of passages in the work of the aforementioned historians in which the concept of debt with the meaning of moral obligation is answered or hidden within phrases or broader meanings. Among other themes, any influences of the previous literary tradition on this issue and possible intertextual relations will be sought. As these historians wrote in different sociopolitical environments and narrated military events that took place in different political, economical and cultural conditions, it will be interesting enough to draw conclusions about how each of them dealt with the concept of moral obligation in his historical material. Τhe last one undoubtedly shed light on the society and the world in which they lived and created, a world that went through successive stages of evolution and in which the individual from member of community gradually became citizen of the world.