

Preface

Since the publication in 1982 of the two-volume *Christians and Jews in the Ottoman Empire: The Functioning of a Plural Society*, which I coedited with Bernard Lewis, there has been considerable demand for an abridged edition of the collection that would be suitable for classroom use. I am delighted that this abridged edition is now a reality.

The present volume includes fourteen chapters that appeared in the 1982 collection, as well as a substantial new introduction. There is also a new bibliography that covers material published in 1979–2014.

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