

## *The 'Psychomachia' Codex from St. Lawrence (Bruxellensis 10066-77) and the Schools of Liège in the Tenth and Eleventh Centuries*

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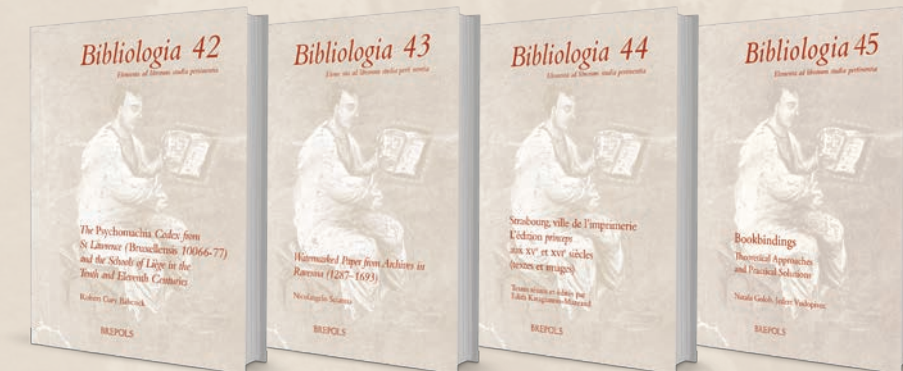
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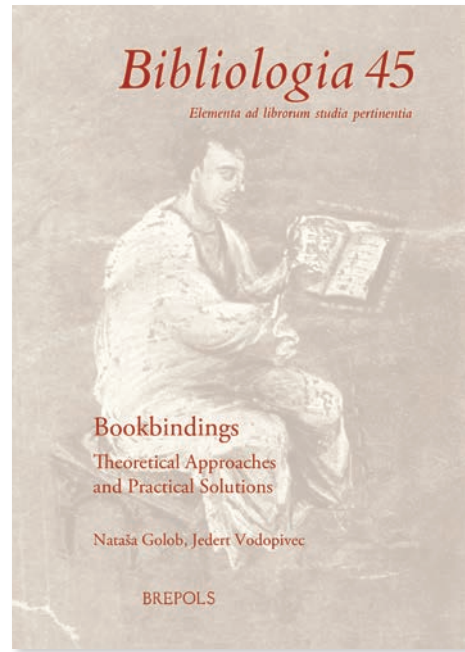
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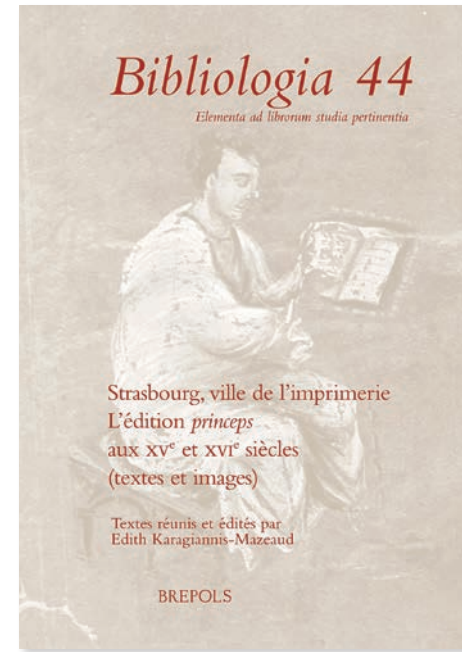
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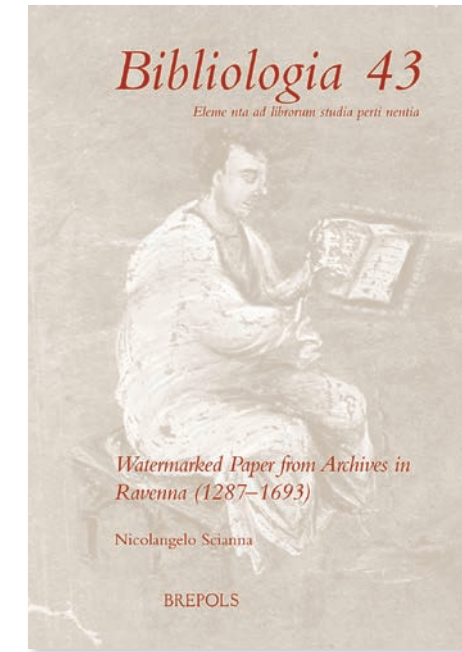
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