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## The Body as a Symbol of Social Belonging in Hittite Anatolia: The Example of Clothing



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Thursday, May 18, 2017 4 p.m.-6 p.m. (Paris time) at the Ivry sur Seine CNRS building, 27 rue Paul Bert, Porte de Choisy/Porte d'Ivry subway station, room C in the basement **or by distance through video-conference**

Through an analysis of various Hittite cuneiform texts, it will be shown that clothing very often – if not always – symbolizes identity in Hittite Anatolia. In other words, the way an individual dresses expresses his belonging to one or, rather, several particular social groups: not only socio-professional categories (king/queen, priest/priestess, etc.), but also gender. The ritualized change of clothes is one of the strategies that is used in order to symbolize the change someone's social or/and symbolic state.

This presentation constitutes the ninth monthly session of the interdisciplinary seminar “The Individual and his Body in the Ancient Mediterranean Basin” organized by Alice Mouton.

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