



**Life, Death, and Coming of Age in Antiquity:
Individual Rites of Passage in the Ancient Near East**

International colloquium organized by the ViGMA Project
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Program

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 23

8h20-9h20 Registration
9h20-9h30 Welcoming speech by A. Mouton

I. “Liminality and Impurity: The Dangers of Transformation”

Chairman: J.-M. Husser

9h30-10h R. Hawley/A. Mouton (ViGMA work group): “*Liminality and impurity in the myths and rituals of Ugarit and Hittite Anatolia*”
10h-10h20 Discussion
10h20-10h50 N. Belmont/A. Mouton (ViGMA work group): “*Recherche sur les passages matériels ritualisés*”
10h50-11h10 Discussion
11h10-11h30 Coffee Break

Chairman: H. Rouillard-Bonraisin

11h30-12h F. Huber-Vuillet: “*De la rue au temple : l'intronisation des grands-prêtres en Babylonie du Sud à l'époque néo-sumérienne*”
12h-12h20 Discussion
12h20-12h50 M.-G. Masetti-Rouault: “*Comment devient-on un autre - un héros, un sage, une épouse (divine) : notes sur des possibles rites de passage dans la culture syro-mésopotamienne ancienne*”
12h50-13h10 Discussion
13h10-15h Lunch Break

Chairman: M.-G. Masetti-Rouault

15h-15h30 D. Lefèvre-Novaro/I. Rutherford (ViGMA work group): “*Rites of Passage and Purification in Greece and the Aegean: 2nd-1st millennia BC*”
15h30-15h50 Discussion
15h50-16h20 C. Calame: “*Itinéraires initiatiques et poésie rituelle en Grèce ancienne: adolescentes et adolescents à Sparte*”
16h20-16h40 Discussion
16h40-17h Coffee Break

Chairman: J.-J. Glassner

- 17h-17h30 S. Boehringer: “*Can we talk about ‘initiatory homosexuality’? Erôs and its power in archaic Greek lyric*”
 17h30-17h50 Discussion
- 17h50-18h20 G. Mobley: “*First Glimpses of the Liminal Hero*”
 18h20-18h40 Discussion

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 24, 2011

II. “Real Life, Symbolic Life: Ritualized Life and Death in Rites of Passage”

Chairman: G. Mobley

- 9h30-10h C. Eyre: “*Funerals, initiation and rituals of life in pharaonic Egypt*”
 10h-10h20 Discussion
- 10h20-10h50 D. Katz: “*‘His Wind is Released’ - The Emergence of a Ghost from the Living Soul in Mesopotamia. Ritual of Passage in Mesopotamia*”
 10h50-11h10 Discussion
- 11h10-11h40 M.-L. Arnette/J. Patrier/I. Sachet (ViGMA work group): “*Food Supply in Graves of the Ancient Near East according to the Archaeological Testimonies. A Comparative Approach*”
 11h40-12h Discussion
- 12h-14h Lunch Break

Chairman: C. Calame

- 14h-14h30 M.-L. Arnette/C. Greco/A. Mouton (ViGMA work group): “*The cyclical character of human life in Ancient Egypt and Hittite Anatolia*”
 14h30-14h50 Discussion
- 14h50-15h20 S. Laribi-Glaudiel: “*De l’Ombre à la Lumière : une lecture anthropologique des rites de naissance mésopotamiens*”
 15h20-15h40 Discussion
- 15h40-16h10 V. Dasen: “*Iconographie et archéologie des rites de passage dans le monde gréco-romain. Questions méthodologiques*”
 16h10-16h30 Discussion
- 16h30-16h50 Coffee Break

III. “Becoming someone: the social dimension of rites of passage”

Chairman: I. Rutherford

- 16h50-17h20 J.-C. Moreno-García/S. Donnat (ViGMA work group): “*Integration and Interaction of the Dead in the Egyptian Family Organization of the Late Third Millennium BC*”
 17h20-17h40 Discussion
- 17h40-18h10 N. Yoffee: “*Rites of marriage, divorce, and adoption in Old Babylonian Mesopotamia*”
 18h10-18h30 Discussion

- 18h30-19h C. Roche/R. Hawley/A. Mouton (ViGMA work group): “*Liberation of an individual according to legal and literary texts from the Syrian and Hittite worlds*”
19h-19h20 Discussion

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 25

Chairman: C. Eyre

- 10h-10h30 J.-J. Glassner: “*Rites de passage en Mésopotamie : le rôle d’Inanna-Ishtar*”
10h30-10h50 Discussion
- 10h50-11h20 H. Rouillard-Bonraisin: “*La circoncision dans le judaïsme, du rite d’initiation au signe identitaire : interprétations et réinterprétations*”
11h20-11h40 Discussion
- 11h40-14h Lunch Break

Chairman: N. Yoffee

- 14h-14h30 J. Bidmead: “*Rituals of Renewal in the akītu festival*”
14h30-14h50 Discussion
- 14h50-15h20 S. Görke/A. Mouton (ViGMA work group): “*Royal rites of passage and calendar festivals in the Hittite world*”
15h20-15h40 Discussion
- 15h40-16h Coffee Break

Chairman: J. Bidmead

- 16h-16h30 A. Gilan/A. Mouton (ViGMA work group): “*Royal rites of passage from Hittite Anatolia*”
16h30-16h50 Discussion
- 16h50-17h20 C. van den Hoven: “*The coronation of the sacred living falcon at Edfu: renewal of royal power in Ptolemaic Egypt*”
17h20-17h40 Discussion
- 17h40-17h50 Closure speech by Alice Mouton