



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

International colloquium organized by the ViGMA Project
23-25 November 2011, Salle de conférence, MISHA Strasbourg
(5, allée du Général Rouvillois, tramway Observatoire)
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Preliminary Program

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 23

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

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

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

11h30-12h F. Huber-Vuillet: “*De la rue au temple : l'intronisation du clergé au troisième millénaire*”
12h-12h20 Discussion

12h20-12h50 M.-G. Masetti-Rouault: “*Comment on devient une épouse divine : notes sur un possible rite de passage dans la culture syro-mésopotamienne ancienne*”
12h50-13h10 Discussion

13h10-15h Lunch Break

15h-15h30 D. Lefèvre-Novaro/I. Rutherford (ViGMA work group): “*Liminality and impurity in Ancient Greece*”
15h30-15h50 Discussion

15h50-16h20 C. Calame: “*Itinéraires initiatiques et poésie rituelle en Grèce ancienne : adolescentes et adolescents*”
16h20-16h40 Discussion

16h40-17h Coffee Break

- 17h-17h30 S. Boehringer: *“La force d’erôs : métamorphose et passages à l’époque archaïque (Sappho, Alcman)”*
 17h30-17h50 Discussion
- 17h50-18h20 G. Mobley: *“The Liminal Hero in Ancient Near Eastern Narrative”*
 18h20-18h40 Discussion

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 24, 2011

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

- 9h30-10h C. Eyre: *“Funerals, initiation and rituals of life in Ancient Egypt” (provisional title)*
 10h-10h20 Discussion
- 10h20-10h50 D. Katz: *“‘His Wind is Released’ - The Emergence of a Ghost from the Living Soul in Mesopotamia”*
 10h50-11h10 Discussion
- 11h10-11h40 M.-L. Arnette/J. Patrier/I. Sachet (ViGMA work group): *“Food offerings in the Ancient Near Eastern tombs”*
 11h40-12h Discussion
- 12h-14h Lunch Break
- 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: *“Une lecture anthropologique des rites de naissance en Mésopotamie III^e – I^{er} millénaires”*
 15h20-15h40 Discussion
- 15h40-16h10 V. Dasen: *“Naissance et rites de passage dans le monde gréco-romain”*
 16h10-16h30 Discussion
- 16h30-16h50 Coffee Break

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

- 16h50-17h20 J.-C. Moreno-García/S. Donnat (ViGMA work group): *“Integration of the dead among the living in Ancient Egypt”*
 17h20-17h40 Discussion
- 17h40-18h10 N. Yoffee: *“Marriage, Divorce, and Adoption in Ancient 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 Syro-Anatolian world”*

19h-19h20 Discussion

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 25

9h30-10h C. Zivie-Coche: *“Apprentissage et intronisation à la prêtrise en Egypte ancienne”*
10h-10h20 Discussion

10h20-10h50 J.-J. Glassner: *“Rites de passage en Mésopotamie : le rôle d’Inanna-Ishtar”*
10h50-11h10 Discussion

11h10-11h40 H. Rouillard-Bonraisin: *La circoncision dans le judaïsme ancien : aspects historiques*
(provisional title)

11h40-12h Discussion

12h-14h Lunch Break

14h-14h30 J. Bidmead: *“Renewal, Rites of Passage and Royalty in Mesopotamia”* *(provisional title)*

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

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 falcon at Edfu: renewal of royal power in Ptolemaic and Roman Egypt”*

17h20-17h40 Discussion