

## **7 Millennia of Expertise in Cuneiform Cultures.**

### **Elaborating and Transmitting Knowledge, from the 4<sup>th</sup> millennium BCE to the 3<sup>rd</sup> millennium ACE**

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Fridays, 4pm CET, 6pm Paris Time

This series of lectures explores the development and transmission of knowledge by, or about, the ancient societies of West Asia. The aim is to explore the conditions under which knowledge emerges, is applied and is transmitted, based on the analysis of various cuneiform sources. Emphasis will be placed on the context in which these documents were produced, to better understand the human agents and their motivations, whether individuals, families, or political, economic and/or religious institutions. From the outset, the program was conceived without limits as to geography, chronology or typology of knowledge, to offer a varied panel of current research. We will be looking not only at metrology, administration, accounting and divinatory knowledge, but also at the families of scholars and/or experts in scribal art, and their respective links with political power. From a reflexive perspective, the lecture series will also address our own current way of teaching the history of these cuneiform societies, as well as the new digital technologies that enable us to elaborate new knowledge.

1. October, 11th 2024: Federico Luciani (Litoral National University - Santa Fe. The name in Spanish is Universidad Nacional del Litoral) : **“Teaching and Learning ANE History in Argentina”**
2. October, 18th 2024: Camille Lecompte (CNRS, UMR 7041 Nanterre) & Hugo Naccaro (University Paris 1 - Panthéon-Sorbonne, Paris): **“Scribes and Social Organization of School during the Uruk Period”**
3. October, 25th 2024: Fiammetta Gori (LMU, München): **“A Complete Edition of the EDPV-B: Work in Progress and New Perspectives”**
4. November, 8th 2024: Palmiro Notizia (University of Bologna) **“Urban networks of credit and debt in Early Bronze Age Babylonia: a quantitative analysis of the silver and barley loans from Ur III Nippur.”**

5. November, 15th 2024: Elyze Zomer (University of Tübingen): “**Dream Divination in Ancient Mesopotamia**”
6. November, 22th 2024: Ellie Bennett (University of Helsinki): “**Swollen Livers and Hot Heads: Comparing Embodied Emotions in Akkadian and English with Distant Reading**”
7. December, 6th 2024: Philippe Clancier (Sorbonne University, Paris): “**Scholars and Power in the Late Babylonian Period**”
8. December, 13th 2024: Grégory Chambon (EHESS, Paris) : “**Reinterpreting Capacity Standards in the Old Babylonian Period**”