The Eunuchs of Assyria: Social Castration as Imperial Strategy in the World’s First Empire

Fact Sheet

Project Information

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Project description

Gender, sexuality and power in ancient Near East

The Assyrian Empire brought most parts of the Near East under its hegemony from 900 BCE to 600 BCE. As the world’s earliest empire, it has been widely studied from a king-centred approach. Only recent works on queenship sparked the consideration of traditional gender suppositions concerning power exercise in ancient Near East. The EU-funded Assyrian Eunuchs project focuses on the ša-rēši class of men defined as eunuchs to demonstrate that Assyria was a collaborative enterprise based on the active cooperation of a variety of groups and persons including the king. It will directly address traditional perceptions of the relationship between gender, sexuality
and power structures in Assyria by describing the identity positions of the eunuchs, their historical evolution and the specific means used to negotiate their status.

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