**Objective**

The project, framed in the research programme Textile Terminologies 1000 BC to AD 1000 of the Centre for Textile Research, will catalogue and investigate the textile terminology in use in the Neo-Assyrian period (first millennium BC). The research is intended to give the scholars of both Oriental studies and of ancient textile studies a comprehensive study on the Assyrian textiles seen as historical sources to understand the organization of economy, the culture, and the society of the first world empire in history, thus challenging the dialogue of specialists of different historical periods and areas of the Ancient World about the textile terminology and the role of textiles in the development of economies and societies as well as in shaping realities through aesthetical and ideological conceptualization. In the past twenty years, the publication of a major part of the Assyrian texts in updated scientific editions provided a comprehensive evidence of a large set of lexical data concerning various types of goods. An accurate explanation of the semantics of many designations of material culture, however, is still a desideratum. This research is aimed at bridging this gap in the studies on the Akkadian textile terminology of the first millennium BC, publishing a still missing complete study of the Neo-Assyrian textiles. More importantly, it will be based on an interdisciplinary approach on the topic. Textiles represent important historical sources for the understanding of a given civilization. Accordingly, their designations in ancient texts must be analysed in a closer comparison with the representations of textile products in the visual art and in the archaeological evidence. Moreover, this project will also explore the possibility to use ethnographical evidence about production, decoration, and aesthetics of textiles in traditional communities of Middle Eastern countries in historical research on ancient textiles.

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