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## Study day on texts, 29 August 2016 in CTR, time: 9-17

### Speakers:

Marie-Louise Nosch, *Welcome and introduction*

Philippe Abrahami, *Textiles colors and spices in the Nuzi texts*

Eva Andersson Strand, *Lactic acid and plant dyeing – new results*

Nicole Brisch, *Dyes and Spices in Sumerian Texts - an overview*

Cécile Michel, *Colours of wool and textiles in the Old Assyrian texts, attestations of alum (temporary title)*

Marie-Louise Nosch, *Dyes and Spices in Linear B, or tax on plant dye in Anatolia*

Louise Quillien, *The Neo-Babylonian dyeing recipe of Sippar and the technic of double dyeing, exploratory research.*

Peder Flemestad, *Pigment and Poison: Cross-craft Perspectives on Ancient Colourants*

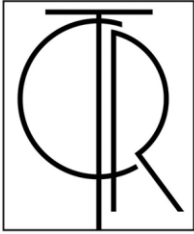
Giovanni Fanfani, *Some observations on saffron-dye in archaic and classical Greek literary texts*

Dominique Cardon, *Madder or madders? An age-old conundrum*

Isis Sturtewagen, *Dyes and terminologies of dyes in 16<sup>th</sup> century Bruges*

Corinne Thépaut-Cabasset, *La culture de la cochenille par les indiens du Mexique*





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### **Other attendants and listeners:**

Cailin Kwon, practical assistant, taking care of coffee and lunch

Vanessa Tubiana-Brun (to film)

Cecilie Brøns (listener and discussant)

Maria Papadopoulou (listener and discussant)

Jane Malcolm-Davies (chair)

Kalliopi Sarri (listener and discussant)

Mary Harlow, (listener and discussant)

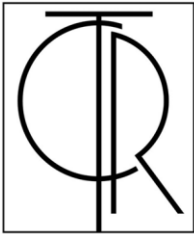
Nathalie Bries, (listener and discussant)

This exploratory workshop will deal with the vocabulary used for dyes, mordents and spices. Textual data will be confronted to experimental archaeology, and we will explore the relationship between spices and dyes in ancient texts.

This workshop takes place at Centre for Textile Research, SAXO-Institute, University of Copenhagen. In the workshop various ancient textual sources about dyes and spices will be presented by the organizers and by the participants. This includes Linear B, ancient Greek and Latin texts, and cuneiform texts (Old Assyrian, Old Babylonian, Nuzi, Neo-Babylonian, etc.). The discussion will be taken into medieval and early modern times. Please note that the aim of the workshop is to present texts to the group and to discuss the texts.

**Evening:** in the evening you are invited to Giovanni Fanfani's farewell dinner. He will give a dinner talk on his CTR experience, on his Mobilex project, and there will be presentation of the brand-new *Spinning Fates* book!





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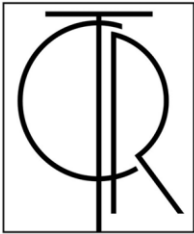
## Hands-on - making natural dyes from plants 30 August 2016 in Lejre 10-18

### Attendants

Michel, Cecile  
Brøns, Cecilie  
Cardon, Dominique  
Fanfani, Giovanni  
Quillen, Louise  
Papadopoulou, Maria  
Harlow, Mary  
Flemestad, Peder  
Abrahami, Philippe  
Sarri, Poppi  
Nosch, Marie-Louise  
Bries, Nathalie  
Tubiana-Brun, Vanessa  
Gemynthe, Fria  
Demant, Ida  
Andersson Strand, Eva

We will meet at Copenhagen Central 8.40 and take the train to Lejre at 8.58. For those staying at hotel Cabin Metro it is easiest to take a train from Ørestad station direct to Copenhagen central and change there.





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### Program

10.00 Coffee/Tea and Introduction

14.00 Lunch

18.00 the bus is leaving for Copenhagen

The activities during the day are:

Dyeing with different types of madder and different types of mordants.

Dyeing with pomegranate rind (Mary) and saffron

Dyeing with indigo, (modern recipe) / Double dyeing (Louise)

We have prepared different types of yarn (thin and coarse) and colours (white and grey)

Another important task will be to chop wood and have the fires going all day

There will also be a possibility to comb and spin wool if you would like to dye your own hand spun yarn.

***Please let us know if you have any other specific wishes as soon as possible so we have the possibility to arrange in advance.***

## Wednesday 31 August 9.00-12.00, CTR

The final and third day (half day) will take place at CTR and is dedicated to a discussion and conclusion of our achievements and results and further plans for the future.

### Organizers:

Cécile Michel, CNRS, ArScAn-HAROC, Nanterre, France

Ida Demant, Sagnlandet Lejre, Denmark

Philippe Abrahami, Université Lyon 2

Marie-Louise Nosch, CTR, SAXO-Institute, University of Copenhagen

Eva Andersson Strand, CTR, SAXO-Institute, University of Copenhagen

