The Body and its Parts in Hurrian

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Thursday, February 23, 2017 4 p.m.-6 p.m. (Paris time) at the Ivry sur Seine CNRS building, 27 rue Paul Bert, Porte de Choisy/Porte d’Ivry subway station, room C in the basement or by distance through video-conference

The paper aims at offering an up-to-date overview on the vocabulary of body parts in Hurrian, after the important study of I. Wegner Die hurritischen Körperteilbezeichnungen (Zeitschrift für Assyriologie 85 [1995] 116-126). Our starting point will be a presentation of the different types of Hurrian texts in which terms for body parts are attested. A linguistic and morphological appraisal of such terms will follow, as well as a philological discussion of some problematic issues (i.e. for example the word for “finger” or that for “tooth” in Hurrian). In the continuation of the talk, some selected topics will be dealt with: the body as a whole; the inner part of the body as the seat of emotions; the deities and their body in literary and religious texts; symbolic gestures involving the body and its parts. A table with the words for body parts and related texts is currently in preparation and will be downloadable at my academia.edu webpage before the date of my talk.

This presentation constitutes the sixth monthly session of the interdisciplinary seminar “The Individual and his Body in the Ancient Mediterranean Basin” organized by Alice Mouton.

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