



## Abstract

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### **Political Metaphors in Hittite Diplomatic and Historiographic Texts**

*Research topic:* In the Hittite historiographic and diplomatic texts some concepts are formulated metaphorically. In particular, we can find metaphors based on expressions of motion; involving body parts; recalling the comparison between a person and an animal; describing the concepts of life and death; concerning the lexicon of the family and relatives.

*Theoretical approach:* These metaphors are to be considered as expressions of a system of thinking, i.e. as conceptual metaphors (Lakoff – Johnson 1980).

*Research questions:* Which metaphors are attested? How are they structured? How do they depend on context, language, and/or genre? Which metaphors are of Hittite origin? Which functions do they have?

*Research goals:* Identification, classification and description of the metaphors; analysis of their functions; description of the changes in their use in relation to the genre and through time.

*Method:* the *Metaphor Identification Procedure* (MIP) of the Pragglejaz Group.