

The Centre for the Study of Manuscript Cultures (CSMC)
announces a Lecture

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Hieroglyphs from Anatolia

Anatolian Hieroglyphs are a local pictorial writing system, attested ca. 1500-700 BCE, used to write Luwian, an Indo-European language of the extinct Anatolian branch. The script is first encountered as the second writing system of the Hittite Empire – next to cuneiform – and survives mainly on stone monuments. However, it is clear that its use was not confined to display inscriptions, as some rare examples of letters and economic documents on lead strips attest. The presentation will introduce the discovery and decipherment of the hieroglyphic script, and discuss its structure and questions of materiality and genre. It will also provide an overview of problems and perspectives of ongoing research in this field.

Thursday, 25 October 2018 at 6 pm
Room 0001, CSMC