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The Danish Institute at Athens is pleased to invite you to
a lecture in English by

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**”The Ritual Use of Textiles in Greek Sanctuaries
in the 1st Millennium BC”**

Thursday 8 May, 7 p.m.

at the Danish Institute



Textiles were dedicated as votive offerings in certain sanctuaries. Though disappeared today due to their fragile nature, textiles are attested in iconographic representations and in epigraphic records, in particular in the so-called temple inventories recovered over large parts of Greece. These inventories, belonging to the second half of the 1st millennium BC, show that textiles were primarily offered by women to female deities. These textiles were not only dedicated as offerings, but also used in rituals involving the dressing of cult statues – a custom attested in written sources as well as in iconography. The present lecture presents some of the evidence for the dedication and use of textiles in sanctuaries to clarify women’s role in ritual and dedicatory practices.