De la transcatégorisation de *CE* en français médiéval : une histoire de vases communicants ?

About the transcategorisation of *CE* 'this/that/it' in medieval French: a case of interconnection?

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Abstract: The study describes a set of configurations in which *CE* (translated variously « this », « that » or « it ») is absent or present in the testimonials of the ancient language and compares them to the achievements of the contemporary language in order to draw the history of these constructions and to show the changes in the *CE* status. At the end of the study, the invariant *CE* appears as a perfect example of the transcategorisation phenomenon.

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