

DOSSIER: What goes on behind the scenes of the hammam. Notes on the work of exfoliating scrubbers.

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Summary: This paper results from a clinical enquiry led on the exfoliating scrubbers and masseuses from hammams' activity in Paris. Hammam rimes with well-being and relaxing. First the point is here to analyse the suffering experience from interviewed employers in order to then grasp their defences against dirtiness and physical exhaustion. Tayabates describe their activity just the way they live it: with some embarrassment hidden with a laugh or some playful moments of dances and songs. The both convivial and family atmosphere plays an important role.

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