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## The Palio and Siena's Contrade Watching the Palio through "Anthropological" Eyes

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The Palio, Siena's famous horse race, which takes place two times a year, attracts every year thousands of tourists. The Contrade, the districts of Siena's medieval city center, are the main protagonists of this race. What seems to the spectator as a bare game and leisure activity means to the Contrade's members to be vivid community. In fact, they say: "The Palio is life".

After a presentation which searches to see the Palio through "anthropological eyes", we watch

together the Palio of Siena. Further, the speaker comments on the race and answers questions.

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