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EDUCATION

PhD in Archaeology, VII ciclo, University "La Sapienza" of Roma (1996).

Specialization degree in Archaeology (Prehistory and Protohistory), University "La Sapienza" of Roma (1990)

Degree in Classical Humanities, University of Cagliari (1986).

ACADEMIC DUTIES

Coordinator of the PhD course in *Archaeology, history, human sciences* (University of Sassari), since 2020

Member of the Council of the PhD School of the University of Sassari since 2020

Member of the academic board of PhD course in *History, culture and literature of the Mediterranean* - University of Sassari (2006, 2008-2010, 2012).

Member of the academic board of PhD course in in Archaeology, History and Human Science - University of Sassari (2013, 2016, from 2019 to present).

Delegate for international mobility (European and non-European, Erasmus and Ulysses programmes) for the Faculty of Humanities (2007/2008-2011/2012), for the Department of History, humanities and education (2011/2012-2019/2020) and member of the University Erasmus Committee. Departmental Coordinator of the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS).

Departmental Coordinator for Internationalization (2014 al 2020).

Lecturer at the Department of History, humanities and education, in undergraduate courses and master.

Lecturer at the School of Specialisation in Archaeology "Nesiotikà" (University of Sassari).

Member of C.I.A.I.M.O. (*Centro Interdipartimentale di Ricerca per l'Archeologia delle Isole del Mediterraneo Occidentale*) – University of Sassari (since 2001).

Member of C.I.R.TE.BE.C. (*Centro Interuniversitario di Ricerca sulle Tecnologie per i Beni Culturali*) – Universities of Sassari and Cagliari (since 2012).

Founded and Director of LaPaRS (*Laboratorio di Preistoria e Archeologia Sperimentale*) University of Sassari since 2010.

Director of the digital publishing series "Quaderni del LaPaRS" (<http://www.lapars.it/site/index.html>)

Member of the international scientific Commission UISPP (Union Internationale des Sciences Préhistoriques et Protohistoriques) "Neolithic Civilizations of the Mediterranean and Europe" (since 2019)

Ordinary member of I.I.P.P. (*Istituto Italiano di Preistoria e Protostoria*) (since 2000).

Honorary member of the scientific society S.A.I.C., Scuola Archeologica Italiana di Cartagine (since 2016)

Member of the national Council of prehistoric and protohistoric archaeologists (since 3.12.2007) and of Federation of University Archeology Councils (since 23.03.2019).

Member of the technical-scientific committee of the Historical and Environmental Geo-mining Park of Sardinia, as a representative of the University (since 2017).

RESEARCH ACTIVITY

Principal fields of research: Prehistory and Protohistory of the western Mediterranean (the South of France, Corsica, Tyrrhenian Italy, Sardinia, the Balearic Islands and Tunisia); Archaeology of insular environments; The Eneolithic in Sardinia: chronology, analysis of craft production (in particular pottery production, spinning and weaving), settlements and burials, man and the natural environment, contact and exchange in the Mediterranean. Study and experimentation, since 2010, of integrated systems of archaeological documentation with the use of drones or UAV (Unmanned Aerial Vehicle).

Author of several scientific publications (books, articles in scientific journals, book chapters and contribution in proceedings of conferences).

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Responsible for bilateral agreements with national and international research institutes for the development of scientific activities, stipulated within the Laboratory of Prehistory and Experimental Archeology (LaParS) and the Department of History, Human Sciences and Education (DISSUF):

Principal Investigator in several research projects in collaboration with Italian and international university institutions, research institutes and local authorities. The most recent are listed:

- Participation in the project ERC-StG “NEOSEA - Neolithic Seafaring and Maritime Technologies Shaped a New World of Megalithic Societies (4500-2500 cal. BC), coordinated by Bettina Schulz Paulsson, Göteborgs Universitet (2021-2025). Co-coordinator of subprojects “Sardinian megaliths. Origin and Mediterranean networks” and “Tyrrhenian megaliths. Valdiloria projet”.
- Principal Investigator in the two-year project “L'alimentazione in Sardegna tra Preistoria e Medioevo. Nuove prospettive di ricerca tra Archeologia, Bioarcheologia e Archeometria”, funded by Fondazione di Sardegna (2021-2022).
- Co-director (with Roberto Risch of UAB) of the project "Social dynamics in Sardinian and Mediterranean Prehistory from studies on ancient DNA" (since 2023)
- Coordinator of the Sassari University team in the PRIN – PNRR 2022 project “Arakne-The intertwining of Biodiversity and Culture of textile fibres heritage. Bioarchaeological investigation on flax and wool diversity loss; from a deep time perspective to strategies for conservation and promotion of “bio-cultural heritage”, PI Milena Primavera, University of Salento (since 30.11.2023).

Participation in several research projects in collaboration with universities, research institutes, nationally and internationally. The most recent are listed:

- Proiect “TimeMaps. The Maps of Time. Real Communities-Virtual Worlds-Experimented Pasts”, coordinated by Dragos Gheorghiu, National University of Art di Bucarest (2014-2015) <http://timemaps.net/>
- Proiect “Archipiélagos: Paisajes, comunidades prehistóricas insulares y estrategias de conectividad en el Mediterráneo occidental. El caso de las Islas Baleares durante la prehistoria”, funded by the Ministerio de Economía y Competitividad, Spain (€49.000), Principal Investigator Manuel Calvo Trias, Universidad Islas Baleares (2016-2019).
- Proiect “Movilidad y conectividad de las comunidades prehistóricas en el Mediterráneo Occidental durante la prehistoria reciente: El caso de las Islas Baleares”, funded by the Ministerio de Ciencia e Innovación, Spain (€48.000), Principal Investigator Manuel Calvo Trias, Universidad Islas Baleares (2020-2024).

FIELD RESEARCH. ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXCAVATIONS AND SURVEYS IN ITALY

Participation in several archaeological excavation and / or surveys since 1982, with scientific direction since 1993.

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Participation in 11 archaeological excavation and / or surveys since 1991 in Corsica, Cyprus and Tunisia

CONFERENCES

Participation in about several scientific conferences in Italy and abroad. Member of scientific committees of national and international congresses. Planning, organization and realization of national and international conferences and workshops.

AWARDS

- – Participation in the *SmartUAV* project at the Start Cup Sardinia 2010, promoted by the Universities of Sassari and Cagliari for best endeavour: Winner of second prize (26/10/2010); participation in the National Award for Innovation (Palermo, 3/12/2010).
- – Prize from the *Regione Autonoma della Sardegna* for participation in the PRIN program 2008. Unfunded project, but awarded 10,000 euro for "successful assessment" (2010).
- – Prize from the *Regione Autonoma della Sardegna* for participation in the Galileo program of Università italo-francese (2016).

PARTECIPATION IN EDITORIAL COMMITTEES OF JOURNALS AND BOOK SERIES

- *Antichità sarde. Studi e ricerche*: member of the editorial staff since 1996-2003.
- *Bolletí de la Societat arqueològica Lulliana*: member of the *Consejo Asesor* since 2012.
- *Materialidades* (University of the Balearic Islands): member of the permanent scientific committee since 2012.
- *Gallia Préhistoire*: member of the international scientific committee 2016-2020.
- *Bulletin de la Société préhistorique française* : member of the reading committee (2016)
- *Quaderni. Rivista di Archeologia*, Journal of the Soprintendenza Archeologia, Belle Arti e Paesaggio per la città metropolitana di Cagliari e le province di Oristano e Sud Sardegna. Member of the scientific committee (since 2019).

TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER

Founding member of Oben s.r.l., founded in 2010, a spin-off company of the University of Sassari from 2011 to 2020. Development and technology transfer in the field of survey and photogrammetry, with particular reference to the use of UAV (Unmanned Aerial Vehicle).

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

Palethnology (I cycle degree)

Prehistory (II cycle degree)

Pottery production technology (II cycle degree)

Prehistory and Protohistory of Europe and the Mediterranean (Doctoral course)

Prehistory and Protohistory (Specialisation school)

SUPERVISOR OF DISSERTATIONS, PHD THESES, POST-DOC AND INTERNSHIPS

Supervisor or co-supervisor of several dissertations of I and II cycle degrees, Specialisation, (University of Sassari, University of Rome, La Sapienza).

Supervisor or co-supervisor of 10 PhD theses (University of Sassari, Aix-Marseille, Corsica, Paris ouest Nanterre,).

Supervisor of 5 national and international post-doc research (funded by the Autonomous Region of Sardinia and the Fyssen Foundation)

Tutor in national and international internships

THIRD MISSION AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

Planning, organization and realization of exhibitions, museums.

Organization of public archeology events, in particular serial events such as “Seminari del LaParS”, i “Seminari internazionali del LaParS”, “Un giorno da archeologo”, Notte europea dei ricercatori, Monumenti aperti.

Speaker at numerous conferences organized by universities, museums, local authorities, associations

Partner, representative of the University of Sassari, supervisor for scientific content and for the organisation of workshop activities in the field as part of the project *Coolturistika. Cultura in chiave turistica*, promoted by the local councils of Cargeghe, Muros, Tissi, Uri and Usini, funded by ANCI and the Ministero della Gioventù (2011-2012).

Creation of documentaries on the Prehistory of Sardinia.

Participation in television broadcasts and events on social networks.

Planning and realization of "school-work alternation" projects.

MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE – UNIVERSITY OF SASSARI

Coordinator of the PhD course in Archaeology, history, human sciences and member of the Council of the PhD School of the University of Sassari since 2020.

Member of the education Commission of the Department of History, humanities and education since 2020-2021.

Member of the "Visiting professor" commission of the Department of History, humanities and education (since 2021)

ERASMUS (OUTGOING AND INCOMING EXCHANGES FOR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS) AND ULYSSES (OUTGOING AND INCOMING EXCHANGES - NON-EUROPEAN COUNTRIES) PROGRAMMES:

- Coordinator of the Erasmus commission for the Faculty, A.A. 2008/2009 - A.A. 2011/2012.
- Member of the University Commission for international mobilities of the Department of History, humanities and education (since 2008-2009).
- Coordinator of the Commission for international mobilities of the Department of History, humanities and education from A.A. 2011-2012 to A.A. 2019-2020.
- Member of the University Erasmus committee (from 2008-2009 to 2019-2020).
- Member of the University Subcommittee for double and joint titles (2013-2014).
- Member of the University ECTS Subcommittee (2016-2017).
- Coordinator of bilateral agreements with the following Universities: Aix-Marseille Université (since 2000-2001), Barcelona UAB (since 2000-2001), Barcelona UB, Valencia (since 2000-2001), Spiru Haret, Bucarest (from 2008-2009 until 2012-2013), National University of Arts, Bucharest (since 2010-2011), Université de Bourgogne (since 2009-2010), Universitat de les Illes Balears (since 2010-2011), Università di Cordoba (since 2013-2014), Universitat Rovira y Virgili de Tarragona (since 2013-2014), Democritus University of Thrace (since 2013-2014), Igdir Universitesi (since 2014-2015), Université de Corse "Pascal Paoli" (since 2015-2016), Universidad de Huelva (since 2015-2016), Universitatea "Lucian Blaga" din Sibiu (since 2016-2017), University of Primorska (since 2016-2017), Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne UFR 09 History (since 2017-2018), University of Cyprus (since 2018-2019), Universidad de Burgos (since 2018-2019), Université Michel de Montaigne Bordeaux (since 2020-2021).
- Coordinator of bilateral agreements for placements with the following institutions: Université de Provence, the Bibliothèque d'Italien, Université Paul Valéry Montpellier III, Museo di Son Fornès (Montuiri, Mallorca, Spain), Museo di Gap (Hautes Alpes, Francia), Dipartimento di Archeologia della Harran University, Cyprus Institute, La Maison René-Ginouvès, UMR 7055 (Laboratoire Préhistoire et Technologie, CNRS, Université Paris Ouest, Nanterre. La Defense), Museo de Mallorca.
- Coordinator of the Ulysses bilateral agreement with Deccan College, Department of Archaeology, (Pune, India). 2011-2012.