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Date of birth: 4 October 1987 (Paris)

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Palaeogenetics Group
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EDUCATION

2010 – 2014
UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL

PhD in Archaeology

THESIS TITLE: The Diffusion of Neolithic Practices from Anatolia to Europe. A Contextual Study of Residential and Construction Practices. 8,500-5,500 BC cal.

ADVISORS: Professor Douglas Baird, Dr David Shankland and Professor John Gowlett
examined by Dr Jessica Pearson and Professor Stephen Shennan

2008 – 2009
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON

MA in the Archaeology of the Eastern Mediterranean & Middle East

GRADE: Distinction

2005 – 2008
UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL

BA in Archaeology and Anthropology

GRADE: First class honours

2005
LYCEE LOUIS-LE-GRAND, PARIS

Baccalauréat série L

Mention Très Bien (highest honours)

EMPLOYMENT

2018-2021
JOHANNES GUTENBERG
UNIVERSITY MAINZ

Post-Doctoral Research Fellow

PI, MARIE SKŁODOWSKA-CURIE PROJECT: Population Dynamics in the Southeast European Neolithic: Prehistoric Archaeology and Palaeogenomics [contract extended until March 2021 by the HI]

2015 – 2017
AUSTRIAN ACADEMY OF
SCIENCES, VIENNA

Post-Doctoral Research Fellow

PI, LUXEMBOURG AFR-FNR PROJECT: A Frontier Model for the Neolithic Expansion in Anatolia and Southeast Europe

2017
Webster Vienna Private
University

Adjunct Faculty in Anthropology

Anthropology 1200: Human Origins

2016-2017
UNIVERSITY OF VIENNA

Teaching Assistant

060034 VO Introduction to Archaeological Theory and Method (replacement Timothy Taylor)

2014
AUSTRIAN ACADEMY OF
SCIENCES, VIENNA

Starter Post-Doc

PROJECT: Untersuchung von Hausbautechniken und Siedlungsstrukturen in der nördlichen Levante und der Ägäis im Neolithikum

GRANTS, PRIZES AND AWARDS

2020	Inneruniversitäre Forschungsförderung, JGU Mainz	€2,500
Oct. 2018-Oct. 2020	Marie Skłodowska-Curie (MSCA) European fellowship [n° 793893] Call: H2020-MSCA-IF-2017 (96 total score, 4.17% of all proposals submitted in the ST-SOC Panel [1511 proposals] scored 96 or higher; the funding cut off was at 91)	€159,460.80
2018	Humboldt Research Fellowship for Postdoctoral Researchers	(awarded & declined)
2018	Short-Term Fellowship, Koç University Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations	\$2,000 & residence

2018	The Royal Anthropological Institute Library – David C. Pitt Fellowship	£1,500
2015 - 2017	Luxembourg National Research Fund, AFR Postdoc grant [n° 9198128]	€122,950
2014	Austrian Academy of Sciences	€20,000
2011 - 2014	Luxembourg National Research Fund, AFR PhD grant [n° 1384234]	€64,000
2009	Seton Lloyd Memorial Prize for Western Asiatic Archaeology, University College London	
2008	Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) Scholarship, Research Preparation Master's Scheme [n°141805]	£3,240
2007 – 2008	Archaeology and Anthropology Prize, University of Bristol (x2)	

INDICATORS OF ESTEEM, MEMBERSHIPS, ETC.

2019-	Founding member and Chairperson, “Early-Research Careers in Archaeology” (ERCA) Task Force, European Association of Archaeologists
2013-	Honorary Secretary, Research Committee, Royal Anthropological Institute (http://www.therai.org.uk/committees/research-committee)
2012-2016	Research Affiliate, BEAN Bridging the European and Anatolian Neolithic, EU Marie Curie ITN project (http://beanproject.eu/researcher/maxime.brami)

REFeree/REVIEWER: Anatolian Studies, Archaeological and Anthropological Sciences, British Archaeological Reports, Documenta Praehistorica, Journal of Archaeological Science, Journal of World Prehistory

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS: British Institute at Ankara, European Association of Archaeologists, Institute of Field Archaeologists, Royal Anthropological Institute

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

PEER REVIEWED MONOGRAPH (all ‘forthcoming’ are accepted for publication)	Brami M.N. (2017), <i>The Diffusion of Neolithic Practices from Anatolia to Europe. A Contextual Study of Residential Construction. 8,500-5,500 BC cal.</i> Oxford: British Archaeological Reports International Series 2838. ISBN: 9781407315782. “Deeply knowledgeable archaeological scholarship from someone who really knows the sites, material and issues he’s talking about ... [Brami] makes a very significant contribution by bringing together data from regions that are usually the sphere of separate specialists and synthesising it in a novel and productive manner.” Professor S.J. Shennan, UCL
PEER-REVIEWED EDITED VOLUME	Brami M.N. and B. Horejs eds. (2019), <i>The Central/Western Anatolian Farming Frontier. Proceedings of the international workshop held at the 10ICAANE Conference in Vienna, April 26, 2016.</i> Vienna: OREA Band 12, Verlag der Österreichischen Akademie der Wissenschaften.
PRE-PRINTS	Marchi* N., Winkelbach* L., Schulz* I.E., Brami* M.N. , Hofmanová Z., Blöcher J., Reyna-Blanco C.S., Diekmann Y., Thiéry A., Kapopoulou A., Link V., Piuze V., Kreutzer S., Figarska S., Ganiatsou E., Pukaj A., Karul N., Gerritsen F., Pechtl J., Peters J., Zeeb-Lanz A., Lenneis E., Teschler-Nicola M., Triantaphyllou S., Stefanović S., Papageorgopoulou C., Wegmann D., Burger J., Excoffier L. (2020), ‘The mixed genetic origin of the first farmers of Europe’. <i>BioRxiv</i> , https://doi.org/10.1101/2020.11.23.394502 [*these authors contributed equally]
PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES	Brami M.N. (2019), ‘The invention of prehistory and the rediscovery of Europe: Exploring the intellectual roots of Gordon Childe’s ‘neolithic revolution’ (1936)’. <i>Journal of World Prehistory</i> 32(4): 311-351.

Brami M.N., B. Horejs and F. Ostmann (2016), 'The ground beneath their feet. Building continuity at Neolithic Çukuriçi Höyük'. *Anatolian Studies* 66: 1-16.

Brami M.N. and A. Zanotti (2015), 'Modelling the initial expansion of the Neolithic out of Anatolia'. *Documenta Praehistorica* XLII: 103-116.

Brami M.N. (2015), 'A graphical simulation of the 2,000-year lag in Neolithic occupation between Central Anatolia and the Aegean basin'. *Archaeological and Anthropological Sciences* 7(3): 319-327.

Brami M.N. (2014), 'House-related practices as markers of the Neolithic expansion from Anatolia to the Balkans'. *Bulgarian e-Journal of Archaeology* 4: 131-147.

Brami M.N. and V. Heyd (2011), 'The origins of Europe's first farmers: the role of Hacilar and Western Anatolia, fifty years on'. *Praehistorische Zeitschrift* 86(2): 165-206.

NON PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL
ARTICLES

Brami M.N. (2014), 'Revisiting Hacilar'. *Arkeoloji ve Sanat Dergisi* 146: 13-28.

PEER-REVIEWED BOOK CHAPTERS

Brami M.N. (submitted), 'Early agricultural migrations beyond the Anatolian Plateau'. In: Ahola M. and Heyd V. (eds.), *Routledge Handbook of Mobility and Migration in Prehistoric Europe* (Routledge)

Brami M.N. (forthcoming), 'The mythology of Gimbutas'. In: Heyd V. and Preda B. (eds.), *Yamnaya Interactions. Proceedings of the Workshop held at the University of Helsinki, 25th -26th April 2019* (tba)

Brami M.N. (2019), 'Anatolia. From the origins of agriculture... to the spread of Neolithic economies'. In: M. Brami and B. Horejs (eds), *The Central/Western Anatolian Farming Frontier* (Vienna: Austrian Academy of Sciences Press) 17-43.

BOOK REVIEWS

Brami M.N. (2019), [Review of I. Hodder, *Where are We Heading? The Evolution of Humans and Things*], *American Journal of Archaeology* 123(4): 10.3764/ajaonline1234.Brami

Brami M.N. (2017), [Review of K. Schmidt, *Sie bauten die ersten Tempel. Das Rätselhafte Heiligtum am Göbekli Tepe*], *Religionen Unterwegs* 23(4): 32-35.

Brami M.N. (2016), [Review of A. Whittle and P. Bickle eds. *Early Farmers. The View from Archaeology and Science*], *European Journal of Archaeology* 19(1): 181-184.

Brami M.N. (2016), [Review of C. Wawruschka ed. *Prehistoric Economics of Anatolia. Subsistence Practices and Exchange*], *Bibliotheca Orientalis* 73(3-4): 520-522.

PROFESSIONAL

Brami M.N., Emra S., Kolář J., Malagó A., Milić B., A. Muller, Preda B. (2020), 'Interviews of recently-tenured academics: comments on career paths in academic archaeology and some advice for young scholars. Northern Europe'. *The European Archaeologist* 65: 18-28.

Brami M.N., Emra S., Malagó A., Milić B., A. Muller (2020), 'Early Research Careers in Archaeology (ERCA) task Force'. *The European Archaeologist* 63: 16-17

SELECTED TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2020
University of Basel

The ancient DNA revolution in archaeology. An archaeologist's perspective
Guest lecture for 2-day workshop, organized by C. Gerling, on methods in natural sciences and archaeology to study past mobility and migration (3-hour lecture, 8 graduate students)

2019-2020
Johannes Gutenberg
University Mainz

Archaeogenetics Seminar: The First Farmers of Europe
With J. Burger, full-semester MA course: course planning, delivery (student-led seminars, 12 students)

2017
Webster Vienna Private
University

Anthropology 1200: Human Origins
Full-semester BA course: course planning, delivery (six 2-hour lectures, six 3-hour seminars) and assessment (23 students)

- 2017-2018 **060051 VO Introduction Theory and Methods**
UNIVERSITY OF VIENNA With T. Taylor, K. Kowarik, full-semester BA and continuing education course: course planning, delivery (one 3-hour lecture)
- 2016-2017 **060034 VO Introduction to Archaeological Theory and Practice**
UNIVERSITY OF VIENNA With K. Kowarik, full-semester BA and continuing education course: course planning, delivery (ten 2-hour lectures) and assessment (89 students)
- 2015 – 2016 **Advanced Archaeological Theory in Practice**
UNIVERSITY OF VIENNA With T. Taylor, K. Kowarik, full-semester MA course: course planning, delivery (student-led seminars) and assessment (c. 15 students)
- 2014 **Neolithic Houses and the Spread of Domestic Practices**
UNIVERSITY OF VIENNA Guest lecture for origins and spread of agriculture module
- 2009 – 2010 **Origins of Agriculture in the Near East**
UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL Guest lectures for BA Archaeology and Anthropology programme

PAST RESPONSIBILITIES

- 2020 **Convener, Seminar Series, How Archaeology Reaches Conclusion**
JGU MAINZ Palaeogenetics Group, Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz
[POSTPONED] [postponed due to the Covid-19 outbreak]
- 2012 – 2013 **Co-Organiser, Earliest Village Societies Research Seminar Series**
UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL
- 2011 **Postgraduate Chair, Staff-Student Liaison Committee, School of Histories, Language and Culture**
UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL
- 2006 – 2007 **Secretary, Bristol Society of Archaeology and Anthropology**
UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL (<http://www.bristolsu.org.uk/activities/societies/archanthsoc/>)

SELECTED FIELD EXPERIENCE

- 2019 **Excavator**
ROMANIA ERC Project 'Ympact', Yamnaya tumulus of Boldești-Grădiștea (<https://www.formula-as.ro/2019/12/17/uriesii-de-la-boldesti-gradistea-omul-yamnaya/>)
- 2011-2015; 2017-2018 **Supervisor**
TURKEY Boncuklu Project (<http://boncuklu.org/>)
- 2014 **Supervisor/research assistant**
TURKEY ERC Project 'Prehistoric Anatolia', Çukuriçi Höyük
(<http://www.orea.oeaw.ac.at/prehistoric-anatolia.html>)
- 2011-2012 **Supervisor**
TURKEY The Beginnings of Farming in the Marmara Region, Barcın Höyük (<http://www.nit-istanbul.org/projects/barc-n-hoyuk-excavations>)
- 2011 **Excavator**
TURKEY Ulucak Project
- 2007-2010 **Excavator**
TURKEY Çatalhöyük Research Project (<http://www.catalhoyuk.com/>)
- 2008-2009 **Survey team member**
TURKEY ITA Project, wider Istanbul Area
- 2007 **Survey team member**
TURKEY Kırklareli region, Aşağı Pınar and Kanlıgeçit

- 2007 **Excavator**
UK Stonehenge Riverside Project
(<https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/archaeology/research/2.4329/stonehenge01>)
- 2006 **Excavator**
FRANCE Prissé-la-Charrière Neolithic long mound

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

MEETINGS AND SESSIONS ORGANISED (LAST 5 YEARS)

- Aug 2020 **The Precariat in Archaeology**, European Association of Archaeologists Virtual Annual Meeting. Co-organised with members of the ERCA task force: S. Emra, J. Kolář, A. Malagó, B. Milić, A. Muller, B. Preda-Bălănică
ONLINE
- Mar 2020 **Kickoff meeting – Prehistoric Mobility: Ancient DNA, Stable Isotopes and Archaeological Markers**, Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz. Co-organised with A. Malagó and A. Muller. [Postponed until further notice due to the Covid-19 outbreak]
MAINZ
[POSTPONED]
- Apr 2016 **The Central/Western Anatolian Farming Frontier**, 10th ICAANE Conference, Austrian Academy of Sciences. Co-organised with B. Horejs
VIENNA

INVITED SEMINARS AND PRESENTATIONS (LAST 5 YEARS)

- 2021 **Society and Morality in Eurasia: from Prehistory to the Present Day Conference, MPI for Social Anthropology, Halle** – Morality before Christianity? When prehistorians imagined that Abel the shepherd slayed Cain the farmer
HALLE
[POSTPONED]
- Nov 2020 **Archaeological Colloquium, Department of Archaeology and Museology, Masaryk University** – Last foragers - first farmers: patterns of interaction from Anatolia to the Danube Gorges
BRNO
- Nov 2020 **Institut für Ur- und Frühgeschichte und Vorderasiatische Archäologie** – How Europe's first farmers interacted with foragers – the archaeological, genetic and isotopic evidence
HEIDELBERG
- Feb 2020 **Archaeology in Anatolia Symposium, Anglo-Turkish Society/RAI/SOAS/BIAA** – Early farming expansions beyond the Anatolian Plateau
LONDON
<http://www.angloturkishsociety.org.uk/anatolian-archaeology-symposium.html>
- Jan 2020 **Faculty of Arts, Archaeology, FIBULA and ERC Project YMPACT, Helsinki** – Ex Oriente Lux. Early agricultural expansions beyond the Near East
HELSINKI
- Dec 2019 **Vor- und Frühgeschichtliche Archäologie, JGU Mainz** – Early farming expansion beyond the Near East: what we know and what we don't
MAINZ
- Oct 2019 **Archaeology Seminar Series, School of History, Classics and Archaeology, University of Edinburgh** – Prehistory and politics: lessons from V. Gordon Childe's early career
EDINBURGH
- Jan 2019 **Institut für Ur- und Frühgeschichte und Vorderasiatische Archäologie** – Young Gordon Childe and the neolithic 'revolution' (1936): a reappraisal
HEIDELBERG
- Dec 2018 **Monrepos: Archäologisches Forschungszentrum und Museum für menschliche Verhaltensevolution** – Politics by other means? V. Gordon Childe and the intellectual foundations of European prehistory
KOBLENZ/NEUWIED
- Jun 2018 **Netherlands Institute in Turkey** – What is prehistory? Gordon Childe, prehistory and politics
ISTANBUL
- Apr 2018 **The Royal Anthropological Institute Seminar Series** – The invention of prehistory and the rediscovery of Europe: Exploring the deeper intellectual roots of Gordon Childe's early writings (1925-1936)
LONDON
- Jan 2018 **Earliest Village Societies Research Group** – Two pathways to Neolithic life in Anatolia? Comparing the Neolithic of Central and Western Anatolia
LIVERPOOL

<i>Nov 2017</i> ČESKÉ BUDĚJOVICE	Institute of Archaeology, University of South Bohemia – Early farming expansion from Anatolia to Europe: when, what and who?
<i>May 2017</i> VIENNA	OREA Research Seminar – Early farming expansion beyond the Near East: the view from Anatolia
<i>Dec 2016</i> LONDON	Third Conference on the History of Anthropology and the RAI, 1918-1945: The Rise of University Departments – Who were the Greeks?
<i>Nov 2016</i> LONDON	The Royal Anthropological Institute Seminar Series – From the origins of agriculture to the spread of the Neolithic. Contextualising the Central/Western Anatolian Farming Frontier
<i>Jan 2016</i> ANTALYA	BEAN Closing Meeting – The origins and spread of sedentary practices in Anatolia and beyond

OTHER RECENT PRESENTATIONS (LAST 5 YEARS)

<i>September 2020</i> LONDON	RAI Anthropology and Geography Conference – Gimbutas and post-WWII invasionism: why simple narratives keep coming back
<i>Nov 2019</i> BARCELONA	ENE 2019 1st Conference on the Early Neolithic of Europe – Early farmer mobility: how to (and not to) integrate archaeology and genetics
<i>Sep 2019</i> BERN	European Association of Archaeologists Annual Meeting – Early farmer migration. Integrating archaeology and palaeogenomics
<i>Feb 2019</i> LIVERPOOL	The British Association of Near Eastern Archaeology Conference – Revisiting the Central/Western Anatolian farming frontier
<i>June 2018</i> PARIS	18th UISPP World Congress – “Culture: the diffusion controversy” (1928) revisited: archaeology, anthropology and the hyperdiffusionists

LANGUAGES

French	Native (C2)
English	Bilingual Proficiency (C2)
German	Advanced (C1-C2)

DRIVING LICENCE

Full German Driving Licence. Category B vehicle