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As a prehistoric archaeologist based since 2018 in the ancient DNA laboratory of Johannes Gutenberg University (JGU) Mainz, my research interests are diverse, ranging from farmer-forager interactions in Early Neolithic Europe to the impact of sedentism and agriculture on population structure in Anatolia and the Aegean Basin. My current project examines the interplay between culture and biology at the turn of the 3<sup>rd</sup> millennium BC, during the so-called steppe expansion. Beside initiating research at the intersection of science and archaeology, my work explores the historical background of current debates on prehistoric migrations and their methodological underpinnings, with a view to address the interpretive dilemma presented by new biomolecular approaches

## EDUCATION

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| 2014 | <b>University of Liverpool: Archaeology</b><br>PhD, The Diffusion of Neolithic Practices from Anatolia to Europe. A Contextual Study of Residential and Construction Practices. 8,500-5,500 BC cal. |
| 2009 | <b>University College London: Archaeology of the Eastern Mediterranean &amp; Middle East</b><br>MA, passed with distinction   |
| 2008 | <b>University of Bristol: Archaeology and Anthropology</b><br>BA (hons), 1 <sup>st</sup> class  |
| 2005 | <b>Lycée Louis-le-Grand, Paris: Baccalauréat</b><br>Série L, mention très bien  |

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## EMPLOYMENT

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| 2021-2024 | <b>Temporary Position for Principal Investigator, JGU Mainz</b><br>PI, DFG Project: ' <i>CO-MOVE - Cultures on the move? New approaches to the archaeology and genetics of the Yamnaya to Corded Ware burial transition</i> '. Initiated project exploring the relationship between steppe migrations and burial innovations in the 3 <sup>rd</sup> millennium BC, using high-dimensional approaches from data mining and machine learning; recapitulation of existing cultural taxonomies based on burial attributes; closely collaborating with ERC 'Ympact' project (V. Heyd) and partners in Mainz, incl. experienced data analyst Y. Diekmann  |
| 2021      | <b>Postdoctoral Researcher, JGU Mainz</b><br>PI, Institut National de Recherches Archéologiques (INRA) Project: ' <i>New Perspectives on the Prehistory of Luxembourg: material culture and human genetics</i> '. Responsible for the overall research strategy and implementation of the project; arranged funding for screening of 33 prehistoric skeletons (5 <sup>th</sup> -1 <sup>th</sup> mi. BCE) and sequencing at high coverage (1-15X) of 16 ancient genomes including one additional postdoc position (N. Zedda); took part in sampling; liaison with lab researcher and archaeologists (F. Le Brun-Ricalens); sequencing strategy; overview of budget and costs; contextualization; data analysis; preparation of publication |

- 2020-2021 **Postdoctoral Researcher, JGU Mainz**  
Research associate, Palaeogenetics Group. Participation in demogenomic modelling research involving high-coverage (10X) genomes from SE Europe (L. Excoffier, J. Burger, D. Wegmann); lead archaeology researcher; collected dataset of over 700 Mesolithic/Neolithic graves; liaison with archaeologists of the project and writing of archaeology SI
- 2018-2020 **Postdoctoral Researcher, JGU Mainz**  
PI, Marie Skłodowska-Curie (MSCA-IF) Project: *'Population Dynamics in the Southeast European Neolithic: Prehistoric Archaeology and Palaeogenomics'*. Designed project with a view to learn new skills in molecular and population genetics, familiarize myself with biomolecular approaches in archaeology incl. genetic kinship analysis; worked on case study from SE Europe (Lepenski Vir) with access to original aDNA data; writing of article
- 2015-2017 **Postdoctoral Researcher, Austrian Academy of Sciences**  
PI, Luxembourg AFR-FNR Project: *'A Frontier Model for the Neolithic Expansion in Anatolia and Southeast Europe'*. Project exploring the underlying causes of the 2,000 year lag in Neolithic occupation between Central Anatolia and the Aegean Basin; spatial modelling of <sup>14</sup>C dates through kriging; organized international symposium with experts from both regions; published edited volume
- 2014 **Starter Postdoc, Austrian Academy of Sciences**  
Project: *'Untersuchung von Hausbautechniken und Siedlungsstrukturen in der nördlichen Levante und der Ägäis im Neolithikum'*. Coordinated research on a highly unusual sequence of vertically superimposed buildings at 7<sup>th</sup> millennium BC Çukuriçi Höyük (Ephesus); documented an as yet unrecognised Neolithic building practice in the Aegean; revisited interpretation of archaeological house floor assemblages by reference to the 'Pompeii premise' debate; publication activities

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## OTHER CURRENT RESEARCH PROJECTS / COLLABORATIONS

- 2021- German Archaeological Institute (DAI) Research Cluster 1 "Neolithic Worlds" (co-PIs J. Thomalsky, L. Clare). Participation in research and dissemination activities
- 2020- Greek-German Call for proposals on bilateral research and innovation cooperation project 'BIOMUSE: The genetic heritage of ancient Greece: Bringing digitalized human bio-history to museums' (PI C. Papageorgopoulou). Participation in research and publication activities
- 2019- Swiss National Foundation Project 'EVOLEDGE' (co-PIs L. Excoffier, J. Burger). Participation in research and publication activities (pilot study: '10X project')
- 2019- ERC Advanced Grant project 'YMPACT: the Yamnaya impact on Prehistoric Europe' (PI V. Heyd). Participation in research activities, fieldwork and publications

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## GRANTS, PRIZES AND AWARDS (competitive funding, equivalent to €819,136.27)

- 2022 Curl Lectureship – The Royal Anthropological Institute ([link](#)) / UK
- 2021 Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG), Eigene Stelle [n° 466680522] / Germany
- 2021 Centre National de Recherche Archéologique (CNRA) / Luxembourg
- 2020 Inneruniversitäre Forschungsförderung, JGU Mainz / Germany
- 2018 Marie Skłodowska-Curie (MSCA) European fellowship [n° 793893] / EU
- 2018 Humboldt Fellowship for Postdoctoral Researchers (awarded & declined) / Germany
- 2018 Short-Term Fellowship, Koç Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations / Turkey
- 2018 The Royal Anthropological Institute Library – David C. Pitt Fellowship / UK
- 2015 Fonds National de la Recherche, AFR Postdoc grant [n° 9198128] / Luxembourg
- 2014 Austrian Academy of Sciences (OREA) / Austria
- 2011 Fonds National de la Recherche, AFR PhD grant [n° 1384234] / Luxembourg
- 2009 Seton Lloyd Memorial Prize for Western Asiatic Archaeology, UCL / UK
- 2008 Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) Scholarship, Research Preparation Master's Scheme [n°141805] / UK
- 2007/2008 Archaeology and Anthropology Prize, University of Bristol (x2) / UK

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## PUBLICATIONS

### 1. Peer-reviewed monograph

**BRAMI, M.N.** (2017), *The Diffusion of Neolithic Practices from Anatolia to Europe. A Contextual Study of Residential Construction. 8,500-5,500 BC cal.* Oxford: British Archaeological Reports International Series 2838. ISBN: 9781407315782. ([link](#)) [review by T. Watkins ([link](#))]

[“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]

### 2. Peer-reviewed edited volume

**BRAMI, M.N.**, and B., Horejs eds. (2019), *The Central/Western Anatolian Farming Frontier. Proceedings of the international workshop held at the 10ICAANE Conference in Vienna, April 26, 2016.* Vienna: OREA Band 12, Verlag der Österreichischen Akademie der Wissenschaften. ([link](#))

### 3. Forthcoming

**BRAMI, M.N.**, N. Zedda and 4 others (in prep.), ‘Investigating the prehistory of Luxembourg using ancient genomes’. Journal tba

### 4. Peer-reviewed journal articles (impact score: *SJR*)

**BRAMI, M.N.**, and 6 others (2022), ‘Was the fishing village of Lepenski Vir built by Europe’s first farmers?’. *Journal of World Prehistory* 35(2): 109-133. ([link](#)) [SJR score: 1.757, **Q1**, top 3 Archaeology journals, paper featured on cover]

**BRAMI\***, **M.N.**, Emra\*, S., Muller\*, A., Preda-Bălănică\*, B., and 5 others (2022), ‘A precarious future: reflections from a survey of early career researchers in archaeology’. *European Journal of Archaeology*: 1-25. doi:10.1017/ea.2022.41 (\*these authors contributed equally). ([link](#)) [SJR score: 0.841, **Q1**]

Marchi\*, N., Winkelbach\*, L., Schulz\*, I.E., **BRAMI\***, **M.N.**, and 27 others (2022), ‘The genomic origins of the world’s first farmers’. *Cell* 185(11): 1842-1859.e18 (\*these authors contributed equally). ([link](#)) [SJR score: 25.716, **Q1**, top 3 Biochemistry, Genetics and Molecular Biology journals, paper featured on cover]

As lead archaeology researcher in a larger population genomics project, my role was to develop testable archaeological models, provide contexts for the samples and deliver sections of the article on time whilst co-ordinating with the other colleagues on the project

**BRAMI, M.N.** (2019), ‘The invention of prehistory and the rediscovery of Europe: Exploring the intellectual roots of Gordon Childe’s ‘neolithic revolution’ (1936)’. *Journal of World Prehistory* 32(4): 311-351. ([link](#)) [SJR score: 1.210, **Q1**, top 3 archaeology journals]

**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. ([link](#)) [SJR score: 0.568, **Q1**]

**BRAMI, M.N.**, and A. Zanotti (2015), ‘Modelling the initial expansion of the Neolithic out of Anatolia’. *Documenta Praehistorica* XLII: 103-116. ([link](#)) [SJR score: 0.587, **Q1**]

**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. ([link](#)) [SJR score: 0.925, **Q1**]

**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. ([link](#))

**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. ([link](#)) [SJR score: 0.362, **Q1**]

### 5. Non-refereed scientific articles

**BRAMI, M.N.** (2021), ‘Upscaling the Neolithic house. Trends in house size and function in Anatolia and the Balkans’. *Studia Praehistorica* 15: 37-50. ([link](#))

**BRAMI, M.N.** (2014), ‘Revisiting Hacilar’. *Arkeoloji ve Sanat Dergisi* 146: 13-28. ([link](#))

## 6. Book chapters

- BRAMI, M.N.**, and Y., Diekmann (accepted), 'Farmer-forager interactions in the Iron Gates. New insights and new dilemma'. In: Whittle, A., Pollard, J., and Greaney, S. (eds.), *Ancient DNA and the Neolithic* (Oxbow tba)
- BRAMI, M.N.** (accepted), 'Early agricultural migrations beyond the Anatolian Plateau'. In: Ahola, M., and Heyd, V. (eds.), *Moving and Migrating in Prehistoric Europe* (Routledge tba)
- BRAMI, M.N.** (accepted), 'Theory versus data. Dealing with the interpretive dilemma in the biomolecular era'. In: Heitz, C., Wunderlich, M., Furrholt, M. (eds.) *Rethinking Neolithic Societies – New Perspectives on Social Relations, Political Organization and Cohabitation*. Open Series in Prehistoric Archaeology (Heidelberg: Propylaeum)
- BRAMI, M.N.** (2021), 'The mythology of Marija Gimbutas'. In: Heyd, V., Kulcsár, G., Preda, B. (eds.), *Yamnaya Interactions. Proceedings of the Workshop held at the University of Helsinki, 25th -26th April 2019* (Budapest: Archaeolingua) 125-136.
- BRAMI, M.N.** (2020), 'James Mellaart and Hacilar'. In: A., Mellaart (ed.), *James Mellaart. The Journey to Çatalhöyük* (Istanbul: Arkeoloji ve Sanat Yayınları) 277-292. ([link](#))
- BRAMI, M.N.** (2019), 'Anatolia. From the origins of agriculture... to the spread of Neolithic economies'. In: M.N., Brami, and B., Horejs (eds), *The Central/Western Anatolian Farming Frontier* (Vienna: Austrian Academy of Sciences Press) 17-43. ([link](#))

## 7. 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): [3951](#)
- BRAMI, M.N.** (2017), [Review of K. Schmidt, *Sie bauten die ersten Tempel. Das Rätselhaftige Heiligtum am Göbekli Tepe*], *Religionen Unterwegs* 23(4): 32-35. ([link](#))
- 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. ([link](#))
- BRAMI, M.N.** (2016), [Review of C. Wawruschka ed. *Prehistoric Economics of Anatolia. Subsistence Practices and Exchange*], *Bibliotheca Orientalis* 73(3-4): 520-522. ([link](#))

## 8. Professional communities

- BRAMI, M.N.** (accepted), 'The Schools and Institutes today: the extent of the phenomenon'. In: Shankland, D., and G., Salmeri (eds.), *The Schools and Institutes Overseas*
- BRAMI, M.N.** (accepted), 'List of Schools and Institutes: a statistical overview'. In: Shankland, D., and G., Salmeri (eds.), *The Schools and Institutes Overseas* tba
- BRAMI, M.N.** (2022), 'Early Career Archaeologists (ECA)'. *The European Archaeologist* 73: 48-49. ([link](#))
- BRAMI, M.N.**, Emra, S., Kolář, J., Malagó, A., Milić, B., Muller, A., and 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. ([link](#))
- BRAMI, M.N.**, Emra, S., Malagó, A., Milić, B., and A. Muller (2020), 'Early Research Careers in Archaeology (ERCA) task force'. *The European Archaeologist* 63: 16-17 ([link](#))

## 9. Other

Site reports (both published and unpublished) for the sites of Barcin (Turkey), Boldești-Grădiștea (Romania), Boncuklu Höyük (Turkey), Çukuriçi Höyük (Turkey), Selimpaşa (Turkey) etc.

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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### Guest lecturing

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| 2022 | <b>University of Helsinki.</b> ' <i>Ancient DNA and Archaeology</i> '. With V. Heyd, full-semester MA course: course planning, delivery (twelve 2-hour lectures, 7 students) and assessment   |
| 2020 | <b>University of Basel.</b> ' <i>The ancient DNA revolution in archaeology</i> '. Induction course for archaeology graduates, as part of 2-day <i>Workshop in Ancient Studies, scientific approaches to the question of mobility and migration</i> (C. Gerling) |

2009-2010 University of Bristol. *'Origins of Agriculture in the Near East'*. Guest lectures for BA Archaeology and Anthropology programme

#### *Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz / Anthropology and Archaeology*

2022 **07.012.350 Quellen der Vor- und Frühgeschichtlichen Archäologie**. Full-semester BA course: course planning, delivery (twelve 2-hour lectures and seminars, 18 students) ([link](#))

2019-2022 **10.009.422S Demographische und evolutionäre Aspekte der Menschheitsgeschichte**. With J. Burger, full-semester MA course: course planning, delivery (student-led seminars, 12 anthropology students) ([link](#))

#### *Webster Vienna Private University / Anthropology*

2017 **Anthropology 1200: 'Human Origins'**. Full-semester BA course: course planning, delivery (six 2-hour lectures, six 3-hour seminars) and assessment (23 students) ([link](#))

#### *University of Vienna / Archaeology*

2017-2018 **060051 VO 'Introduction Theory and Methods'**. 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'**. 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'**. 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'**. Guest lecture for origins and spread of agriculture module

#### *Supervision and mentoring activities*

MA thesis: Justin Moody (completed - Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz)

From 2011 to 2018, trained and supervised teams of between 2 to 10 undergraduate students (IFR, University of Liverpool, University of Queensland) during summer excavations at Boncuklu, Central Turkey ([link](#))

Set up the mentoring scheme of the Early Career Archaeologists (ECA) community with Bianca Preda-Bălănică ([link](#)), currently mentoring Alexander Gorelik Vital'evic (Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz), Mykyta Ivanov (Kyiv-Mohyla Academy), Alexander Suvorov (University of Helsinki)

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#### **RESPONSIBILITIES, INDICATORS OF ESTEEM, ETC.**

2022 Visiting Researcher, University of Helsinki

2021 Evaluator, HE-MSCA-PF-2021 expert pool nr. 1 (Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions)

2021-2022 Task Force Member, 'Revision of the EAA Code of Ethics (CoE)', *European Association of Archaeologists* ([link](#))

2019- Initiator and Chairperson, 'Early Career Archaeologists' (ECA) Community, *European Association of Archaeologists*. I enlisted a task force team (12 members); helped set up the ECA [website](#) and social media accounts; organized an international survey of early career researchers in archaeology (419 respondents) and a mentoring scheme (~30 participants), posted regular interviews and career resources; participated as jury member in the EAA Student Award 2021-2022 ([link](#))

2013- Honorary Secretary, Research Committee, Royal Anthropological Institute ([link](#))

2012-2016 Affiliate, MSCA-Innovative Training Network (ITN) BEAN *Bridging the European and Anatolian Neolithic*. Participation in all research and training activities

**Referee/Reviewer:** *Anatolian Studies, Antiquity, Archaeological and Anthropological Sciences, British Archaeological Reports, Documenta Praehistorica, Historische Anthropologie, Journal of Archaeological Science, Journal of World Prehistory, Science Advances*

**Professional memberships:** *British Institute at Ankara, European Association of Archaeologists, Institute of Field Archaeologists, Royal Anthropological Institute, Société d'Anthropologie de Paris*

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## SELECTED FIELD EXPERIENCE

2021	<b>ERC Project ‘Ympact’, tumulus of Mogila</b> ( <a href="#">link</a> ) – excavator / Bulgaria
2019	<b>ERC Project ‘Ympact’, tumulus of Boldești-Grădiște</b> a ( <a href="#">link</a> ) – excavator / Romania
2011-2018	<b>University of Liverpool excavations at Boncuklu Höyük</b> ( <a href="#">link</a> ) – trench supervisor / Turkey
2014	<b>ERC Project ‘Prehistoric Anatolia’, Çukuriçi Höyük</b> ( <a href="#">link</a> ) – trench supervisor / Turkey
2011-2012	<b>‘The Beginnings of Farming in the Marmara Region’, Barcin Höyük</b> ( <a href="#">link</a> ) – trench supervisor / Turkey
2011	<b>Ulucak Höyük Project</b> – excavator / Turkey
2007-2010	<b>Çatalhöyük Research Project</b> ( <a href="#">link</a> ) – excavator / Turkey
2008-2009	<b>ITA Project, wider Istanbul Area</b> – survey team member / Turkey
2007	<b>Kırlareli region, Aşağı Pınar and Kanlıgeçit</b> – survey team member / Turkey
2007	<b>Stonehenge Riverside Project</b> ( <a href="#">link</a> ) – excavator / UK
2008	<b>Prissé-la-Charrière Neolithic long mound</b> – excavator / France

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## CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS (Last 5 Years)

### **Keynote Lectures**

Oct 2022	<b>‘Migration and the diffusion of culture: a reappraisal’</b> ( <a href="#">link</a> ), Curl Lecture 2023, The Royal Anthropological Institute / London.
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### **Meetings and Sessions Organized**

Mar 2023	<b>‘Scales of mobility in 3<sup>rd</sup> millennium BC Europe’</b> ( <a href="#">link</a> ), Kiel Conference, Scales of Social, Environmental & Cultural Change in Past Societies / Kiel. Co-organized with B. Preda-Bălănică, Y. Diekmann, V. Heyd.
Sep 2022	<b>‘Diffusionism meets Prehistory: Vere Gordon Childe and his archaeological and anthropological network in Vienna’</b> ( <a href="#">link</a> ), RAI Research Seminar / Online. Co-organized with V. Immervoll, K. Meheux, P. Rohrbacher.
Aug 2022	<b>‘Becoming a published archaeologist’</b> ( <a href="#">link</a> ), European Association of Archaeologists (EAA) Annual Meeting / Budapest. Co-organized with L. Coltofean-Arizancu, J. Kolář, B. Preda-Bălănică, C. Frieman.
Aug 2021	<b>‘Early Career Archaeologists’ (ECA) Community Meeting</b> ( <a href="#">link</a> ), European Association of Archaeologists (EAA) Virtual Annual Meeting. Co-organized with L. Coltofean-Arizancu, S. Emra, B. Irvine, J. Kolář, A. Malagó, B. Milić, A. Muller, B. Preda-Bălănică and J. de Raad.
Aug 2020	<b>Roundtable, ERCA task force, Session #409, ‘The Precariat in Archaeology’</b> ( <a href="#">link</a> ), European Association of Archaeologists (EAA) Virtual Annual Meeting. Co-organized with S. Emra, J. Kolář, A. Malagó, B. Milić, A. Muller and B. Preda-Bălănică
Mar 2020	<b>Kickoff meeting – ‘Prehistoric Mobility: Ancient DNA, Stable Isotopes and Archaeological Markers’, Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz.</b> Co-organized with A. Malagó and A. Muller. [To be rescheduled due to the Covid-19 outbreak]

In addition regular meetings with members of the ‘Early Career Archaeologists’ (ECA) Community ([link](#))

### **Invited seminars and presentations**

Nov 2022	<b>Univerza v Ljubljani, Filozofska fakulteta / Online</b> – ‘Protoneolithic, Mesolithic, Neolithic? Lepenski Vir in the light of recent aDNA data’
Nov 2022	<b>Archaeology of Social Dynamics, Spanish National Research Council (CSIC) / Online</b> – ‘Neolithic Aegeans at Mesolithic Lepenski Vir: In search of a new paradigm’
Apr 2022	<b>Nordic TAG / Online</b> – ‘Lured by fish? Neolithic women, men and children at Mesolithic Lepenski Vir’ ( <a href="#">link</a> )
Dec 2021	<b>Archaeological Colloquium, Institut für Uhr- und Frühgeschichte Erlangen / Online</b> – ‘Who built Lepenski Vir? New insights from genetics and archaeology’ ( <a href="#">link</a> )
Nov 2021	<b>DAI Research Cluster 1 “Neolithic Worlds” kickoff meeting / Berlin</b> – ‘Did foragers become farmers at Lepenski Vir? New light on an old question’

- Jul 2021 **Society and Morality in Eurasia: from Prehistory to the Present Day Conference, MPI for Social Anthropology, Halle / Online** – ‘Morality before Christianity? When prehistorians imagined that Abel the shepherd slayed Cain the farmer’ ([link](#))
- Nov 2020 **Archaeological Colloquium, Department of Archaeology and Museology, Masaryk University / Online** – ‘Last foragers – first farmers. Patterns of interaction from Anatolia to the Danube Gorges’. ([link](#))
- Nov 2020 **Institut für Ur- und Frühgeschichte und Vorderasiatische Archäologie / Heidelberg** – ‘How Europe’s first farmers interacted with foragers. The archaeological, genetic and isotopic evidence’ ([link](#))
- Nov 2020 **ERC Advanced Grant meeting ‘YMPACT: The Yamnaya Impact on Prehistoric Europe’ / Online** – ‘Comparing archaeological and genetic datasets for 3<sup>rd</sup> millennium BC steppe dispersals’ ([link](#))
- Feb 2020 **Archaeology in Anatolia Symposium, Anglo-Turkish Society/RAI/SOAS/BIAA / London** – ‘Early farming expansions beyond the Anatolian Plateau’ ([link](#)) ([video](#))
- Jan 2020 **Faculty of Arts, Archaeology, FIBULA and ERC Project YMPACT / Helsinki** – ‘Ex Oriente Lux. Early agricultural expansions beyond the Near East’
- Dec 2019 **Vor- und Frühgeschichtliche Archäologie, JGU Mainz / Mainz** – ‘Early farming expansion beyond the Near East: what we know and what we don’t’. ([link](#))
- 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’ ([link](#))
- Jan 2019 **Institut für Ur- und Frühgeschichte und Vorderasiatische Archäologie / Heidelberg** – ‘Young Gordon Childe and the neolithic ‘revolution’ (1936): a reappraisal’ ([link](#))
- Dec 2018 **Monrepos: Archäologisches Forschungszentrum und Museum für menschliche Verhaltensevolution / Koblenz** – ‘Politics by other means? V. Gordon Childe and the intellectual foundations of European prehistory’ ([link](#))
- Jun 2018 **Netherlands Institute in Turkey / Istanbul** – ‘What is prehistory? Gordon Childe, prehistory and politics’ ([link](#))
- Apr 2018 **The Royal Anthropological Institute Seminar Series / London** – ‘The invention of prehistory and the rediscovery of Europe: Exploring the deeper intellectual roots of Gordon Childe’s early writings (1925-1936)’ ([link](#))

### **Other recent presentations**

- Mar 2023 (forthcoming) **Scales of Social, Environmental & Cultural Change in Past Societies Conference / Kiel** – ‘The impact of steppe dispersals in Luxembourg: an archaeogenetic approach’ ([link](#))
- Dec 2022 (forthcoming) **TAG 2022 / Edinburgh** – ‘Childe, Malinowski and Rivers: how ethnographic research in the Western Pacific influenced the Neolithic ‘revolution’ ([link](#))
- Sep 2022 **European Association of Archaeologists Annual Meeting / Budapest** – ‘Domestic practices at Lepenski Vir: local developments or outside introductions?’ ([link](#))
- Sep 2021 **European Association of Archaeologists Annual Meeting / Online** – ‘BIOMUSE: the genomic heritage of Ancient Greece, bringing digitalised biohistory in museums’. With E. Theodoroudi, L. Winkelbach, E. Ganiatsou, A. Pukaj, A. Souleles, J. Blöcher, Y. Diekmann, J. Burger ([link](#))
- Sep 2021 **European Association of Archaeologists Annual Meeting / Online** – ‘Surveying the next generation of archaeologists: What we learned about academic practices, inequality and poverty’. With S. Emra, A. Malagó, B. Milić and A. Muller ([link](#))
- Sep 2020 **Anthropology and Geography: Dialogues Past, Present and Future, Royal Anthropological Institute/Royal Geographical Society/British Academy/School of Oriental and African Studies/British Museum (UK) / Online** – ‘Gimbutas and post-WWII invasionism: why simple narratives never went away’ ([link](#))
- Nov 2019 **ENE 2019 1<sup>st</sup> Conference on the Early Neolithic of Europe / Barcelona** – ‘Early farmer mobility: how to (and not to) integrate archaeology and genetics’ ([link](#))
- Sep 2019 **European Association of Archaeologists Annual Meeting / Bern** – ‘Early farmer migration. Integrating archaeology and palaeogenomics’ ([link](#))
- Feb 2019 **The British Association for Near Eastern Archaeology Conference / Liverpool** – ‘Revisiting the Central/Western Anatolian farming frontier’ ([link](#))
- Jun 2018 **18<sup>th</sup> UISPP World Congress / Paris** – ‘“Culture: the diffusion controversy” (1928) revisited: archaeology, anthropology and the hyperdiffusionists’ ([link](#))

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## **TECHNICAL SKILLS**

**Statistical computing:** R

**Scripting:** Bash

**Database management:** SQL, MS Access

**Geographic information systems:** ESRI GIS, ArcGIS

**Radiocarbon calibration & analysis:** Oxcal, CalPal

**Web:** Wordpress

**Graphics:** Illustrator, Photoshop, InDesign, AutoCad

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## **LANGUAGES**

**French:** Native (C2)

**English:** Bilingual Proficiency (C2)

**German:** Advanced (C1-C2)

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## **DRIVING LICENCE**

Full German Driving Licence. Category B vehicle



## REFEREES

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