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SUMMARY

Specialized in Archaeology and Art history of the ancient Near East. She has promoted and coordinates the QaNaTES archaeological projects in Iranian Kurdistan. She has carried out research stays in the United States, France, Spain, Greece, Cyprus and Syria.

EDUCATION

 **PhD in NEAR EASTERN ARCHAEOLOGY**
Sapienza University of Rome
1998 - 2001

 **Research Grant**
European Social Fund - CNR
2005 - 2006

 **Postgraduate Diploma**
Sapienza University of Rome
1994 - 1996

 **Master Degree**
Sapienza University of Rome
1986 - 1992

PROJECTS

QaNaTES
2017 - Present  Kurdistan (Iran)

GrESCAM
2025 - Present  Kurdistan (Iraq)
Territorial-archaeological study concerning the Penjween area (sub-project of QaNaTES)

NoTESCA
2025 - 2026  Georgia (Caucasus)
Characterization of ancient pottery (2nd millennium BCE)

TREE
2026 - 2027  Jordan
Short summary of your work

RESEARCH FIELDS

ERC Panels
Social Science and Humanities (SH) 6_3; 6_2; 6_1

MUR
L-OR/05

SENIOR RESEARCHER

CNR-ISPC
2023 - Present  CNR-ISPC

RESEARCHER
2001 - 2023
 CNR-FORMERLY ISMEA, ISMA

LANGUAGES

French
Proficient 

English
Advanced 

Arab
Advanced 

German
Beginner 

Persian
Beginner 

PUBLICATIONS (2026)

Plant-human Interaction. From the Microscope to the Relational Practices: the Case of Juglans Regia

Plants and Humans in the Ancient Near East (eds. S. Di Paolo & G. Zisa)

A. Binandeh/N. Macchioni
2026

Fluctuating Marginal Areas: Political vs Liminal Spaces
Routledge Handbook of the Ancient Near East and the Social Sciences (eds. E. Pfoh & J.M. Silverman)

2026

Bodily Communication in the Ancient Near East: Emotions, Cognition and Gestural Behavior
Manners and Etiquette in the Ancient Near East (ed. L. Portuese)

2026