

CURRICULUM VITAE ET STUDIORUM OF GIANNI MARCHESI (born in Medicina [BO], 07/01/1967)

Second-level national scientific qualification (10/N1) obtained in 2014

CURRENT POSITION

2019 onward: Associate Professor of Assyriology, Dept. of History and Cultures (DiSCi), University of Bologna

FORMER POSITIONS

*2017-2019: Fixed-term senior researcher (RTD-B) in Assyriology, Dept. of History and Cultures (DiSCi), University of Bologna

*2013-2016: Fixed-term junior researcher (RTD-A) in Assyriology, Dept. of History and Cultures (DiSCi), University of Bologna

*2011-2012: Adjunct Professor of Assyriology, Faculty of Letters and Philosophy, University of Bologna

*2005-2010: Research fellow in Assyriology, Dept. of History and Cultures, University of Bologna

RESEARCH INTERESTS

*Uses and functions of the various classes of inscribed artifacts in the Ancient Near East

*Cuneiform sources relating to the history and culture of Mesopotamia in the third millennium BC

*Cuneiform sources relating to the history and geography of the Persian Gulf region in pre-classical times

*Old Sumerian literary texts and the origin of literary activity in ancient Mesopotamia

*Elamite language and texts

EDUCATION

*2004: PhD in Oriental Studies at the 'L'Orientale' University of Naples, doctoral dissertation 'The pre-Sargonic inscriptions of the royal cemetery of Ur' (coordinator: Prof. A. Rossi)

*2003: MA in Sumerian and Akkadian Studies, Dept. of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations (NELC), Harvard University

*1998: Degree in Oriental History, Faculty of Letters and Philosophy, University of Bologna (110/110 with honors), thesis in Assyriology 'The figure of Lum-ma in the tradition of ancient Mesopotamia' (supervisor: Prof. S. A. Picchioni)

TEACHING

*2011 onward: Course of Assyriology adjunct professor (2011-12), junior temporary researcher (2013-16), senior temporary researcher (2016-19), and associate professor (from 2019), University of Bologna

*2019 onward: Course of Sumero-Akkadian epigraphy (MA degree), University of Bologna

*2019 onward: Course of History and Culture of Ancient Mesopotamia (BA degree), University of Bologna

*2006-2010: 20-hr (2006-07), 30-hr (2007-08), 40-hr (2008-10) didactic modules in Assyriology in the course of History of the Ancient Near East (chair: Prof. M. L. Uberti), Faculty of Letters and Philosophy, University of Bologna

PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH PROJECTS

*2019 onward: Epigraphist for the Iraqi-Italian expedition to Nineveh East (Director: Prof. N. Marchetti)

*2016-2018: Epigraphist for the Iraqi-Italian QADIS research project in southern Iraq (Director: Prof. N. Marchetti)

*2012 onward: Epigraphist for the Archaeological Mission at Karkemish, University of Bologna, Istanbul, and Gaziantep (Director: Prof. N. Marchetti)

*2011-2014: Ebla Chora Project (The Early State and Its Chora. Towns, Villages and Landscape at Ebla in Syria during the 3rd Millennium BC. Royal Archives, Visual and Material Culture, Remote Sensing and Artificial Neural Networks), ERC Ideas Advanced Grant

*2006-2014: ARCANE Project (Associated Regional Chronologies for the Ancient Near East and the Eastern Mediterranean), funded by the European Science Foundation

NATIONAL RESEARCH PROJECTS

*PRIN 2020. 'Networks of Power: Institutional Hierarchies and State Management in Late Bronze Age Western Asia (NePo)' (coordinator Prof. S. de Martino, University of Turin; RU University of Bologna directed by Prof. N. Marchetti)

*PRIN 2017: 'Writing Uses: Transmission of Knowledge, Administrative Practices and Political Control in Anatolian and Syro-Anatolian Polities in the 2nd and 1st Millennium BCE' (coordinator Prof. S. de Martino, University of Turin; RU University of Bologna directed by Prof. N. Marchetti)

*PRIN 2015: 'Ancient Anatolia: Imperial policies and local cultures between the 15th and 7th centuries BC: Problems of ethnicity, urban and territorial structures, tradition and innovation' (coordinator Prof. S. de Martino, University of Turin; RU University of Bologna directed by Prof. N. Marchetti)

*PRIN 2009: 'Ebla and the urban culture of the northern Syrian area in the 2nd millennium BC: problems, developments, and crises' (coordinator Prof. P. Matthiae, Sapienza University of Rome; RU University of Bologna directed by Prof. N. Marchetti)

*PRIN 2007: 'The civilization of Ebla: excavations, research, enhancement of the urban culture of the Bronze Age in Syria and south-eastern Turkey' (coordinator Prof. P. Matthiae, Sapienza University of Rome; RU University of Bologna directed by Prof. N. Marchetti)

*PRIN 2006: 'Thematic lexicon of nutrition in the Ancient Near East' (coordinator Prof. L. Milano, Ca' Foscari University of Venice; RU University of Naples 'L'Orientale' directed by Prof. C. Zaccagnini)

*PRIN 2005: 'Excavations and research on the architecture, chronology, artistic and material culture of Syria in the Bronze and Iron Ages' (coordinator Prof. P. Matthiae, Sapienza University of Rome; RU University of Bologna directed by Prof. N. Marchetti)

*PRIN 2003: 'Nutrition in the Ancient Near East: historical-geographical aspects, economic strategies and social reflections' (coordinator Prof. L. Milano, Ca' Foscari University of Venice; RU University of Naples 'L'Orientale' directed by Prof. C. Zaccagnini)

*PRIN 2001: 'Between law and politics: ancient figures in European modernity' (coordinator Prof. A. Schiavone, University of Florence; RU University of Naples 'L'Orientale' directed by Prof. C. Zaccagnini)

*FIRB 2001: 'The Mesopotamian royal statuary' (director: Dr. N. Marchetti).

*PRIN 1999: 'Politics and participation in the city systems of ancient empires. Rights, society, cultures' (coordinator: Prof. A. Schiavone, University of Florence; RU University of Naples 'L'Orientale' directed by Prof. C. Zaccagnini)

RESEARCH AT FOREIGN MUSEUMS

*2003-2007: Research stays for the study of tablets and other cuneiform inscribed objects at the Oriental Institute Museum (University of Chicago), the Yale Babylonian Collection (Yale University), and the University Museum (University of Pennsylvania)

FURTHER RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

*2018 onward: Participation in the publication of texts from the Royal Archives of Ebla

*2016 onward: Edition of the cuneiform epigraphic materials from the archaeological missions of the Moesgaard Museum (Denmark) in Bahrain (director: Dr. S.T. Laursen) and on the Failaka Island, Kuwait (director: Dr. F. Højlund)

*2015 onward: Member of the scientific committee of the 'Studia Asiana' series, University of Florence

CONFERENCES AND LESSONS BY INVITATION (SELECTION)

*2019 (Jan 17): 'Gli amorrei d'Arabia e la storia più antica delle genti amorree', National Research Council, Rome

*2016 (Jan. 18): 'A New Historical Inscription of Sargon II from Karkemish', London Center for the Ancient Near East, London

*2016 (Jan. 18): 'The Cuneiform Finds of the Bronze and Iron Ages from Karkemish: An Overview', London Center for the Ancient Near East, London

*2012 (Nov. 23): 'Of Plants and Trees in the Ebla Texts', University of Vienna

*2007 (May 15): 'Il periodo protodinastico in Mesopotamia: nuovi dati storici da una recente ricerca', Ca' Foscari University of Venice

*2007 (May 8): 'Ideologia della regalità nella Mesopotamia protodinastica', University of Naples 'L'Orientale'

*2007 (Jan. 3): 'The Early Dynastic Period in Mesopotamia: New Historical Data', Yale University Assyriological Seminar, New Haven

*2006 (Oct. 18): 'Royal Titles and Kingship in Early Dynastic Mesopotamia', University Museum, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia

*2004 (Apr. 24): 'Falsi oggetti iscritti: antichi e moderni', University of Naples 'L'Orientale'

REPORTS AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS

*2018 (Oct. 23): 'High-Resolution 3D Survey and Visualization of Mesopotamian Artefacts Bearing Cuneiform Inscriptions', MetroArchaeo 2018: 4th International Conference on Metrology for Archeology and Cultural Heritage, Cassino [Co-authors: C. Francolini & G. Bitelli]

*2018 (Jul. 17): 'Back to the Sumerian Problem: The Issue of the Language behind the Proto-cuneiform Texts', Workshop 'Spoken Words and More: The Early History of the Transmission of Meaning through Cuneiform Writing', LXIVe Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale, Innsbruck

*2018 (Apr. 4): 'Arabian Amorites and Amorite Burial Customs: The Textual Evidence', Workshop Bronze Age Burial Practices on the Arabian Peninsula: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Cultural Contacts and Exchange, 11th ICAANE, Munich

*2018 (Feb. 15): 'Looking for Dilmun in the Archaic Texts from Uruk: The Elusive Textual Evidence for Foreign Trade', Workshop Archaic Texts and Early State Economies in Mesopotamia, Bologna

*2014 (Jul. 22): 'Caesar at Umma: Interpreting UD.MUD.NUN in Early Dynastic Texts', LXe Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale. Warsaw

*2013 (May 18): 'Prestige Goods from Abroad: The Case of the Intercultural Style Vessels', Colloquium 'Materiality of Writing in 3rd Millennium Mesopotamia', Heidelberg

- *2011 (Jul. 16): 'Inscribed Piriggunu Artefacts from Girsu: Evidence for Commercial and Cultural Contacts between Lagash and Shahdad at the Time of the Gudea Dynasty?', Workshop 'Shahdad and the Bronze Age in Southeast Iran', Cambridge, UK
- *2009 (Jul. 9): 'Babylonian Merchants at Tilmen Höyük', LVe Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale, Paris, [Co-author: N. Marchetti]
- *2008 (Dec. 5): 'Towards a Chronology of Early Dynastic Rulers in Mesopotamia and Syria: An Update', Conference 'At the Time of the City-States and Later in Mesopotamia and Syria. Dating and Tuning Phases and Events (2600-2000 BC) ', ARCANE Project. Brussels
- *2007 (Jul. 24): 'Royal Titles in Early Dynastic Mesopotamia', LIIIe Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale, Moscow
- *2006 (Jul. 14): 'Towards a Chronology of Early Dynastic Rulers'., Conference 'Chronology of the 3rd Millennium: Historical Sources and Paleography', ARCANE Project, Munich
- *2006 (Apr. 4): 'Towards a Corpus of Early Dynastic Royal Statues', 5th ICAANE, Madrid
- *2006 (Mar. 25): 'Inscribed Iranian Vessels from Early Dynastic Mesopotamia: Chronological Data and Historical Consideration', Conference 'Countries and Lands on the Magan Sea. Archaeological and Textual Evidence for the Definition of Polities and Early States around the Gulf of Oman in the Third Millennium BC', Ravenna