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PERSONAL INFORMATION

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WORK EXPERIENCE

20 Feb 2015–Present

Post-doctoral fellow

Department of Cultural Heritage, University of Padova, Italy

Post-doctoral fellow in Ancient Topography. Research: *Landscape through the mirror. The Late Antique and post-classical road network of Cappadocia (Turkey)*. The aim of the research project is the reconstruction of the road network of Cappadocia between 4th-12th centuries AD, by analysing written sources, archaeological literature, modern/historical cartography and remote sensing images. The research will also be addressed through a geomatic approach, with the application of targeted GIS analyses. All the hypotheses proposed will be evaluated through systematic reconnaissance activities aimed at the verification of the so called 'ground truthing'.

1 Apr 2014–30 Jun 2014

Research collaborator

Department of Cultural Heritage, University of Padova, Italy

The research was carried out in the framework of the activities related to the Italian translation and commentary of the *Historia* by the Byzantine historian Niketas Choniates (1155-1217). It dealt with the XII century topography of Anatolia, the Balkans and Constantinople, and led to the creation of thematic maps annexed to the volume *Grandezza e catastrofe di Bisanzio*, III, ed. by A. Pontani, Milano 2014. Responsible: prof. Anna Pontani, University of Padova.

Jun 2007–Present

Archaeological Risk Report

Studio Archeologia e Territorio (Archaeological Society), dir. by Dr Flavio Cafiero, Belluno, Italy

I have been dealing mainly with the writing of reports about the so called 'archaeological risk' of several areas in the province of Belluno (northern Italy). The work aims, through a bibliographical/literature research, at detecting eventual archaeological evidences which need to be strongly considered when planning the construction of road infrastructures, buildings, etc.

Sep 2006–Apr 2013

Museum Educator

Civic Museum of Asolo, Treviso, Italy

I dealt with the organization of archaeological workshops (being responsible for their creation and for the management of the practical activities), for students of primary and middle schools.

2003–2011

Field archaeologist

- 2011: Excavation activity at the Roman and Byzantine settlement of **Tyana/Kemerhisar** (district of Niğde, **Turkey**), with assignments: responsible for the excavation of the southern sector (episcopal church of V-VI centuries), topographic survey (prof. G. Rosada).
- 2009: Excavation activity at the Roman and Byzantine settlement of **Tyana/Kemerhisar** (district of Niğde, **Turkey**), with assignments: responsible for the excavation of the eastern and southern sector (city wall, episcopal church of V-VI centuries), topographic survey (prof. G. Rosada).
- 2008: Excavation activity at the Roman and Byzantine settlement of **Tyana/Kemerhisar** (district of Niğde, **Turkey**), with assignments: responsible for the excavation of the eastern sector (city wall), topographic survey (prof. G. Rosada).



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- 2007: Excavation activity at the Roman and Byzantine settlement of **Tyana/Kemerhisar** (district of Niğde, **Turkey**), with assignments: excavation, topographic survey (prof. G. Rosada).
- 2006: Excavation activity at the Roman site of **Loron, Poreč (Croatia)** with assignments: excavation, topographic survey (prof. G. Rosada, dr. A. Marchiori).
- 2005: Excavation activity at the Roman site of **Loron, Poreč (Croatia)** with assignments: excavation, topographic survey (prof. G. Rosada, dr. A. Marchiori).
- 2004: Excavation activity at the Medieval site of **Nogara (Verona)**, with assignments: excavation (prof. G.P. Brogiolo, dr. F. Saggioro).
- 2003: Excavation activity at the site of the Pre-historic settlement of **Bus del Buson (Belluno)**, with assignments: excavation (prof. G. Leonardi, dr. I. Bettinradi).

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- 5 Mar 2012–15 Jun 2012 **Visiting Scholar**
Department of Archaeology, Durham University (UK)
Under the supervision of prof. T.J. Wilkinson, I dealt with the analysis of satellite imageries both from the USGS Corona programme and Google Earth to recognize and map ancient roads in Anatolia.
- 15 Jan 2011–10 Apr 2011 **Visiting Scholar**
British Institute of Archaeology at Ankara (BIAA)
- 1 Jan 2010–31 Dec 2012 **PhD in Landscape Archaeology**
Department of Archaeology, University of Padova, Italy
Thesis: *Central and Southern Cappadocia (Turkey): The Greco-Roman Road Networks of a Border Territory* (supervisor: prof. G. Rosada).
- 1 Jan 2007–31 Mar 2009 **Master's degree course in Archaeology**
Department of Archaeology, University of Padova, Italy
Thesis in Ancient Topography: *A Roman Road towards Monte Croce Comelico (Belluno). Surveys, traditions and 'ground truthing'* (supervisor: prof. Rosada). Grade: 110/110 *magna cum laude*
- 1 Oct 2003–11 Dec 2006 **Bachelor's degree course in Archaeology**
Department of Archaeology, University of Padova, Italy
Thesis in Ancient Topography: *The Territorial organisation of the Valbelluna during the Roman times. Traditions, beliefs and 'ground truthing'* (supervisor: prof. Rosada). Grade: 110/110 *magna cum laude*

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue(s) Italian

Other language(s)

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING*
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1
French	B2	B2	B2	B1	B1
German	A2	A2	A2	A2	A1
Turkish	A1	A1	A1	A1	A1

Levels: A1/A2: Basic user - B1/B2: Independent user - C1/C2: Proficient user
Common European Framework of Reference for Languages



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Scientific activities

My research fields are Landscape archaeology and Ancient Topography, with special attention to the reconstruction of Roman landscape organisation and road networks (both in Italy and Turkey). Recently, I have been dealing with the application of GIS analyses to Landscape Archaeology topics and with the topography of Constantinople and Asia Minor, as described by the Byzantine historian Niketas Choniates.

Main achievements of the research activities

- **Phd Thesis:** more realistic road network of Greco-Roman Cappadocia than the one usually proposed in the archaeological literature, in keeping both with the archaeological data and – most importantly of all – with the context of the territory and with its specific morphological character. This work led, for example, to (1) a more reasonable and archaeologically proofed localisation of the Roman colony of *Faustinopolis* – mentioned in both the ancient Roman Itineraries which are at our disposal and represent a sort of road atlas of the Antiquity – whose position plays a central role in the reconstruction of the road network of southern Cappadocia; (2) to a particularly interesting solution to the question of the Royal Road mentioned by Herodotus; (3) to the analysis of Corona satellite imageries of the early 60s (i.e. preceding the great transformation of the landscape which occurred in the last decades in central Turkey), which are quite familiar to archaeologists working in the Middle East (especially Syria and Iraq), but, on the contrary, not taken into due consideration by scholars of Anatolian archaeology.
- **Turchetto J., Salemi G. 2014, *Distance and slope analysis in southern Cappadocia (Turkey): geomatic approach for archaeological research*.** Merging together archaeological data and geomatic analyses, this work has led to a more reasonable reconstruction of the Cappadocian stretch of the *Via Tauri*, the Roman road linking *Tyana*/Kemerhisar to the Cilician Gate and, therefore, the Anatolian plateau to the Mediterranean coastal strip of Cilicia.
- **Master's degree Thesis:** more reliable reconstruction of the route followed by the Roman road linking the valley of Belluno (northern Italy) to the valley of the river Drava and central Europe.
- **Bachelor's degree Thesis:** improved reconsideration of the functionality of a series of stone blocks previously identified as *termini muti* related to the Roman centuriation of the valley of Belluno (northern Italy) and now better interpreted as counterweights of wine presses.

Publications

1) Monograph

- Turchetto J. forthcoming, *From the Taurus to the Halys. Roads and routes of Greco-Roman Cappadocia*, "Agri Centuriati. An International Journal of Landscape Archaeology", Suppl. 2.

2) Articles in reviews

- Turchetto J. 2014, *Per una topografia letteraria di Costantinopoli. Imitato dei Saraceni di Niceta Coniata*, in "Medioevo greco", 14 (2014), pp. 245-261.
- Turchetto J., Salemi G. 2014, *Distance and slope analysis in southern Cappadocia (Turkey): geomatic approach for archaeological research*, in "Agri Centuriati. An International Journal of Landscape Archaeology", 10 (2013), pp. 63-75.
- Turchetto J. 2013, "...e fino a Mazaka... passando per Soandos e Sadakora..." (*Strabo*, XIV, 2, 29). *La koinè odós straboniana e la possibile viabilità della Cappadocia centrale*, in "Journal of Ancient Topography", XXII (2012), pp. 83-94.
- Turchetto J. 2011, *Notice to Landscape through the lens. Aerial Photographs and Historic Environment*, ed. by David C. Cowley, Robin A. Standing and Matthew J. Abicht, Oxford-Oakville, (2010), in "Agri Centuriati. An International Journal of Landscape Archaeology", 8, pp. 149-150.
- Turchetto J., Rosada G. 2007, *La questione del possibile assetto agrario nei territori di Feltria e Belunum*, in "Quaderni di Archeologia del Veneto", 23, pp. 109-116.

3) Articles in book

- Turchetto J. 2014, *Cartine*, in A. Pontani (ed.), *Niceta Coniata, Grandezza e catastrofe di Bisanzio*, vol. III (Libri XV-XIX), Milano.

4) Conference Proceedings

- Turchetto J. 2014, *The via Tauri and the Ancient Road Network of Southern Cappadocia (Turkey). A preliminary Note Regarding the Topography of a Frontier Territory*, in *Proceedings of the 8th International Congress on the Archaeology of the Ancient Near East (Warsaw, 30th April – 4th May 2012). Volume 2: Excavation and Progress Reports, Posters*, ed. by P. Bieliński, M. Gawlikowski,

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