

Supervisor Expression of Interest

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Research topic	Bioarchaeology – Archaeobotany
<p><i>Brief description of research project themes to be considered:</i></p> <p>THEMES: Archaeology of food & taste, Aegean archaeology, Roman and medieval social bioarchaeology.</p> <p>My research focuses on exploring the social role of plants and food in the past across time and space. I am interested in discussing the development of MSC projects that fit into the broader research themes of my work, could form part and/or extend in various ways my main research projects. Brief summaries of my main projects are provided below:</p> <p>1) <i>Bronze and Iron Age agriculture, diet, and economy in the Aegean</i></p> <p>This is a multidisciplinary project employing experimental cultivations, and plant, animal and human remains and examining these with standard bioarchaeological analyses, stable isotope analyses and GMM. It involves the development of new methodologies for the study of past plant remains by using their 3D morphology to infer agricultural practices.</p> <p>2) <i>Spice trade and the development of horticulture and gardening from the Roman to the medieval period across Europe</i></p> <p>In this project I use plants as proxies for the study of social relations, the development of tastes, attitudes to health, trade, and food economy. I study the distribution of plant remains across time and space and integrate this evidence with material culture and historical sources to provide new readings of the past.</p> <p>3) <i>Food, rituals, and culture</i></p> <p>I am interested in the ritual use of plants and food and how these were entangled in social practices to negotiate social position and express identities. I am currently working on a case study from the Bronze Age funerary Cave of Cova des Pas (Balearic Isles), studying the plant remains that accompanied the deceased.</p>	

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