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Previously, I was employed as Butrint Research Associate by the Rothschild Foundation, to design an online archive that could facilitate the access to the records produced by the Butrint Foundation at the UNESCO World Heritage site of Butrint (Albania)

I was awarded a Ph.D. in Archaeology from the University of Sheffield (UK) in 2017, with a thesis entitled *Constructing Identity in Lombard Italy*. The thesis explored how gender identity was constructed and projected through the funerary evidence in Italy between the end of the 6th and the 8th century CE. I also obtained a Master in European Historical Archaeology from the same institution, as well as a Master and an Undergraduate degree in Archaeology from the University of Siena (Italy).

My research interests cover a wide range of themes from the Roman to the Medieval period: from studies on gender and identity to issues surrounding the fall of the Roman Empire, the migration period across Europe and the Mediterranean and the ethnogenesis of peoples. I am also interested in the history of archaeology and the relationship between historical interpretations and contemporary society.