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CURRENT POSITION

From 01/01/2026, Postdoctoral researcher at the Institute for Mediterranean Studies/Foundation for Research and Technology – HELLAS
Centre of Maritime History, Rethymno, Greece
Project: *STASH - Shadow Trade: Unraveling Maritime Smuggling Between the Russian and Ottoman Empires (1853-1914)* (ERC StG 2024 n. 101166144)

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

01/01/2024 to 31/12/2025, Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Fellow
University of Genova, DISPI, Genova, Italy
Project: *MedMaD - Mediterranean Mass Mobilities and Displacements in the Age of Steam (1869-1914)* (MSCA n. 101106667)

01/01/2023-30/06/2023, Research fellow at the Institute for Mediterranean Studies/Foundation for Research and Technology – HELLAS
Centre of Maritime History, Rethymno, Greece

01/03/2022-30/06/2022, Postdoctoral researcher at the Institute for Mediterranean Studies/Foundation for Research and Technology – HELLAS
Department of Ottoman History, Rethymno, Greece
Project: *JANET - Janissaries in Ottoman Port-Cities: Muslim Financial and Political Networks in the Early Modern Mediterranean* (ERC StG 2019 n. 849911)

01/04/2018-30/09/2021, Postdoctoral researcher at the Institute for Mediterranean Studies/Foundation for Research and Technology – HELLAS
Centre of Maritime History, Rethymno, Greece
Project: *SeaLiT - Seafaring Lives in Transition. Mediterranean Maritime Labour and Shipping, 1850s-1920s* (ERC StG 2017 n. 714437)

EDUCATION

01/01/2013-15/06/2016, PhD in History, University of Genova, Department of Antiquities, Philosophical and Historical Studies (DAFIST)
Dissertation Title: *Within the Straits: gli inglesi, Tangeri e la Barberia (1661-1684)*
Supervisor: Prof. Luca Lo Basso

01/11/2009-15/03/2012, M.A. in Historical, Archival and Library Sciences, with Honours, 110/110 *cum laude* and recommendation for publication, University of Genova
Thesis: *"The Genoese treasure" – La presa della San Gaetano e della Nostra Signora di Loreto (1710-1711)*

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2024-2025, Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Postdoctoral Fellowship (with a score of 100/100) granted by the European Union/European Commission

2024, Outstanding Paper in Maritime History granted by the Institute of International Maritime Affairs (Korea) and the International Maritime History Association (IMHA)

2012-2015, PhD Full Fellowship at the University of Genova granted by *Ministero dell'Istruzione, dell'Università e della Ricerca* (for 3 years of PhD)

PARTICIPATION IN RESEARCH PROJECTS

2026, *STASH - Shadow Trade: Unraveling Maritime Smuggling Between the Russian and Ottoman Empires (1853-1914)* Institute for Mediterranean Studies of Rethymno/Foundation for Research and Technology – HELLAS, European Research Council Starting Grant (ERC StG) – Position: Postdoctoral Researcher

2024-2025, *MedMaD - Mediterranean Mass Mobilities and Displacements in the Age of Steam (1869-1914)*, University of Genova, Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Postdoctoral fellowship (MSCA n° 101106667) – Position: Principal Investigator

2022, *JANET - Janissaries in Ottoman Port-Cities: Muslim Financial and Political Networks in the Early Modern Mediterranean*, Institute for Mediterranean Studies of Rethymno/Foundation for Research and Technology – HELLAS, European Research Council Starting Grant (ERC StG) – Position: Postdoctoral Researcher

2018-2021, *SeaLiT - Seafaring Lives in Transition. Mediterranean Maritime Labour and Shipping, 1850s-1920s,* Institute for Mediterranean Studies of Rethymno/Foundation for Research and Technology – HELLAS, European Research Council Starting Grant (ERC StG) – Position: Postdoctoral Researcher

2014-2015, *Traffici illegali nel Mediterraneo: una ricognizione in area italiana (XVI-XVIII secc.),* University of Genova, Progetto di ricerca di Ateneo (PRA) – Position: PhD candidate

2013-2015, *FrontMed - Mediterranean Maritime borders: what level of permeability? Trades, control and rejections (16th-21th centuries)*, Miur, Futuro in ricerca (FIRB) – Position: PhD candidate

2013-2014, *Navigazione, reti di scambio e strumenti di controllo nel Mediterraneo di antico regime (XVI-XVIII secc.)*, University of Genova, Progetto di ricerca di Ateneo (PRA) – Position: PhD candidate

VISITING RESEARCH POSITIONS

2025, February-March – Visiting Researcher (by invitation), University of Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain.
Invited to present the MedMaD project, attend MSCA Staff Exchange project *Port Arrivals Data. Automatic data collection for a large-scale comparative history of 19th century shipping: a Digital Humanities approach to maritime heritage - PortADa* summer school activities, and conduct archival research at the Maritime Museum in Barcelona

2024, March – Visiting Researcher (by invitation), Universidad Nacional de San Martín, Buenos Aires, Argentina.
Invited to present the MedMaD project and explore research collaborations on transoceanic maritime labour and waterborne mobility during the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries

PUBLICATIONS

Books and edited books

- *Within the Straits: Tangeri, gli inglesi e il Mediterraneo occidentale nella seconda metà del XVII secolo*, Palermo: Palermo University Press/New Digital Frontiers, 2019

- *Mediterranean Seafarers in Transition. Maritime Labour, Communities, Shipping and the Challange of Industrialization 1850s - 1920s*, editor, with Apostolos Delis, Jordi Ibarz and Anna Sydorenko, Leiden: Brill, 2022

- *Attraverso la Storia - Percorsi mediterranei*, editor, with Alessia Castagnino and Emanuela Locci, Noventa Padovana: Bastogi, 2016

Forthcoming books

- *"Vorwärts": The Austrian Lloyd, the Habsburgs, and the Sea*, Leiden: Brill, forthcoming, 2026

- *Living at sea: remunerations, careers and retirements in the age of transition (1850-1920),* editor, forthcoming, 2026

Articles in journals and chapters in edited volumes

- "Black Ships at Jeddah: The Habsburgs and the Industrial Maritime Hajj (1870–1900)", in *The Oxford Handbook of Global Habsburg History*, edited by Jonathan Singerton, Oxford University Press, forthcoming, 2026

- "Marine Clocks of Empires? Steam Shipping Companies and Time in the Ottoman Eastern Mediterranean and Black Sea during the second half of the nineteenth century", in *Imperial Metronome: Ocean Liners in a Global Age (1850-1950)*, edited by François Dremeaux, Bloomsbury, forthcoming, 2026

- "Under the company's flag: seafarers' careers on Lloyd's steamers between the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries", in *Living at Sea: remunerations, careers and retirements in the age of transition (1850-1920)*, edited by Matteo Barbano, forthcoming, 2026

- "Steamers, Refugees, and Empires: the Maritime Displacement of Circassians in the Eastern Mediterranean", *The Journal of Transport History*, 46:3, December 2025, 337-363

- "Beyond Docks, Below Decks: Austrian Seafarers' Shipboard Collective Protests in the Age of Industrial Shipping", *International Journal of Maritime History*, 36:4, November 2024, 874-896

- "Ruling the wages: Austrian Lloyd steam navigation company and seafarers' incomes in the Habsburg empire (1885-1914)", *The Mariner's Mirror*, 109:1, January 2023, 81-99

- "Steamers for the Empire: Austrian Lloyd and the Transition from Sail to Steam in the Austrian Merchant Marine (1836–1914)", in *Mediterranean Seafarers in Transition. Maritime Labour, Communities, Shipping and the Challenge of Industrialization 1850s - 1920s*, edited by Apostolos Delis, Jordi Ibarz, Anna Sydorenko and Matteo Barbano, Leiden: Brill, 2022, 447-477

- "Chasing the Sally rovers: la Royal Navy e il controllo delle coste marocchine durante il periodo di occupazione inglese di Tangeri (1662-1684)", in *La polizia nelle strade e nelle acque navigabili dalla sicurezza alla regolazione del traffico*, edited by Livio Antonielli, Soveria Mannelli: Rubettino Editore, 2018, 147-160

- "Most thought the City in no security but under Lock and Key: Tangeri, gli inglesi e la frontiera nordafricana (1662-1684)", in *Isole e frontiere nel Mediterraneo moderno e contemporaneo*, edited by Arturo Gallia, Lavinia Pinzarrone and Gianantonio Scaglione, Palermo: Palermo University Press/New Digital Frontiers, 2017, 35-47

- “Armare il nemico. Appunti sul contrabbando: gli inglesi e la Barberia nella seconda metà del XVII secolo”, in *Per vie illegali. Fonti per lo studio dei fenomeni illeciti nel Mediterraneo dell’età moderna (secoli XVI-XVIII)*, edited by Paolo Calcagno, Soveria Mannelli: Rubettino Editore, 2017, 59-72

- “A lucrative, dangerous business : le consulat anglais à Alger, Tunis et Tripoli dans la deuxième moitié du XVIIe siècle”, in *De l’utilité commerciale des consuls. L’institution consulaire et les marchands dans le monde méditerranéen (XVII-XX siècle)*, edited by Arnaud Barolomei, Guillaume Calafat, Mathieu Grenet and Jörg Ulbert, Madrid-Rome: Casa de Velázquez, 2017, 215-224

- “La presa della Margareta (1665): la colonia inglese di Tangeri tra corsa, politica e diplomazia”, in *Attraverso la Storia, Percorsi mediterranei*, edited by Matteo Barbano, Alessia Castagnino and Emanuela Locci, Noventa Padovana: Bastogi, 2016, 50-71

- “Una guerra discreta: la minaccia ispano-moresca a Tangeri del 1663”, *Mediterranea ricerche storiche*, n° 32, December 2014, 511-524

Recent Book Reviews

- Joshua Savala, *Beyond Patriotic Phobias: Connections, Cooperation, and Solidarity in the Peruvian-Chilean Pacific World*, University of California Press, 2022, *The Mariner’s Mirror*, 111:3, August 2025, 370-371

- Diane Kirkby et al., *Maritime Men of the Asia-Pacific: True-Blue Internationals Navigating Labour Tights, 1906-2006*, Liverpool University Press, 2022, *The Mariner’s Mirror*, 110:1, January 2024, 120-121

PEER-REVIEW ACTIVITY FOR SCIENTIFIC JOURNALS

Business History (Routledge)

INQUIRY: The Journal of Health Care Organization, Provision, and Financing (SAGE)

Nuova Antologia Militare (SISM)

CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS

Invited presentations

As keynote lecturer

2026, 11-13 June – Turku, Helsinki and Tallin: *Travellers of the Sea – Conference on Maritime History, Marine Archaeology and Ethnology*

As a speaker at conferences and workshops

2025, 28 November – Rethymno: *Beneath the Waves: Launching the STASH Project, Kick-Off Workshop*
Paper: “Tracking Smuggling by Sea: Research Notes on Shipping Companies and Sources”

2025, 18 June – Online Workshop by the Núcleo de Historia Social y Cultural del Mundo del Trabajo (EIDAES-UNSAM): *La dimensión móvil de la experiencia obrera*
Paper: “Refugees, Shipping Companies and Empires: the maritime dimension of Circassian displacement of 1878”

2024, 27-31 May – Rethymno: *6th Mediterranean Maritime History Network Conference*
Paper: “Investigating Mediterranean low-cost seaborne mobilities in the age of steam: the MedMaD project approach"

2024, 21 March – Buenos Aires: *Lecture organised by the Núcleo de Historia Social y Cultural del Mondo del Trabajo, Universidad Nacional de San Martín*
Paper: "Repensar las movilidades mediterráneas en la era del vapor: objectivos y desafíos del proyecto MedMaD"

2024, 24 January – Aix-en-Provence: *Étudier le monde de la mer au NavLab - Centre de recherche Fernand Braudel et à l'UMR TELEMMe*
Paper: "MedMaD: new research perspectives on passenger transport in the wider Mediterranean (1869-1914)"

2022, June 9-11 – Rethymno: *Seafaring Lives Bound for Homeport. Seafaring Lives in Transition: Mediterranean Maritime Labour and Transport during Globalization, 1850s-1920s*
Paper: "Under the company's flag: Austrian seafarers' careers and remunerations on Lloyd's steamers between the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries"

2019, October 10-11 – Genova: *3rd Workshop of the ERC Starting Grant 2016 project Seafaring Lives in Transition: Mediterranean Maritime Labour and Transport during Globalization 1850s-1920s*
Paper: "The Austrian Lloyd and the Triestine maritime labour in the age of steam"

2018, June 15-16 – Barcelona: *2nd Workshop of the ERC Starting Grant 2016 project Seafaring Lives in Transition: Sources and Resources in the Maritime Labour History of the Mediterranean*
Paper: "Sources for the study of the Austrian Lloyd: research perspectives"

2017, June 03 – Imperia: *L'evoluzione del design navale e la sua rappresentazione - Museo Navale Internazionale del Ponente Ligure*
Paper: "Galere fregate: soluzioni mediterranee per la Royal Navy nel secondo Seicento"

2013, October 17 – Rome: *Gli sviluppi recenti della storiografia marittima e navale: il contributo del nuovo laboratorio di ricerca dell'Università di Genova (NavLab)*
Paper: "La penetrazione militare inglese nel Mediterraneo a cavallo tra Sei e Settecento"

Selected Papers in conferences with call for papers

2025, 26-29 March – Leiden: *European Social Science History Conference*
Paper: "Forgotten Passages: Exploring Mediterranean Low-cost Mass Mobilities in the Age of Steam (1869-1914)"

2024, 19-24 August – Busan: *9th International Maritime History Association International Congress*
Paper: "Navigating Mediterranean Maritime Mass Mobilities: Low-Cost Passengers in the Age of Steam (1869-1914)"

2022, 29 September-1 October – Athens: *4th International Conference in Economic and Social History, Varieties of Capitalism in the Mediterranean (18th-20th c.)*
Paper: "Maritime labour in the age of steam: the case of the Austrian Lloyd"

2022, 28 June-02 July – Porto: *8th International Maritime History Association International Congress*
Paper: "An engine for the Empire. The leading role of the Austrian Lloyd in the transition from sail to steam in the Habsburg Monarchy"

2021, **30 August-3 September – Vienna**: *4th Conference of the European Labour History Network - ELHN*
"Paper: Maritime labour in the age of transition: the Austrian Lloyd, Trieste, and the rise of the steam"

2019, September 18-21 – Amsterdam: *3rd Conference of the European Labour History Network - ELHN*
Paper: "Crime and Class Struggle between Decks: the case of the Austrian Lloyd"

2016, November 24-26 – Bologna: *Attraverso la Storia – Fourth Edition*
Paper: "L'uomo sbagliato nel posto sbagliato: l'evoluzione degli agenti diplomatici britannici in Barberia nel secondo Seicento"

2015, June 17 – Genova: *Per vie illegali. Fonti per lo studio dei fenomeni illeciti nel Mediterraneo dell'età moderna (secoli XVI-XVIII)*
Paper: "Armare il nemico. Gli inglesi e il contrabbando con la Barberia nella seconda metà del XVII secolo"

2015, May 14-16 – Palermo: *Itinera: Isole e frontiere nel Mediterraneo moderno e contemporaneo – 3rd international seminar*
Paper: "«Most thought the City in no security but under Lock and Key»: Tangeri, gli inglesi e la frontiera nordafricana (1662-1684)"

2015, March 31, April 1-2 – Portsmouth: *Social History Society Annual Conference*
Paper: "The pervious border: merchants and adventurers in English Tangier"

2014, November 27-29 – Abbiategrasso: *La polizia nelle strade e nelle acque navigabili – International conference*
Paper: "Chasing the Sally rovers: la Royal Navy e il controllo delle coste marocchine durante il periodo di occupazione inglese di Tangeri (1662-1684)"

2014, September 2-6 – Lisbon: *12th International Conference on Urban History: Cities in Europe, Cities in the World*
Paper: "Tangier: a prison under the sun (1662-1684)"

2014, April 10-12 – Nice: *Colloque international: Les consuls, figures de l'intermédiation marchande en Europe et dans le monde méditerranéen (XVIIe-XIXe siècles)*
Paper: "A lucrative, dangerous business: il consolato inglese ad Algeri, Tunisi e Tripoli nella seconda metà del XVII secolo"

RECENT CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS AS ORGANIZER AND/OR SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE MEMBER

2026 – Member of the scientific committee of the *7th Mediterranean Maritime History Network Conference*, Zadar

2025 – Organiser of the international workshop "Maritime Mass Mobility in the 'Wider Mediterranean' (1869-1914)", University of Genova

2024 – Organiser and chair of the seminar "Maritime Mobilities in the Mediterranean and Diaspora Maritime Networks, 18th–20th Centuries", guest speaker: Prof. Gelina Harlaftis (Institute for Mediterranean Studies, Rethymno), University of Genova

2024 – Organiser and chair of the seminar "A Social History of Maritime Labour in the South American Atlantic in the Transition from Sail to Steam: Labour, Gender, and Mobility in Buenos Aires, 1890–1920", guest speaker: Prof. Laura Caruso (Universidad Nacional de San Martín), University of Genova

2024 – Member of the organising and scientific committees of the *6th Mediterranean Maritime History Network* Conference, Rethymno

2024 – Member of the organising committee of the workshop *Praticare la storia marittima tra Genova e Marsiglia*, University of Genova

TEACHING EXPERIENCE & MENTORING ACTIVITIES

2026 – PhD thesis reviewer, University of Pisa

2025, May – Masterclass MSCA PF @UniGe 2025, University of Genova

2025, May – FORTH MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowship Seminar, Institute for Mediterranean Studies, Rethymno

2024, November-December – MA course "Maritime Mass Mobilities in the Mediterranean, Red and Black Sea (19th-20th c.)", MA Degrees in International Relations and in Historical Sciences, University of Genova

2024-2025 – Member of the Examination Boards for Maritime History (MA course), Modern History (BA course) and Public History (open-level), University of Genova

2022, April – Seminars for Master students in Maritime History, University of Genova

2022, March – Thematic Seminar 2021-2022 between professors, researchers, PhD candidates and master students in Modern and Contemporary History, University of Crete & Institute for Mediterranean Studies (IMS/FORTH)

2020, March-April – PhD candidates' seminars on Maritime History 2019-2020 Institute for Mediterranean Studies (IMS/FORTH)

2019, April – Thematic Seminar 2018-2019 between professors, researchers, PhD candidates and master students in Modern and Contemporary History, University of Crete & Institute for Mediterranean Studies (IMS/FORTH)

2018, September-2019, February – Mentoring of master students and PhD candidates – 80 hours of training on the development of databases built on digital semantic networks for historical research and research methodologies for maritime history, Institute for Mediterranean Studies (IMS/FORTH)

ORGANISATION/DELIVERY OF SCIENTIFIC DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES FOR THE NON-SPECIALISED PUBLIC AND ACTIVITIES OF PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

2025, February: Guest speaker on RAI Radio (sede Friuli Venezia Giulia) – *Sconfinamenti*
Episode titled "Il Lloyd Austriaco e la mobilità di massa"
(Produced and aired by Italy's national public broadcaster – RAI)

2025, January – Trieste: Museo del Mare, invited speaker on "Il Lloyd Austriaco e le mobilità di massa nel 'grande Mediterraneo' dell'età del vapore" as part of the museum's public history and education programme

2024, September – Genova: Invited speaker at the public event on historical boardgames "Giocare la Storia" - Giocare il Medioevo, Centro di Ricerca sul Gioco (CeRG), University of Genova

2024, February – Genova: Selected as testimonial for the MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowship programme in a promotional video by the University of Genova

2018, April – Genova: 9th edition of *La Storia in Piazza*, Developer of the workshop "Viva Maria o viva la Libertà?"

2018, January-March – Genova: Museo Diocesano, Young Public Engagement Consultant

2017-2018 – Genova: Palazzo Ducale Foundation for Culture, Designer of historical-theatrical activities for high schools and developer of the workshop "Il mestiere dello storico: Genova, l'Europa e il Mondo"

2017, October-November – Genova: 15th edition of *Festival della Scienza*

- Lecture: "Un elefante per lo Shōgun. Nagasaki: la porta dei Tokugawa sul mondo"
- Scientific contents developer for the workshop "Cosa porta il bastimento? Navigando tra storia, scienze naturali e cultura"

2017, April – Genova: 8th edition of *La Storia in Piazza*, Scientific coordinator of the workshop for high school students "Pirata o Corsaro?"

2014, November 13 – Genova: *Studi, Questioni, Metodi* - Palazzo Reale
Lecture: "«Oh hail! You English dogs, oh hail!» Incontri sul mare tra inglesi e barbareschi nella seconda metà del XVII secolo"

OTHER WORKING EXPERIENCES OF INTEREST

2015-2021 – author and curator of historical contents of Maritime and Economic History designed for the non-specialised public (for MilanoEdit, published by De Agostini)

- 2016-2018: *Il Vasa e il suo tempo* (124 issues, Maritime History)
- 2018-2021: *Storia delle banche centrali del mondo* (161 issues, Economic History)

LANGUAGES

Italian: native speaker | Spanish: intermediate (B1) | Greek: intermediate (B1)

English: excellent (C2) | French: intermediate (B1)