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**AREAS OF RESEARCH**

Numismatics, History and Archaeology of Pre-Islamic Central Asia and Iran

**CURRENT POSITION**

Post-Doctoral researcher at Charles University, Department of  
Classical Archaeology, Prague

• **PAST POSITIONS AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

- 09/2019 – 02/2020 Postdoctoral researcher of Iran and Central Asia  
Seminar für Alte Geschichte / University of Freiburg/ Germany
- 01/2017 – 06/2019 Associate Professional Specialist, Central Asian Numismatic  
Department of Rare Books and special collections/ Firestone  
Library/Princeton University/ United States
- 09/2011- 12/2016 Research Assistant  
Department of History/Numismatic Institute/ University of Vienna
- 02/2008-12/2010 Project Coordinator and Research Associate/ Research Institute of Cultural  
Heritage and Tourism Organization of Iran (RICHTO) and UNESCO
- 01/2007-01/2008 Research Project Executive/ (RICHTO)/ Iran

• **EDUCATION**

- 09/2011 – 07/2017 PhD  
Historical and Cultural Studies/ History, University of Vienna/ Numismatic  
Institute, Austria
- 10/2003 – 1/2007 Master  
Humanities/ Archaeology, Azad University of Tehran/ Iran
- 10/1999– 1/2003 Bachelor  
Humanities/ Archaeology, Azad University of Kazeroon/ Iran

• **TEACHING ACTIVITIES**

- 09/2009 – 12/2009 Lecturer – Archaeology and Architecture of Sasanian and  
Early Islamic period of Iran, Azad University of Varamin,  
Iran  
Lecturer- Archaeology and History of Ancient  
Mesopotamia, Cultural Anthropology, Early urbanization of  
Iran
- 09/2007– 12/2007 Teaching position – Azad University of Hamedan, Iran

## • INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- 09/2009 – 09/2010 Representative of Iran in preparing the dossier for the Serial World Heritage Nomination of the Silk Roads/ Coordinating Committee of Serial World/ UNESCO/China
- 02/2008-12/2010 Project Coordinator and Research Associate/Joint project with (RICHTO) and UNESCO, Presenting a tentative list of nominated properties of cultural heritage of Iran to the international Committee on the Serial World Heritage Nomination of the Silk Roads in X'IAN, China;  
Coordinating and managing various research groups of the RICHTO for implementation of UNESCO strategies and approaches for the Silk Roads world heritage list
- 07/2008-12/2008 Organizer of the Silk Roads exhibition at the National Museum of Iran
- 11/2018 – 11/2018 Organizer of an international conference entitled: “From Ardashir to Phrom Kesar; Workshop on Sasanian Coins and History”, Princeton University
- 11/2018 – 11/2018 Organizer of an exhibition on the Sasanian and Central Asian coins, Princeton University

## • PUBLICATIONS

- 2018 Language and legend in Early Kushan Coinage: Progression and Transformation, In the refereed journal of DABIR, 2018, Vol. 5. 71-84.
- 2019 Khalchayan and Historical Links to the Numismatic and Iconographical Evidence in Central Asia: Some Suggestions for Chronology, In the refereed journal of ANABASIS; Studia Classica et Orientalia, Vol 10. 138-160.
- 2020 Representation of Wēś in Early Kushan Coinage: Royal or Local Cult? In the refereed journal of Afghanistan, 2020, Issue 3.1. 83-106. Edinburgh University Press.
- 2020 Statement of Dynastic Affiliation in Early Kushan Coinage: Use and Omission, In Dinars and Dirhams, Festschrift in Honor of Michael Bates, Iranian Studies Series, Vol. 11. 269-286. UCI Jordan Center for Persian Studies and Culture, California, USA.
- 2021 Tools of Economic Activities in the Arsakid Empire, with contributions from Sitta von Reden, In the second volume of Handbook of Ancient Afro-Eurasian Economies; edited by Sitta Von Reden; De Gruyter, 423-447.
- 2021 Financial Actors in the Arsakid Empire, In the second volume of Handbook of Ancient Afro-Eurasian Economies; edited by Sitta Von Reden; De Gruyter, 147-158.
- 2021 Representation of Mirro on Kushan Coinage, In the refereed journal of Jahan Bastan (The Ancient World); written in Farsi (Forthcoming).

2022 Development of Greek Religious Practice in Early Kushan Coinage: Integration, adaptation and transformation, In the refereed journal of *Studia Hercynia* (Forthcoming)

2022 The view from Iran. Persia's Antioch Obsession, In *Antioch on Orontes: History, Society, and Visual cultures*; edited by Andrea De Giorgi; Cambridge University Press (Forthcoming)

• **KEY SCIENTIFIC TALKS AND CONFERENCE PAPERS**

2019 *Khalchayan and historical links to the numismatic, archaeological and iconographical evidence in Central Asia: some suggestions for chronology*, A lecture presented at the University of Freiburg, Seminar für Alte Geschichte, FrACAS series talks, 2 December 2012

2019 *Royal Titles and Political Rhetoric on Material Culture of Indo-Iranian Frontier*  
A lecture presented at the University of California, Irvine, 26 July 2019

2019 *Parthian Coin production in Seleucia- Ctesiphon*  
Presented in the international conference, "The Heart of Iran, Seleucia-Ctesiphon and a New Iranian Urbanism", University of California, Irvine, 14 April, 2019

2019 *The Heraios Coinage and Khalchayan, Attribution and Chronology: Revisited*  
Presented in the Oriental Numismatic Society- North America: the New York International Numismatic Convention, 12 January 2019

2018 *The Attribution and Chronology of the Heraios Coinage: A Reassessment*  
Presented in the conference of "Seen from Oxyartes' Rock: Central Asia under and after Alexander: Third Meeting of the Hellenistic Central Asia Research Network", Charles University of Prague, November 14-16, 2018

2018 *Introduction to Princeton's Sasanian Coin Collection*  
Presented in the international conference, "From Arashir to Phrom Kesar; Sasanian Coins and History", 3 November 2018, Princeton University

2018 *Political Interaction between Sasanian Iran and Byzantium: Coin evidence from Antioch*  
Presented in the international conference, "From Arashir to Phrom Kesar; Sasanian Coins and History", 3 November 2018, Princeton University

2018 *The function of Wēś, the Eastern Iranian God in Early Kushan Coinage: Royal or Local Cult?* Presented in the international conference of "Association for Iranian Studies Conference", University of south California, Irvine, August 14-17, 2018

2017 *Statement of Dynastic Affiliation in Early Kushan Coinage: Use and Omission*  
Presented in the international conference of "Boris Kochnev Memorial Seminar on Middle Eastern and Central Asian Numismatics." Hofstra University, New York, 23 March 2017

- 2017 *Development of Greek Religious Practice in Early Kushan Coinage: Integration, adaptation and transformation*  
Presented in the international conference of “Ritual Matters Archaeology and Religion in Hellenistic Central Asia”, Eurasien-Abteilung des Deutschen Archaologischen Instituts, Germany, Berlin, November 2017
- 2015 *An analytical study of the Heraios coinage*  
Presented at the “XV International Numismatic Congress, Taormina”, Italy
- 2015 *An analytical study of the Heraios coinage*  
Presented at the “Institute for Numismatics and Monetary History”, University of Vienna
- 2013 *Interactions among Yuezhi, Xiongnu and western Han according to the Archaeological Data and Primary sources, Comparative study on Noin Ula, Mongolia*  
Presented in the “13th Seminar of the International Association for Tibetan Studies”, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
- 2012 *Cross Cultural Interactions among the Yuezhi and Sedentary populations of Indo-Iranian Borderlands*  
Poster presentation in the international conference of “Archaeology of the Southern Taklamakan: Hedin and Stein’s Legacy and Explorations”, London
- 2009 *The ancient route of Iran from the Achaemenid to the Sasanian period (focus on the Silk Roads)*  
Presented in the “1st Meeting of the Coordinating Committee on the Serial World Heritage Nomination of the Silk Roads”, X’IAN, China

• **FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS**

- 09/2011 – 12/2014 Fellowship Department of History/Numismatic Institute/ University of Vienna /Austria
- 09/2015 – 09/2015 Award received from International Numismatic Congress in Taormina, Italy for attending the congress
- 01/2007 – 08/2011 Scholarship, Institute of Cultural Heritage and Tourism Organization of Iran

• **COMMISSIONS OF TRUST**

- 01/2019 – Present Editorial board member of *Studia Persiaca* journal, Italy
- 12/2018 – Present Editorial board member, *Jahan Bastan* journal, Iran

• **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE and ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD WORK**

- June 16th 2018    Attending a day workshop on “The art of Photographing coins”, American Numismatic society
- June 12th -        Attending at the Middle Persian (Pahlavi) Summer School, University of Irvine,  
23rd 2017        California
- August -            Member of excavation at old Termez, Uzbekistan  
October 2013
- September -        Member of excavation at Sorkhdom e-Lori, Lorestan province, Iran  
October 2009
- August-            Member of excavation at Kelardasht, Mazandaran province, Iran  
September  
2007
- September -        Member of excavation at Bandian (Dareh ghaz), Khorasan province, Iran  
October 2006
- March - April      Member of archaeological expedition of Golestan province, Iran  
2005
- September         Member of excavation and sounding at Mohamamd Abad, Borazjan, Boushehr  
2003                province, Iran
- September         Member of excavation at Tell-e- Bondo, Fars province, Iran  
2002