

Supervisor Expression of Interest MSCA Marie Sklodowska Curie Action - Individual Fellowship 2021

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Research topic	Archaeozoology

Brief description of research project themes to be considered:

My research focuses on the study of the interactions between past societies and animals using an archaeozoological approach. I primarily develop my research on the study of societies from the 5th c. BC to the 5th c. AD in the Mediterranean basin, dealing with three main research subjects:

- Animal trade: part of the success of the Roman Empire was its ability to connect the
 various territories under its control because of the construction of large
 communication networks, combining sea, river, and land transport. I am interested on
 the study of livestock and animal products trade.
- Livestock practices and transhumance: livestock farming was one of the most important economic activities of past societies, being its study essential to know the economy of them and how people adapt animal husbandry to different ecological environments and needs. I am interested on the study of livestock exploitation and management.
- Diet, food processing and cooking techniques: cooking is not solely a technological process to make raw resources edible, and neither is eating solely a biological process for survival. Therefore, the study of human meat dietary variations is a key tool to shed light on social identities and cultural choices. I am interested on the study of meat selection, processing, preparation, and consumption.

I welcome MSCA proposals that fit into these broader themes. I am especially interested in supporting projects that propose methodological advances in archaezoology.

For more information, please contact recerca@icac.cat (Research Projects Unit)