

CURRICULUM VITAE – Dr. Giulia Francesca Grassi

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STUDIES AND TITLES

- 2018 Obtained national scientific habilitation in Italy (Cultures of the Ancient Near East, Middle east and Africa).
- 2018 Attended specialized courses in the Didactic Center, University of Göttingen.
- 2000-2008 Attended specialized courses on the Ancient Near East at the *Centro Studi Vicino Oriente*, via Vitruvio, Milan. Courses: 2000-2008: *History of the Ancient Near East*; 2004-2008: *Iranian Philology (Parthian, Old Persian, Avestan, Sogdian)*; *Semitic Philology (Neo-Aramaic, Ancient South Arabian, Gə'əz, Amharic)*; 2005-2008: *Biblical and Rabbinic Judaism*; *Advanced Biblical Hebrew*; *Modern Hebrew*; 2006-2007: *History of the Ancient Eastern Mediterranean*; 2007-2008: *Culture of the Hellenized Near East*; *Greek Philosophy*.
- 2006 Discussion of PhD dissertation “Personal Names in the Epigraphs of Dura Europos”, University of Udine, Italy (supervisors: Prof. F.M. Fales).
- 2002 M.A. Degree (*Laurea*) in Sciences of Cultural Heritage, discussing a dissertation on “Compositional Problems in the Aramaic Story of Ahiqar” (supervisor Prof. F.M. Fales; subject: Semitic Philology), with the mark of *summa cum laude*.
- 1999-2000 Study period (*Socrates* scholarship abroad for Italian University students) at Bristol University, U.K. (October 1999 - July 2000).
- 1997 Enrolled at the University of Udine, Italy, Faculty of Letters and Philosophy, Degree Course in Sciences of the Cultural Heritage (Archaeology).
- 1996 High School Degree at the Italian *Liceo Ginnasio* “Giuseppe Parini” for Classical Studies, via Goito 4, Milan.

RESEARCH POSITIONS, GRANTS, CONTRACTS

- 2022- Fixed-term researcher at the University of Udine.

- 2021-2022 Received research contract at the University of Udine, aimed at a first attempt to catalogue plants used in Ancient Mesopotamian medicine.
- 2019- External Collaborator within the project “Dictionary of Nature Imagery in the Bible” (<https://dni.tau.ac.il>), directed by prof. Dalit Rom Shiloni (Tel Aviv).
- 2018-2021 Contract as Research Staff (Wissenschaftliche Mitarbeiterin), University of Göttingen (Germany), for the direction of the Project *Neubearbeitung des Corpus der Personennamen in den griechischen und lateinischen Inschriften aus Syrien und Libanon* (A New Corpus of the personal names in the Greek and Latin inscriptions from syria and Lebanon).
- 2015-2018 Contract as Research Staff (Wissenschaftliche Mitarbeiterin), University of Göttingen (Germany), in the project *Die Beziehung zwischen Judäern und Nicht-Judäern in den Briefen und Verträgen von Elephantine* (The relationships between Judaeans and non-Judaeans in the letters and contracts from Elephantine) as part of the project cluster *Elephantine im Kontext*, directed by Prof. R.G. Kratz (University of Göttingen) and Prof. B.U. Schipper (University von Humboldt, Berlin).
- 2015 Contact as research staff in the project *Qumran-Wörterbuch* in the Akademie der Wissenschaften zu Göttingen.
- 2012-2015 Contract as Research Staff (Wissenschaftliche Mitarbeiterin), University of Marburg (Germany), in the project *Aramäisch: Zusammenfall von Dativ und Akkusativ in einer semitischen Sprache* (Aramaic: Accusative-Dative syncretism in a Semitic language), directed by Prof. S. Weninger and Dr. M. Waltisberg, University of Marburg, Germany, as part of the project cluster *Fundierung linguistischer Basiskategorien* (Exploring the building blocks of language), financed by the Hessian Ministry for Science and Arts through the LOEWE programme.
- 2009-2011 Contract as Research Staff (Wissenschaftliche Mitarbeiterin) in the project *The grammar and use of attribute marking in the history of Aramaic*, directed by Prof. S. Weninger and Dr. M. Waltisberg, University of Marburg, Germany, as part of the project cluster *Konstanz und Wandel in der Sprache: Theorie und Empirie* (Stability and Change in language: theoretical and empirical

approaches), financed by the Hessian Ministry for Science and Arts through the LOEWE programme.

- 2007-2009 Received post-doc grant as participant to the University of Udine research project *RAFFAELE*, directed by Prof. F.M. Fales, aimed at building an electronic database of ancient West Semitic onomastics
- 2004-2006 Received research contract as participant to the national FIRB (*Financing of Basic Research*) project “The Novel and the Proverbs of Ahiqar the Wise: origins, versions, mutations and diffusion” (director Prof. F.M. Fales [University of Udine]; section leaders Prof. F. Pennacchietti [University of Turin], Prof. R. Contini [University of Naples “L’Orientale”])
- 2002: Received research contract as participant to the national research project of the Ministry for the University on “Military and Commercial Itineraries in the Ancient near East” (dir. Prof. F.M. Fales).

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

- 2023 Breve introduzione alla lingua accadica (Short introduction to Akkadian), Università di Udine.
- 2021- Introduction to Ancient Aramaic, Imperial Aramaic, Phoenician and Ugaritic, Athena Nova (www.athenanova.it).
- 2017-2018 Seminar “Vergleichende Semitistik” (Comparative Semitic linguistics), Freie-Universität Berlin; Seminar “Einführung in die wissenschaftliche Literatur der Semitistik und Arabistik (Teil Semitistik)” (Introduction to the scientific literature about Semitic and Arabic studies), Freie-Universität, Berlin.
- 2017 Teaching seminar Das Alltagsleben der jüdischen Gemeinde auf der Nilinsel Elephantine in persischer Zeit (The everyday life of the Judaeen community of Elephantine).
- 2011-2012 Teaching seminar “Übungen zur nordwestlichen semitischen Epigraphik” (Exercises in NW Semitic Epigraphy), Philipps-Universität, Marburg (Fachgebiet Semitistik) [Phoenician, Hebrew, Moabite, Old Aramaic].
- 2007-2009 20-hour seminarial course in Semitic Philology (Phoenician; Epigraphic Hebrew; Semitic Epigraphy) at the University of Udine.

- 2007-2008 20-hour seminarial course on Aramaic (Old Aramaic) at the Centro Studi Vicino Oriente, Milano.
- 2006-2007 Stand-in official teaching job in Semitic Philology at the University of Udine for the academic year (40-hour teaching course and head of oral examinations committee); 20-hour seminarial course on Aramaic at the Centro Studi Vicino Oriente (Palmyrene; Hatran; Early Syriac).
- 2003-2006 per year, 20-hour seminarial course in Semitic Philology (Old Aramaic; Samalian; Palmyrene) at the University of Udine; 20-hour seminarial course on Aramaic (Samalian; Imperial Aramaic) at the Centro Studi Vicino Oriente, Milano.

PARTICIPATION TO CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS (SELECTED)

- 2021 *Social and cultural interactions in Achaemenid Elephantine* (Workshop Contact Zones in the Eastern Mediterranean ca. 500-200 BCE, Warsaw, October 7th-8th; invited).
La religione della comunità giudaica di Elefantina (International Congress of the Associazione italiana per lo studio del Giudaismo, Ravenna, September 1st-3rd).
- 2019 *Mapping Gender in West-Semitic Zoonyms* (with Anna Angelini; International Meeting of the European Association of Biblical Studies, Warsaw, August 12th-14th; invited).
I nomi propri nelle iscrizioni greche e latine nel Vicino oriente d'età romana: storia degli studi, problemi, prospettive (Congress dedicated to Giovanni Rinaldi (1906-1994), Genua, October 25th; invited).
- 2017 *Uccellacci e uccellini. Le catalogue des oiseaux dans l'inscriptions de Deir 'Alla et le lexique des animaux en araméen ancien* (La lexicographie comparée des animaux dans l'antiquité, Lausanne, October 4th ; invited).
The presence of foreigners in Achaemenid Egypt as reflected in the Aramaic documents (International Meeting of the European Association of Biblical Studies, Berlin, August 7th-11th; invited).
- 2016 *L'araméen en Transeuphratène à l'époque achéménide* (IXe Colloque international sur la Transeuphratène à l'époque perse, Paris, April 7th-9th).
- 2014 *Anthroponomastics in Dura-Europos* (25th International Congress of Onomastic Sciences, Glasgow, August 25th-29th).
Direct Object in Old and Imperial Aramaic (15th Afro-Asiatic Italian Meeting, Rome, September 17th-19th).
- 2013 *Rencontre de civilisations sur l'Euphrate : le cas de Doura-Europos* (Paris, Sorbonne, April 17th; invited).

- Direct Object in Old Aramaic (10th-8th century BC)* (11. Mainzer Internationales Colloquium für Alt-Hebräisch, Mainz, November 1st – 3rd).
- 2012 *Two Projects on the Syntax of Aramaic* (with Michael Waltisberg; 1st UT-Austin International Workshop on Historical and Comparative Semitic Linguistics, October 13th-14th).
- 2011 *Matrimoni misti e onomastica nella Siria d'età romana: il caso di Dura-Europos* (Mixed Marriages: a way to integration among peoples, Verona – Trento, December 1st-2nd; invited).
Analytical and synthetic genitive constructions in Old, Imperial and Epigraphic Middle Aramaic (10th Mainzer Internationales Colloquium für Alt-Hebräisch, Mainz, October 28th-30th).
Analytical and Synthetic genitive constructions in Epigraphic Middle Aramaic (XIII Incontro Italiano di Linguistica Afroasiatica, Turin, June 15th-18th).
- 2010 *Attribute marking /*dī/ in Imperial Aramaic* (31. Deutscher Orientalistentag, Marburg, September 20th-24th).
- 2007 *Semitic Onomastics in Roman Aquileia* (XIII Incontro Italiano di Linguistica Afroasiatica, Udine, May 21st-24th).

PUBLICATIONS

Monographs

Semitic Onomastics from Dura Europos. The Names in Greek Script and from Latin Epigraphs, Padua: S.A.R.G.O.N., 2012 (ISBN: 978-88-95672-23-6).

(with F.M. Fales), *L'aramaico antico*, (Collana Fonti e Testi), Udine: Forum, 2016 (ISBN: 978-88-8420891-0).

Editorships

(with F.M. Fales), *CAMSEMUD 2007. Proceedings of the 13th Italian Meeting of Afro-Asiatic Linguistics, Held in Udine, May 21st-24th, 2007*, Padova: S.A.R.G.O.N., 2010 (ISBN: 978-88-95672-05-2).

(with A. Bartelmus), *Middle East - Topics & Arguments 3: Cultural Heritage*, December 2014 (<https://meta-journal.net/issue/view/45>).

Articles

In press

G.F. Grassi, *Il venerdì (ʿrwbh) e il sabato (šbh) a Elefantina*, in *Materia Giudaica*.

G.F. Grassi, Under Western Eyes: A West-Semitic Interpretation of Mesopotamian Pazuzu, in S. Fink et al., *Festschrift Ponchia* (Melammu Workshops and Monographs).

G.F. Grassi, Religious Interactions in Achaemenid Elephantine and Syene as Reflected in the Aramaic Documents, in L. Niesolowski-Spanò, Proceedings of the Conference *Social and cultural interactions in Achaemenid Elephantine*.

2022

G.F. Grassi, «Do we know the Arameans?» (SAA 17, 176). The Use of Ethnonyms in the Aramaic Documents from Egypt, in R.G. Kratz, B.U. Schipper (eds.), *Elephantine in Context*, Tübingen, 3-34.

G.F. Grassi, Il dio Bethel e i 'betili', in S. Graziani, G. Lacerenza (a cura di), *Egitto e Vicino oriente Antico tra passato e futuro. The Stream of Tradition: la genesi e il perpetuarsi delle tradizioni in Egitto e nel Vicino oriente Antico*, Naples, 397-405.

2021

G.F. Grassi, Aramaic-Speaking Communities in Achaemenid Egypt and the Afterlife: the 'Stela saltiana' (TADAE D22.54), *Göttinger Miszellen* 264, 83-90

2019

G.F. Grassi, Uccellacci e uccellini. La liste des oiseaux de Deir Alla et le lexique des animaux en araméen ancien, *Altorientalische Forschungen* 46/1, 2019, 88-113.

2018

G.F. Grassi, L'araméen en Transeuphratène à l'époque achéménide : le cas de la Syrie, *Transeuphratène* 50, 87-104.

2017

G.F. Grassi, Bemerkungen zu Ostrakon Clermont-Ganneau J8 (175+185) aus Elephantine, *Zeitschrift für die alttestamentliche Wissenschaft* 129, 84-97.

G.F. Grassi, Direct Object in Old and Imperial Aramaic, in A. Agostini, M.G. Amadasi Guzzo (eds.), *Afroasiatica Romana. Proceedings of the 15th Meeting of Afro-Asiatic Linguistics, 17-19 September 2014, Rome* (Quaderni di Vicino Oriente XIII), Rome, 147-154.

2016

G.F. Grassi, Some Remarks on the Anthroponymy of Dura-Europos (and on the name of the City), in C. Hough, D. Izdebska (Eds.), *Names and Their Environment. Proceedings of the 25th International Congress of Onomastic Sciences, Glasgow 25-29 August 2014, Vol. 3: Anthroponomastics*, Glasgow, 85-93.

2015

G.F. Grassi, Rencontre de civilisations sur l'Euphrate : un bilan des sources écrites de Doura-Europos, *Dialogues d'histoire ancienne* 41/1, 73-116.

G.F. Grassi, Direct object in Old Aramaic, in *KUSATU* 19, 51-69.

2014

G. F. Grassi, Nabonidus, King of Babylon, in A. Bartelmus, G.F. Grassi (eds.), *Middle East - Topics & Arguments 3: Cultural Heritage*, 125-135.

A. Bartelmus, G.F. Grassi, Dealing with the past in the present: how and why?, in A. Bartelmus, G. F. Grassi (eds.), *Middle East – Topics and Arguments 3: Cultural Heritage*, 5–17.

2013

G.F. Grassi, Analytical and synthetic genitive constructions in Epigraphic Middle Aramaic, in A. Mengozzi, M. Tosco (eds.), *Sounds and Words through the Ages: Afroasiatic Studies from Turin*, Alessandria, 191-213.

G.F. Grassi, Due parole semitiche nelle iscrizioni del santuario della dea siriana a Delo, *Zeitschrift für Papyrologie und Epigraphik* 186, 171-175.

G.F. Grassi, Analytical and synthetic genitive constructions in Old, Imperial and Epigraphic Middle Aramaic, *KUSATU* 15, 375-434.

2012

G.F. Grassi, L'onomastica degli immigrati siriani ad Aquileia e le caratteristiche dell'antroponimia del Vicino Oriente d'età romana, in G.B. Lanfranchi, D. Morandi Bonacossi, C. Pappi, S. Ponchia (eds.), *LEGGIO! Studies Presented to Prof. Frederick Mario Fales on the Occasion of His 65th Birthday*, LAOS (Leipziger Altorientalistische Studien), Band 2, Wiesbaden, 333-348.

G.F. Grassi, The emergence of the genitive analytical construction in Aramaic, *Annali dell'Istituto Orientale di Napoli* 69, 2009 [but 2012], 141-156.

G.F. Grassi, Matrimoni misti e onomastica nella Siria d'età romana: il caso di Dura-Europos, in S. Marchesini (a cura di), *Atti del Convegno Matrimoni misti: una via per l'integrazione tra i popoli - Mixed Marriages: a way to integration among peoples. Convegno multidisciplinare internazionale (Verona – Trento, 1-2 dicembre 2011)*, Trento, 127-138.

2010

G.F. Grassi, Semitic Onomastics in Roman Aquileia, in F.M. Fales, G.F. Grassi (eds.), *CAMSEMUD 2007. Proceedings of the 13th Italian Meeting of Afro-Asiatic Linguistics, Held in Udine, May 21st-24th, 2007*, Padua, 1-31.

2009

G.F. Grassi, Due coniugi siriani a Verona in età paleocristiana, *Atti dell'Istituto Veneto di Scienze, Lettere ed Arti – Classe di scienze morali, lettere ed arti* CLXVII, 2008-2009, 13-28.

G.F. Grassi, Le dediche di orientali nella basilica di Monastero di Aquileia, *Aquileia Nostra* 80, 417-436.

2008

G.F. Grassi, Belshazzar's Feast and Feats: the last Prince of Babylon in Ancient Eastern and Western Sources, *KASKAL* 5, 187-210.

2007

G.F. Grassi, L'onomastica di Dura Europos. Alcune considerazioni d'insieme, *KASKAL* 4, 267-295.

Reviews

2021

Review H. Gzella, *A Cultural History of Aramaic*, *Orientalistische Literaturzeitung* 116/2, 139-142.

2013

Review of T. Muraoka, *A Grammar of Qumran Aramaic*, *Orientalistische Literaturzeitung* 108/6, 398-400.

2012

Review of R.J. Kutty, *Studies in the Syntax of Targum Jonathan to Samuel*, *Orientalistische Literaturzeitung* 107/4-5, 268-271.

2011

Review of H. Gzella, M. Folmer (eds.), *Aramaic in its Historical and Linguistic Setting*, *Orientalistische Literaturzeitung* 106/4-5, 296-298.

Forthcoming Online Publications

Contribution to the etymological part of the entries "Acacia", "Almond", "Castorbean", "Date Palm", "Millet" in "Dictionary of Nature Imagery in the Bible" (<https://dni.tau.ac.il>).

Database "Neubearbeitung des Corpus der Personennamen in den griechischen und lateinischen Inschriften aus Syrien und dem Libanon", Georg-August Universität zu Göttingen.