

14.55-15.20 Dr. **Gianni Siracusano** (Missione Archeologica Italiana in Anatolia Orientale, Roma), *"Eppur si muovono!" A diachronic analysis of animal husbandry at Arslantepe from the Chalcolithic to the Iron Age*

15.20-15.45 Dr. **Claudia Sabbini** (University of Tuscia, Viterbo, Italy), Dr. **Francesca Alhaique** (Bioarchaeology Service, Museo delle Civiltà, Rome, Italy), *Investigating ancient animal mobility with X-Ray Fluorescence Spectroscopy, potential and perspectives.*

15.45-16.10 Prof. **Paola Iacumin** (Parma University, Parma, Italy), *The use of stable isotopes in archaeology: potential and limits*

16.10-16.40 Coffee Break

16.40-17.05 Prof. **Francesca Bertoldi**, Dr. **Piera Allegra Rasia** (Ca' Foscari University of Venice, Italy), Prof. **Lia Bitadze** (Tbilisi State University, Georgia), *New palaeobiological data on the lifestyle of Doghauri human sample*

17.05-17.30 Prof. **Giovanna Gambacurta** (Ca' Foscari University of Venice, Italy), *Preliminary remarks on the development of the Project: Families, Gender, Mobility and Interculturalism in the etrusco-italic necropolis (FaGeMI)*

17.30-18.30 **Final discussion and conclusions**



# CONNECTED MOUNTAINS

## MOBILITY AND INTERCONNECTIONS BETWEEN EASTERN ANATOLIA AND THE SOUTHERN CAUCASUS

**September 23 - 24, 2025**  
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## Tuesday, September 23, 2025

Tesa 1, Ca' Foscari Zattere

15.00-15.30 **Welcome speeches and introduction to the conference**

Prof. **Daniele Baglioni** (Director of the Department of Humanities, Ca' Foscari University of Venice, Italy)

Prof. **Elena Rovà** (Ca' Foscari University of Venice, Italy)

Introduction to the conference

### INTRODUCTORY SESSION

Chair: prof. **Ulderico Santamaria**

15.30-15.55 Prof. **Gian Maria Di Nocera** (University of Tuscia, Viterbo, Italy), *Communities on the move: resources, transhumance itineraries and cultural relations between the Late Chalcolithic and Early Bronze Age in the Upper Euphrates region*

15.55-16.20 Prof. **Francesca Balossi Restelli** (Sapienza University of Rome, Italy), *Indicators of contact and relations in Southeastern Anatolia: Arslantepe and its neighbours during the 5<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> millennia*

16.20-16.45 Coffee-break

16.45-17.10 Prof. **Elena Rovà** (Ca' Foscari University of Venice, Italy), *It's easy to say "Mobility"... The Kura/Alazani plains of Eastern Georgia in the late prehistory between theoretical models and archaeological reality*

17.10-17.35 Prof. **Alessandra Gilibert** (Ca' Foscari University of Venice, Italy), *Vertical mobility and shamanism in the Araxes valley at the end of the fifth millennium BCE*

17.35-18.30 **Discussion**

20.00 Conference dinner (Ristorante S. Trovaso, Calle Larga Nani, 967)



## Wednesday, September 24, 2025

Aula Baratto Ca' Foscari

### EXAMPLES OF CONTEMPORARY MOBILITY; ROUTES AND RAW MATERIALS

Chair: prof. **Elena Rovà**

9.00-9.25 Dr. **Gwendoline Lemaître** (Laboratoire d'ethnologie et de sociologie comparative, Université Paris Nanterre, France), *Factors influencing changes in sheep pastoral mobility in Georgia between modern, Soviet and contemporary times*

9.25-9.50 Dr. **Laura Mafizzoli** (Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, Prague, Czechia), *Pastoralism and Armenian-Azerbaijani Relations in the Paravani Lake Area, Highland Rural Georgia*

9.50-10.15 Dr. **Francesco Bianchi** (Ca' Foscari University of Venice, Italy), *Which path to the sources? Corridors of movement between the Southern Caucasus and Eastern Anatolia in light of the results of the ESPREMO project*

10.15-10.40 Coffee Break

10.40-11.05 Prof. **Ulderico Santamaria** (University of Tuscia, Viterbo, Italy), *Archaeometric paths as contribution to research on the prehistoric communities mobility in Anatolia*

11.05-11.30 Dr. **Martina Ciavardini**, Dr. **Giorgia Agresti** (University of Tuscia, Viterbo, Italy), *Traces of movement: mobility and exchanges in prehistoric societies between the Upper Euphrates and the Southern Caucasus in the light of pXRF analyses*

11.30-11.55 **Daniele Moscone** (Kiel University, Kiel, Germany), *Common practices, networks of raw materials and knowledge: Chalcolithic macro-blades from the Euphrates Basin*

11.55-12.20 Dr. **Nikolas Heil** (Deutsches Bergbau-Museum Bochum, Germany), *Metals and Metallurgy as Proxy for Mobility: The example of Arslantepe between period VII and VIB2*

12.20-12.45 Prof. **Thomas Stöllner** (Deutsches Bergbau-Museum Bochum, Germany), *Pastoral practice and mining: Results and Perspectives from Chalcolithic and Bronze Age Highland communities in the Near East*

12.45-14.30 Buffet Lunch

### ECONOMY AND PASTORAL MOBILITY, ISOTOPIC INDICATORS OF MOBILITY

Chair prof. **Gian Maria Di Nocera**

14.30-14.55 Dr. **Adeline Vautrin** (Ca' Foscari University of Venice, Italy), *Breeding practices during the Bronze Age in the Kura Valley (Shida Kartli, Georgia)*