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I received my Ph.D. in Archaeology from the University of Bologna, Italy, in 2011. My research focuses on commercial and cultural interactions between urban-level societies in Asia during the Bronze Age, with particular focus on the Indus Valley and Eastern Arabia, applying a wide range of theoretical and methodological approaches, including the ancient administrative systems, traditional technologies, iconographies and art styles, and socio-economic and political organisations. I have directed archaeological projects in India and Oman, and collaborated with museums and expeditions in India, Pakistan, Oman, Tajikistan, and Turkmenistan. I have published several edited volumes and over thirty scientific papers in peer-reviewed journals, conference proceedings, edited volumes and encyclopaedias. I have also organised international conferences and exhibitions, and I currently serve on the editorial, scientific, and review boards of prestigious journals. Since 2017, I have been the advisor for archaeology and heritage, including UNESCO, of the Ministry of Heritage & Tourism of Oman.

**Present appointments**

- Scholar-In-Residence *Archaeological Survey of India Chair in Harappan Archaeology*, IITGN Indian Institute of Technology Gandhinagar, Gandhinagar, India (August-September 2024)
- Resident Advisor for the Archaeology & Heritage sectors, Ministry of Heritage & Tourism, Sultanate of Oman (from 2017)
- Vice-director of the *Inqitat Archaeological Project*, Khor Rori, Sultanate of Oman (Director: S. Lischi, University of Oxford) (from 2022)
- Lecturer at the University of Padova, Italy, for teaching in the course SUQ0090679 - *Bronze Age Archaeology of Central Asia, Iran and the Indus Valley* by M. Vidale (from 2021)

**Research interests**

- Bronze Age state-level urban societies in Asia with specific reference to the Indus (Pakistan & NW India) and Magan civilizations (SE Arabia)
- Iron Age semi-nomadic cultures in Arabia (Dhofar, Oman) and their interaction with Ancient South Arabian kingdoms and international trade
- Long-range trade exchanges and cross-cultural interactions
- Ancient production technique and technologies
- Ancient administrative (including writing) technologies and procedures
- Archaeometry applied to ancient production techniques and technologies

**Scientific indexing**

h-index (Google Scholar): 12 (all) / 11 i10-index (Google Scholar): 12 (all) / 12

**National Scientific Qualifications (Italy)**

10/A1 Archaeology (Second tier qualification from 05/05/2023 to 05/06/2034)

10/N3 Cultures of Central and South Asia (Second tier qualification from 06/05/2021 to 06/05/2032)

**Higher education**

- 2011 PhD in Archaeology from the Dept. of Archaeology (now Dept. of History and Cultures), University of Bologna: *La Civiltà dell'Indo fuori Meluhha: Ruolo ed obiettivi degli Harappani nella Sfera di Interazione Culturale dell'Asia Media = The Indus Civilization Outside Meluhha: Role and Targets of the Harappans in the Middle Asian Interaction Sphere* (Tutor: Prof. M. Tosi; Panel: Prof. M. Vidale, Prof. J.M. Kenoyer)
- 2005 MA Degree (110 w/t honours) in Palaeoethnology, Faculty of Cultural Heritage, University of Bologna: *Le Cretule di Lothal: Documenti amministrativi da un sito della Civiltà dell'Indo ai confini orientali del Mare Arabico = The Lothal Sealings: Administrative documents from an Indus Civilization site at the eastern borders of the Arabian Sea* (Tutor: Prof. M. Tosi; Co-tutors: Prof. M. Vidale, Prof. G.L. Possehl)

**Research positions**

- 2015 Post-doctoral research fellow: Dept. of History and Cultures, University of Bologna. Project: *Reappraisal of ancient cuneiform texts describing trade exchanges between Eastern Arabia and Mesopotamia in the Bronze Age at the light of new technological studies* (Tutor: G. Marchesi) 15/06/2015 - 14/06/2016
- 2014 Post-doctoral research fellow: Dept. of History and Cultures, University of Bologna. Project: *Archaeometry and technological studies in the definition of trade exchanges and cultural interactions between Eastern Arabia and the Indus Valley in the Bronze Age* (Tutor: M. Tosi) 14/04/2014 - 13/04/2015

## Memberships

- International Association for Mediterranean and Oriental Studies – ISMEO: Ordinary member
- European Association for South Asian Archaeology and Art – EASAA: Ordinary member
- European Archaeologists Association – EAA: Ordinary member
- International Association for the Study of Arabia – IASA: Ordinary member
- Oman Historical Society: Ordinary member

## Reviewer for International Grants

- European Research Council (ERC): Consolidator Grants
- National Geographic Society (NGS): Explorer Grants

## Editorial & Scientific boards: Volumes

- The Archaeological Heritage of Oman series, by Ministry of Heritage & Tourism of Oman (Muscat, Oman), [url: https://www.archaeopress.com/Archaeopress/Collection/The-Archaeological-Heritage-of-Oman](https://www.archaeopress.com/Archaeopress/Collection/The-Archaeological-Heritage-of-Oman)
- The Architectural Heritage of Oman series, by Ministry of Heritage & Tourism of Oman (Muscat, Oman)
- Alathar: Archaeology and Heritage Bulletin, by Ministry of Heritage & Tourism of Oman (Muscat, Oman)

## Editorial & Scientific boards: Journals

- Humanities & Social Sciences Communications, by Springer Nature [ISSN 2662-9992], [url: https://www.nature.com/palcomms/editorialboard](https://www.nature.com/palcomms/editorialboard)
- Journal of Oman Studies, by Ministry of Heritage & Tourism of Oman [ISSN 0378-8180]
- PCI (Peer Community In) Archaeology [ISSN 1120-6861]

## Reviewer for journals

- Journal of Archaeological Research, by Springer Science | IF: 4.4 (2Y), 8.1 (RT) (Scopus)
- Humanities & Social Sciences Communications, by Springer Nature: IF: 3.7 (2Y), 8.1 (RT) (Scopus)
- Archaeological and Anthropological Sciences, by Springer Science | IF: 2.0 (2Y), 4.2 (RT) (Scopus)
- Journal of Field Archaeology, by Tanford Group | IF: 1.8 (2Y), 4.3 (RT) (Scopus)
- Cambridge Archaeological Journal, by Cambridge University Press | IF: 1.3 (2Y), 2.6 (RT) (Scopus)
- Archaeological Research in Asia, by Elsevier Group | IF: 1.8 (2Y), 2.8 (RT) (Scopus)
- Quaternary Environments and Humans, by Elsevier Group | IF: 1.8 (2Y), 2.8 (RT) (Scopus)
- Arabian Archaeology and Epigraphy, by Wiley Group | IF: 1.0 (2Y), 1.3 (RT) (Scopus)
- Near Eastern Archaeology, by University of Chicago | IF: 0.4 (2Y), 1.0 (RT) (Scopus)
- Journal of Oman Studies, by Ministry of Heritage & Tourism of Oman
- East & West, by ISMEO - Associazione Internazionale di Studi sul Mediterraneo e l'Oriente
- Heritage, by MDPI

## Field Activities (relevant)

- 2024 Oman, Khor Rori: Vice-director of the Inqitat Archaeological Project with a focus on the analytical study of the material culture (Director: 2022 S. Lischì, University of Oxford)
- 2021 Oman, Ras Al-Hadd: Early Bronze Age Settlement HD-1, Scientific coordinator and responsible of material culture studies, Italian-American 2017 Joint Hadd Project (Co-directors: M. Cattani, University of Bologna; J.M. Kenoyer, University of Wisconsin-Madison)
- 2011 India, Lothal (Gujarat): Scientific coordinator & Deputy director of the Italian-Indian Lothal Revisitation Project (Co-directors: M. Tosi,<sup>†</sup> 2008 University of Bologna; B.R. Mani, Archaeological Survey of India)
- 2014 Oman, Ash-Sharqiyyah & Al-Batinah: Survey for location and sampling of raw materials (hard-stones & copper minerals) used in Bronze Age long-range exchanges (with J.M. Kenoyer, University of Wisconsin-Madison) (Jan-Apr)
- 2013 Oman, Ash-Sharqiyyah: Survey for location and sampling of raw materials (soft-stones & copper minerals) used in Bronze Age long-range exchanges (with J.M. Kenoyer, University of Wisconsin-Madison) (Jan-Feb)
- 2012 Oman, Ash-Sharqiyyah: Survey for location and sampling of raw materials (soft-stones) used in Bronze Age long-range exchanges (with R.W. Law, University of Wisconsin-Madison) (Jan-Feb)
- 2001 Oman, Ras Al-Khabbah: Neolithic Settlement KHB-1, Responsible of material culture database, Italian-French Joint Hadd Project (Field director: A. Curci, University of Bologna; Co-directors: M. Tosi,<sup>†</sup> University of Bologna; S. Cleuziou,<sup>†</sup> University of Paris 1) (Jan-Mar)
- 2000 Oman, Ras Al-Hadd: EBA Settlement HD-6, Responsible of GIS and material culture database, Italian-French Joint Hadd Project (Field director: M. Cattani, University of Bologna; Co-directors: M. Tosi,<sup>†</sup> University of Bologna; S. Cleuziou,<sup>†</sup> University of Paris 1) (Jan-Mar)

## Laboratory Activities (relevant)

- 2024 Oxford, UK (Ashmolean Museum). Analytical study of Indus TC objects from Mesopotamia (w/t K. Domoney & J.M. Kenoyer)  
Padua, IT (University of Padova, DBC). Test pXRF to source carnelian nodules and objects (w/t M. Secco & M. Vidale)  
Ravenna, IT (University of Bologna, DBC). Technological study of beads from the EBA funerary site of Halban, Oman (w/t E. Bortolini)
- 2023 Salalah, Oman (DHOMIAP Project). Technological study of stone beads from the LIA sites HAS1, Taqa60 and Sumhuram (w/t S. Lischì)
- 2020 Muscat, Oman (University of Lyon): Documentation and study of stone and shell beads from Neolithic site Ruways RWY-1 (Feb)

- 2018 Madison, WI, USA (Experimental Archaeology Lab, University of Wisconsin-Madison): Study of style, manufacturing techniques and geological provenance of stone beads and pottery containers from site HD-1, Ras Al-Hadd, Oman (Sept-Nov)
- 2017 Madison, WI, USA (Experimental Archaeology Lab, University of Wisconsin-Madison): Study of manufacturing techniques and geological provenance of soft-stone and hard-stone beads from Oman (Oct-Nov)  
Oman, Muscat (Ministry Heritage & Culture): Documentation and study of stone & shell beads from Neolithic coastal sites (Jan-Mar)  
Oman, Muscat (Ministry Heritage & Culture): Documentation and study of copal beads from LIA sites Yenpa and Falaj As-Souq (Feb)
- 2015 Oman, Salut (Diwan of Royal Court + Pisa University): Documentation and study of Indus materials from EBA site ST1 (Feb-Mar)  
India, Vadodara (MS University): Documentation and study of clay sealings from Indus sites (Shikarpur, Bagasra, and Nagwada) (Jan)
- 2014 Oman, Salut (Diwan of Royal Court & Pisa University): Documentation and study of Indus materials from EBA site ST1 (Jan-Mar)  
Oman, Muscat (National Museum): Documentation and study of stone beads from EBA sites of Bid Bid and Bat (Jan-Apr)  
Oman, Muscat (Diwan of Royal Court + UW Madison): Experimental study of ancient copper smelting processes (Jan-Apr)
- 2012 Madison, WI, USA (Experimental Archaeology Lab, University of Wisconsin-Madison): Study of manufacturing techniques and geological provenance of soft-stone beads from the Oman Peninsula (Oct)
- 2008 Turkmenistan, Ashgabad (National Museum): Documentation and study of Elephant ivory objects from the site of Gonur Depe (Oct-Nov)
- 2006 India, New Delhi (National Museum): Documentation and study of clay sealings and TC tokens from the Indus site of Lothal (Feb)
- 2005 India, Lothal (Archaeological Survey of India): Documentation and study of clay sealings and TC tokens from the Indus site of Lothal (Jan)

### Archaeological consultancies (relevant)

- 2020 Oman Across Ages Museum (Royal Court of Oman): Subject advisor & texts writing and review for the Bronze and Iron Age galleries
- 2019 Oman Maritime History Museum (Ministry of Heritage & Tourism, Sultanate of Oman): General subject advisor
- 2014 Oman National Museum (Royal Court, Sultanate of Oman): Subject advisor, texts writing and review for the Prehistory gallery

### Teaching activities

- 2024 Short course (in English) *Harappan Civilization: External trade and cross-cultural interaction*, as Scholar-In-Residence *Archaeological Survey of India Chair in Harappan Archaeology*, IITGN Indian Institute of Technology Gandhinagar, Gandhinagar, India (August-September 2024):  
Titles: (i) The Harappan Civilization and its craft productions (90 min.); (ii) The Harappan Civilization and its writing and administrative systems (90 min.); (iii) Harappan external trade: The formative phases (90 min.); (iv) Harappan external trade: Mesopotamia from archaeology and cuneiform texts (90 min.); (v) Harappan external trade: The Iranian polities (90 min.); (vi) Harappan external trade: Eastern Arabia and the Persian Gulf (90 min.); (vii) Harappan external trade: A supraregional marketing strategy (90 min.)  
Laboratory (in Italian) in the course SUQ0090679 *Bronze Age Archaeology of Central Asia, Iran and the Indus Valley* by M. Vidale, University of Padua. Title: L'Impronta Del Tempo: Uso e interpretazione delle resine siliciche in archeologia (calchi e tracce di lavorazione) (4 hr: Jun. 20)  
Lectures (in English) in the course SUQ0090679 *Bronze Age Archaeology of Central Asia, Iran and the Indus Valley* by M. Vidale, University of Padua. Titles: (i) The Land of Magan: Southeastern Arabia in the Early Bronze Age (2 hr: Apr. 23); (ii) The Indus Civilization: Introduction & Formative phases (2 hr: Apr. 29); (iii) The Indus Civilization: Urban phenomenon & Civil engineering (2 hr: Apr. 30); (iv) The Indus Civilization: Writing system & Administrative technology (2 hr: May 6); (v) The Indus Civilization: Artistic tradition & Craft productions (2 hr: May 7); (vi) External Trade & Cultural legacy (2 hr: May 13); (vii) Experimental replica and documentation of Indus Civilization clay sealings (2 hr: May 14)  
Lectures (in English) in the course 93155 *Archaeology and Writing* by P. Notizia, University of Bologna. Title: The Indus Script: Invention and Use of an Early Bronze Age Writing System (2 hr: May 19)  
Lectures (in Italian) in the *Laboratorio di Materiali Orientali: Sfragistica e Tecnologie Amministrative* by Prof. N. Marchetti, University of Bologna. Titles: (i) Introduzione al laboratorio: Tematiche & organizzazione (2 hr: April 4); (ii) I sigilli dell'Indo: Caratteristiche formali, organizzazione sintattica e contesti di utilizzo (2 hr: April 18); (iii) Le *cretulae* dell'Indo: Analisi delle tecnologie amministrative e delle procedure burocratiche (2 hr: April 19); (iv) *Meluhha*: L'organizzazione amministrativa del commercio estero dell'Indo (2 hr: May 2)  
Organization of online seminar lessons (in Italian) *Archeologia dell'Arabia meridionale: un crocevia di esperienze* in collaborazione con AdAC Accademia delle Antiche Civiltà, Milano (Apr-May 2024). Titles: (i) Tra Oceano e Deserto: il Neolitico nel Sud dell'Arabia by M.P. Maiorano (2 hr: Apr. 6); (ii) La Terra di Magan: Prospettive sull'Arabia meridionale nell'età del Bronzo by D. FRENEZ (2 hr: Apr. 13); (iii) L'età del Ferro nell'Arabia Meridionale: Oasi, Dromedari e Tombe by F. Genchi (2 hr: Apr. 20); (iv) La via dell'incenso fra i regni Sudarabici dello Yemen e le culture indigene del Dhofar by S. Lischi (2 hr: Apr. 27); (v) Navigazione e tecnologia navale nell'Oceano Indiano dall'età del Bronzo al periodo Islamico by A. Ghidoni (2 hr: May 4)
- 2023 Lectures (in English) in the course SUQ0090679 *Bronze Age Archaeology of Central Asia, Iran and the Indus Valley* by M. Vidale, University of Padua. Titles: (i) The Indus Civilization: Introduction & Formative phases (2 hr: May 2); (ii) The Indus Civilization: Urban phenomenon & Civil engineering (2 hr: May 8); (iii) The Indus Civilization: Writing system & Administrative technology (2 hr: May 9); (iv) The Indus Civilization: Artistic tradition & Craft productions (2 hr: May 15); (v) External Trade & Cultural legacy (2 hr: May 16)
- 2022 Online course (in Italian) *Archeologia nella Valle dell'Indo* (Eng. *Archaeology in the Indus Valley*) organised by the Accademia delle Antiche Civiltà, Milan, in collaboration with ISMEO (20 hrs in 10 lectures)  
Lecture (in Italian) in the course 450LL *Archeologia e Storia della Penisola Araba II* by S. Pizzimenti, University of Pisa. Title: La Civiltà dell'Indo e l'Arabia Sudorientale: Scambi commerciali e interazioni culturali (Eng. The Indus Civilization and Southeastern Arabia: Trade exchanges and cross-cultural interactions) (2 hr: May 20)  
Lecture (in Italian) in the course LT4831 *Storia Visuale e Cultura dell'Immagine in Sudasia* by S. Mondini, University of Venice. Title: La Civiltà dell'Indo: Immaginario narrative ed iconografico (Eng. The Indus Civilization: Narrative and iconographic imagery) (2 hr: Mar. 16)  
Lectures (in Italian) in the course 07033 - *Preistoria e Protostoria dell'Asia* by M. Cattani, University of Bologna. Titles: (i) La Civiltà dell'Indo: Universi Urbani e Microcosmi Personali (Eng. The Indus Civilization: Urban Universes & Personal Microcosms) (2 hr: Feb. 15); (ii) La Civiltà dell'Indo: Sigilli, Amministrazione e Commerci (Eng. The Indus Civilization: Seals, Administration & Trade) (2 hr: Feb. 16)

- 2021 Lectures (in English) in the course SUQ0090679 - *Bronze Age Archaeology of Central Asia, Iran and the Indus Valley* by M. Vidale, University of Padua. Titles: (i) The Indus Civilization: Geography, Ecology and Subsistence (2 hr: May 3); (ii) The Indus Civilization: Early Food Producing Era (2 hr: May 4); (iii) The Indus Civilization: Regionalization Era (2 hr: May 10); (iv) The Indus Civilization: Integration Era: The Urban Centres (2 hr: May 11); (v) The Indus Civilization: Integration Era: The Craft Productions (2 hr: May 17); (vi) The Indus Civilization: Integration Era: Administration and Trade (2 hr: May 18)
- 2021 Lecture (in English) in the framework of the course 93155 - *Archaeology and Writing* by P. Notizia, University of Bologna. Title: The Indus Script: Invention and Use of a Bronze Age Writing System (2 hr: April 16)
- Lectures (in Italian) in the course 07033 *Preistoria e Protostoria dell'Asia* by M. Cattani, University of Bologna. Titles: (i) La Civiltà dell'Indo: Universi Urbani e Microcosmi Personali (Eng. The Indus Civilization: Urban Universes and Personal Microcosms) (2 hr: Feb. 16, 2021); (ii) La Civiltà dell'Indo: Sigilli, Amministrazione e Commerci (Eng. The Indus Civilization: Seals, Administration and Trade) (2 hr: Feb. 17)
- 2020 Lectures (in Italian) in the course 07033 *Preistoria e Protostoria dell'Asia* by M. Cattani, University of Bologna. Titles: (i) La Civiltà dell'Indo: Universi Urbani e Microcosmi Personali (Eng. The Indus Civilization: Urban Universes and Personal Microcosms) (2 hr: Mar. 17); (ii) La Civiltà dell'Indo: Sigilli, Amministrazione e Commerci (Eng. The Indus Civilization: Seals, Administration and Trade) (2 hr: Mar. 18)
- 2019 Lecture (in Italian) in the course 07033 *Preistoria e Protostoria dell'Asia* by M. Cattani, University of Bologna. Title: (i) La Civiltà dell'Indo: Universi Urbani e Microcosmi Personali (Eng. The Indus Civilization: Urban Universes and Personal Microcosms) (2 hr: Mar. 12)
- Lectures about the Indus Civilization in the course *Archeologie e Scritture nell'Asia Media dal 4000 al 700 a.C.* by Accademia delle Antiche Civiltà & ISMEO (9 hrs in 3 lectures)

### Tutoring activities

- 2022 MA Thesis in Archaeological Sciences, *Tecniche e tecnologia di trapanazione delle pietre dure nel calcolitico di Mehrgarh, Pakistan*, by I. Caldana, University of Padua (Co-tutor with M. Vidale)
- MA Thesis in Archaeological Sciences, *La preistoria dell'Oman nella collezione del Museo preistorico etnografico "Luigi Pigorini" (Roma): Documentazione e catalogo*, by M. Ziglio, University of Padua (Co-tutor with M. Vidale; 110)
- 2016 MA Thesis in Prehistory and Protohistory of Asia, *La nascita dell'ornamentazione personale nelle comunità neolitiche dell'Arabia sudorientale*, by M. Buta, University of Bologna (Co-tutor with M. Cattani; Grade: 110/110 with honours)
- 2015 BA Thesis in Prehistory and Protohistory of Asia, *I giochi da tavolo in Asia Media nell'Età del Bronzo: Da passatempi a simboli interculturali di status sociale*, by R.A. Bianchi, University of Bologna (Co-tutor with M. Cattani; Grade: 110/110 with honours)
- 2011 MA Thesis in Palaeoethnology, *Il Principato Vaghela di Utelia (Gujarat, India): Ruolo e obiettivi di una famiglia Rajput nell'India contemporanea*, by G. Bendandi, University of Bologna (Co-tutor with M. Tosi; Grade: 110/110 with honours)
- MA Thesis in Human Rights and Law History, *La nobiltà residua in India: I rapporti socio-economici e legislativi fra i principati locali e il potere centrale nel passaggio dal Raj britannico alla Repubblica d'India*, by V. Merlin, University of Bologna (Co-tutor with G. Gozzi; Grade: 110/110)
- 2010 MA Thesis in Palaeoethnology, *L'avorio nella Civiltà dell'Indo: Origini dell'uso e dell'ammaestramento di Elephas maximus indicus (Cuvier, 1798)*, by M. Morello, University of Bologna (Co-tutor with M. Tosi and A. Curci; Grade: 110/110 with honours)
- MA Thesis in Palaeoethnology, *Il Centro di Jhusi sulla confluenza Gange-Yamuna e la civiltà urbana della Media Valle del Gange*, by S. Signor, University of Bologna (Co-tutor with M. Tosi; Grade: 110/110 with honours)
- BA Thesis in Palaeoethnology, *Indicatori di attività amministrative nell'Egitto Predinastico e delle Prime Dinastie*, by G. Sammarini, University of Bologna (Co-tutor with M. Tosi; Grade: 110/110 with honours)
- 2006 BA Thesis in Prehistory and Protohistory of Asia, *La Cultura del Cimitero H di Harappa (Punjab, Pakistan). Un catalogo dei motivi decorativi sulla ceramica funeraria*, by S. Signor, University of Bologna (Co-tutor with M. Vidale; Grade: 110/110 with honours)

### Organization of conferences and exhibitions

- 2024 International Conference *Seminar for Arabian Studies*, by IASA International Association for the Study of Arabia & BoneLabs, DBC Department of Cultural Heritage, University of Bologna: Organizing & scientific committee
- 2022 International Conference *The Silk Roads by Land and Sea*, by German University of Technology in Oman (GUTech): Scientific committee
- 2019 Exhibition *Dreamers: 40 Years of Italian Archaeological Research in the Sultanate Of Oman* (in English and Arabic), by Ministry of Heritage & Culture, Sultanate of Oman (Oman National Museum, Muscat, February 24 to March 16, 2019): Conception, texts writing and design
- 2014 International Conference *Shared Archaeological Heritage of Oman, India and Pakistan* by Ministry of Heritage & Culture of Oman in collaboration with the US State Department (Muscat, Apr. 9-10, 2014): Scientific and organization committee
- 2013 Exhibition *The History of Oman in Images: The Making of a Civilization Through the Ages* by Ministry of Heritage & Culture, Sultanate of Oman, and Nawras Telecom (Muscat Grand Mall, May-June, 2013): Conception, texts writing and Design
- 2007 International Conference 19th *South Asian Archaeology*, by University of Bologna & International Conference of the European Association of South Asian Archaeologists (Ravenna, July 2-6, 2007): Scientific and organization committee

### Presentations at conferences (invitation)

- 2024 FRENEZ D., Harappan Trade with Central and Western Asia: An Early Global Marketing Strategy? (THT Indology Festival 2024: Harappan Civilization: A Century of Discovery) [June 11: online on youtube]
- 2023 FRENEZ D., Private person or public persona? Exploring the use of seals in the Indus Civilization as visual identifiers of formal socio-economic roles. *Seals, visual traditions, and material practice: Early writing in comparative perspective* (École pratique des hautes études, Paris, 24-25 November 2023)
- FRENEZ D., Private person or public persona? Exploring the use of seals in the Indus Civilization as visual identifiers of formal socio-economic roles. *Seals, visual traditions, and material practice: Early writing in comparative perspective* (École pratique des hautes études, Paris, 24-25 November 2023)

- 2023 FRENEZ D., Seal-based Administrative Technology and Procedures in the Indus Civilisation: The Lothal Clay Sealings Archive. *52nd Annual Conference on South Asia: Current Perspectives on Indus Seals and Writing: Investigating Structure, Standardization, and Style* (Madison, WI, Oct. 18-23, 2023)
- FRENEZ D., A. Uesugi-Mori, Beyond Trade: The Intricacies of Indus Civilization Interplay with Dilmun during the Bronze Age. *Seminar for the 70th jubilee of the Arabian Gulf expeditions*, Moesgaard Museum, Aarhus (04/08/2023)
- FRENEZ D., Writing and administration in the Indus Civilization: Origins, Developments and Contexts of Use. *Archaeology in Action lectures*, International Association for Archaeological Research in Western & Central Asia (Online, 12/06/2023)
- FRENEZ D., J.M. Kenoyer, G. Marchesi, Before Meluhha: In search of the earliest traces of the Indus Trade in Mesopotamia. Workshop *Trade as an Archaeological Challenge, 13th ICAANE – International Congress on the Archaeology of the Ancient Near East*, University of Copenhagen (22-26/05/2023)
- FRENEZ D., L'indécifrabile scrittura dell'indo: Uno sguardo archeologico. Seminario Dal Segno alla Parola: Lingue e Decifrazioni Dalle Antiche Scritture ad Oggi. by Accademia delle Antiche Civiltà & ISMEO (19/05/2023)
- FRENEZ D., Beyond Subsistence: Bead-making tradition at Ar-Ruways RWY-1: Preliminary remarks. *Workshop final ANR NeoArabia* (Lyon, 29-30/03/2023)
- FRENEZ D., Landmarks of identity: Neolithic and Bronze Age tombs in Southeastern Arabia. Workshop *Archaeology of Arabia focusing on stone-built graves*, University of Kanazawa, Japan (08/03/2023)
- FRENEZ D., The Indus Civilization External Trade: Hints of a Bronze Age "Globalization" in Southwest Asia? Seminar on *Interregional interactions in the ancient Southwest Asia*, Tokyo, Japan (03/03/2023)
- 2022 FRENEZ D., M. Vidale, Building a Heterarchical Society: The Concept of City and Urban Life in the Indus Civilization, *International Conference 'Lost Cities': Form, Meaning and Perception of Urban Settlements in the Ancient Near and Middle East*, Department of Civilizations and Forms of Knowledge, University of Pisa (29-30/11/2022)
- 2021 FRENEZ D., Indus-related seals in Bronze Age Middle Asia: New insights into the implementation of a supra-regional marketing strategy, *International Conference Archeologia del Paesaggio e Geografia Storica del Vicino Oriente*, Sapienza University of Rome (Online, 10/05/2021)
- FRENEZ D., The Indus Civilization Trade with Oman: Hints of a "Glocal" Marketing Strategy?, *Webinar series Recent Advancements on South Asian's History and Archaeology* by Archaeological Science Centre, Indian Institute of Technology Gandhinagar (Online, 06/26/21)
- FRENEZ D., Crafting a Writing System: Insights into the Invention and Development of the Indus Script, *International Conference Invention of Writing: Production of Images and Language Notation*, University of Bologna (Online, 01/13/21)
- 2020 FRENEZ D., Mirrored signs: Administrative and Scriptorial Information in the Indus Civilization Clay Sealings, *International Conference The Indus Script* by National Fund for Mohenjodaro, Govt. of Pakistan (Mohenjo-Daro, Pakistan, 01/09/20)
- 2019 FRENEZ D., The Indus-Magan Connection: Indian Ocean Seafaring Trade in the Bronze Age, *International Conference Ports And Trans-Ports: Evolution and Revolution(s) in the Indian Ocean World* by Research Centre Indian Ocean, German University of Technology (Muscat, 03-05/19)
- FRENEZ D., Indus Civilization administrative technology. New insights on Harappan stamp seals and their impressions on clay tags, *International Winter School Beads and Seals: Technologies* by Dept. of Cultural Heritage, University of Padua (Padua, 01/14-18/19)
- 2018 FRENEZ D., Sealing technology and practices in the Indus Valley Civilization. Functioning and significance of a Bronze Age administrative system, *Centre for South Asia 2018 Fall Lectures*, University of Wisconsin–Madison (Madison, WI, 10/18/18)
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