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Research Interests

Late Bronze Age, Early Iron Age and Archaic Mediterranean, with a special focus on southern Italy and Greece; Gender and feminist archaeology; Mediterranean connectivity; Greek colonization; Archaeological theory, in particular: gender, colonization, identity, mobility, complex systems; Excavation methodology.

Education

2005-2010	University of Oxford	D.Phil., Archaeology Thesis title: <i>Towards the Greek colonisation: the interaction between Greece and Italy from the end of the Bronze Age to the Iron Age</i> (advisor: Prof. Irene Lemos)
2004-2005	University of Oxford	M.St., Classical Archaeology Specialization: <i>Late Bronze and Early Iron Age Aegean</i>
2000-2004	Università degli Studi di Siena	Laurea Triennale (<i>cum laude</i>), Archaeology

Employment

present	University of Michigan Department of Anthropology	Assistant Professor
	Museum of Anthropological Archaeology	Curator, Mediterranean Archaeology
2020 - 2022	University of Michigan Department of Anthropology	Lecturer
2018 - 2022	University of Michigan Museum of Anthropological Archaeology	Research Affiliate
2014 - 2019	Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen, Germany	Postdoctoral Research Fellow funded by the Gerda Henkel Foundation

2012 - 2014	Vrije University Amsterdam, Netherlands	Marie Curie Intra-European Postdoctoral Research Fellow
2011- 2014	Royal Netherlands Institute Rome, Italy	Fellow
2012	University of Bristol	Lecturer
2011	Oxford Archaeology East Cambridge, UK	Contract Archaeologist
2008 - 2010	Inventing Itineraries Ltd	Private Archaeological Guide to Athens, Crete and Rome
2003	Museo Archeologico Nazionale Rome, Italy	Archive researcher and organizer

Publications

Published and in press

- *In press.* **Saltini Semerari, G.** Mediterranean connectivity in Southern Italy. Datasets, methods and theory. In Gosner, L. and Hayne, J. (eds). *Against the Grain: Transversal and Micro-Connectivities in the Ancient Western Mediterranean*. Monographs in Mediterranean Archaeology, Equinox: Sheffield.
- *In press.* **Saltini Semerari, G.** From settlement to Polis: The establishment of the Greek city in the 7th-6th centuries. In K. Lomas (ed), *The World of the Western Greeks*. London: Taylor and Francis.
- *In press.* **Saltini Semerari, G.** *Cambiare tutto per non cambiare niente*. The production of locality in ancient Basilicata within and beyond the colonies. In Kistler E. Van Dommelen P., Öhlinger, B. and Heitz, C. (eds.), *The production of locality and empowerment in the Archaic Western Mediterranean*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- *In press.* **Saltini Semerari, G.** and Hannes Rathmann. *Disentangling biological and constructed identities in the Gulf of Taranto*. Rehle, K., Sossau, V. (eds.) Proceedings of the international conference ‘Mistaken Identities. Identities as resources in the central Mediterranean’. Tübingen University Press.
- *In press.* **Saltini Semerari, G.,** Rathmann, H. L'analisi della distanza biologica attraverso la morfologia dei denti: le relazioni tra indigeni e Greci nell'arco Ionico durante la colonizzazione greca. In D'Andria, F. and Semeraro, G. (eds), *Gli insediamenti indigeni dell'Italia Meridionale e della Sicilia in età arcaica*. Proceedings of the International Conference held in Lecce, 26-27 March 2015.

- *In press.* **Saltini Semerari, G.**, Sojc, N. (eds.). *Investigating Gender in Mediterranean Archaeology*, Proceedings of the International Conference held in Rome, May 2012. Rome: Royal Netherlands Institute in Rome. Tübingen University Press.
- *In press.* Sojc, N. and **Saltini Semerari**. *Introduction*. Saltini Semerari, G., Sojc, N. (eds) *Investigating Gender in Mediterranean Archaeology*, Proceedings of the International Conference held in Rome, May 2012. Rome: Royal Netherlands Institute in Rome. Tübingen University Press.
- **Saltini Semerari, G.**, Kyle, B. and Reitsema, L. 2021. Perils, potential and perspectives of bioarchaeological analyses in the ancient Mediterranean. *Journal of Mediterranean Archaeology*, pp. 84-108.
- 2019. Rathmann, H., Kyle McIlvane, B., Harvati, K., **Saltini Semerari, G.** Population History of southern Italy during Greek colonisation inferred from skeletal remains. *American Journal of Physical Anthropology*, pp. 1-16.
- 2019. **Saltini Semerari, G.** Calcophones in context: gender, ritual and power in Early Iron Age southern Italy. *Römische Mitteilungen* 125, pp. 13-47.
- 2016. Lenthjes, D. and **Saltini Semerari, G.** Big debates over small fruits. Oil and wine production in protohistoric southern Italy. *Babesch: Annual Papers on Mediterranean Archaeology* 91, pp 1-16.
- 2016. Rathmann, H., **Saltini Semerari, G.** and Harvati, K. Evidence for migration influx into the ancient Greek colony of Metaponto: A population genetics approach using dental nonmetric traits. *International Journal of Osteoarchaeology*. DOI 10.1002/oa.2569.
- 2016. **Saltini Semerari, G.** Towards an archaeology of disentanglement: the Late Bronze Age - Early Iron Age transition in the central Mediterranean. *Journal of Archaeological Method and Theory* 24.2: 542–578.
- 2015. **Saltini Semerari, G.**, and Burgers, G.-J. (eds). *Early Iron Age Communities of Southern Italy*. Rome: Palombi Editori.
- 2015. **Saltini Semerari, G.** and Burgers, G.-J. Introduction. In G. Saltini Semerari and G.-J. Burgers (eds), *Early Iron Age Communities of Southern Italy*. Rome: Palombi Editori.
- 2015. **Saltini Semerari, G.** Towards a gendered Early Iron Age Basilicata. In G. Saltini Semerari and G.-J. Burgers (eds), *Early Iron Age Communities of Southern Italy*. Rome: Palombi Editori.
- 2015. **Saltini Semerari, G.** A gendered perspective on Greek-Indigenous intermarriage. In Donnelan, L., Nizzo, V. and Burgers, G.-J. (eds), *Conceptualizing Early Colonisation*, pp. 77-88. Brussels: Belgisch Historisch Instituut te Rome.

- 2013. **Saltini Semerari, G.** Taranto before *Magna Graecia*: long term interactions between Italy and Greece and their consequences. In *Mobility, Transition and Change in Prehistory and Classical Antiquity*, pp. 131-145. BAR International Series 2534. Oxford: Archeopress.
- 2010. Schultziner, D., Stevens, T., Stevens, M., Stewart, B.A., Hannagan, R.J. and **Saltini Semerari, G.** The causes and scope of political egalitarianism during the Last Glacial: a multi-disciplinary perspective. *Biology and Philosophy* 25: 319-347.
- 2009. **Saltini Semerari, G.** Heroic status for Basilicata women: the adoption and adaptation of Greek ideology in southern Italy. *Accordia Research Papers* 11: 119-135.
- 2005. Comini, A. and **Saltini Semerari, G.** Il saggio XXI. In A. Camilli and M.L. Gualandi (eds), *Materiali per Populonia 4*, pp. 23-32. Firenze: Edizioni All’Insegna del Giglio.

In preparation

- **Saltini Semerari, G.** ‘Una faccia una razza’: biological *versus* constructed identities in pre-Roman southern Italy [For submission to *Ancient West & East*].
- **Saltini Semerari, G. and Prêtre, C.** Textile implements at Incoronata (southern Italy): gender, craft and ritual.
- **Saltini Semerari, G.** *Lost in Transition. The emergence of the Greek colonies in southern Italy* [Book project].

Presentations

- 2022. *The Greek colonization of southern Italy: a multi-scalar approach*. Greek Seminar series, University of Oxford (invited presentation)
- 2021. *The Greek colonization of southern Italy: a multi-scalar approach*. FAST lecture, Kelsey Museum of Archaeology, University of Michigan (invited presentation).
- 2020. *Culture contact and intermarriage in Iron Age Southern Italy*. University of Augsburg (invited presentation).
- 2020. *Culture contact dynamics in the Iron Age central Mediterranean: new approaches with fresh data*. Brown Bag lecture, Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan (invited presentation).
- 2020. *Mediterranean connectivity in Southern Italy. Datasets, methods and theory*. Against the Grain: Transversal and Micro-Connectivities in the Ancient Western Mediterranean. International workshop, University of Michigan (invited presentation).
- 2018. with Kyle, B. and Reitsema, L. Chair of the session *Culture Contact in the Greek Mediterranean*. European Association of Archaeologists conference, Barcelona.

- 2017. *The production of locality in ancient Basilicata: challenges and strategies within and beyond the colonies*. 'The Production of Locality and Empowerment in the Archaic Western Mediterranean'. Innsbruck, Innsbruck University (invited presentation).
- 2017. *Trading Places. Gender dynamics and culture contact in Early Iron Age southern Italy*. Rennes, Université de Rennes 2 (invited seminar).
- 2016. *Disentangling biological and constructed identities in the Gulf of Taranto*. 'Mistaken Identities. Identities as resources in the central Mediterranean.' Tübingen, Eberhardt Karls Universities Tübingen (invited presentation).
- 2015. *Contact and identity. Archaeological and osteological approaches to the Greek colonisation in southern Italy*. Joukowsky Institute for Archaeology, Brown University (invited presentation).
- 2015. *Lo studio delle interazioni tra Greci e indigeni attraverso le analisi osteologiche. Il caso della Basilicata e nuove prospettive per Selinunte*. 'Selinunte: stato della ricerca e prospettive future'. Rome, Deutsches Archaeologisches Institute (invited presentation).
- 2015. *Biological versus constructed identities? Re-evaluating hybridization in the colonial contexts of Southern Italy*. European Association of Archaeologists conference, Glasgow.
- 2015. *Gender dynamics and the Greek colonization of Southern Italy*. European Association of Archaeologists conference, Glasgow.
- 2015. *Re-evaluating intermarriage in ancient colonial contexts. The case of southern Italy*. 2-day workshop University of Augsburg (invited presentation and seminar).
- 2015. *Le analisi osteologiche all'Incoronata e Santa Maria d'Anglona: dati preliminari*. 'Gli insediamenti indigeni dell'Italia meridionale e della Sicilia in età arcaica. Cavallino. 10 anni di ricerche nel Museo Diffuso.' International conference, Lecce (invited presentation).
- 2015. *Encounters in Southern Italy: the archaeological and osteological evidence*. Archaeological Institute of America conference, New Orleans.
- 2014. *Greece and Italy before history. Strategies for socially embedded contacts*. European Association of Archaeologists conference, Istanbul.
- 2014. *Disentangling contacts between Greece and Italy*. FAST Lecture at the Kelsey Museum of Archaeology, University of Michigan (invited presentation).
- 2014. *The postdoc application process: passing through the bottleneck*. 'Archaeology Today. Challenges, Approaches, Ethics. 21st Archaeology & Theory Symposium'. Amersfoort.
- 2013. *Social change in Early Iron Age Italy: the devils in the details*. Karls Eberhard University Tübingen (invited presentation).

- 2013. *La colonizzazione greca: quali approcci per un'archeologia del contatto?* Università degli Studi di Siena (invited presentation).
- 2012. Chair of symposium: *Local variations of a Mediterranean tune: Phoenicians, Greeks and indigenous communities in the Early Iron Age*.
Presentation: *From 'mixed' settlements to structured identities: the role of culture contact in shaping southern Italy's power landscape*. 'Domino Effects and Hybridization of the Mediterranean', 4th International Conference of Mediterranean Worlds, Istanbul.
- 2012. *Greek-Indigenous intermarriage: a gendered view*. 'Contextualising 'Early Colonisation': Archaeology, Sources, Chronology and Interpretative Models between Italy and the Mediterranean' conference, Roma.
- 2012. *After the fall of the Palaces: the socioeconomic background to Greek-Italian exchanges*. Cultural Mobility in Bronze Age Europe. International Conference under the auspices of the FP7 Marie Curie ITN 'Forging Identities' and the 12th Nordic Bronze Age Symposium. Aarhus University, Denmark.
- 2012. *Bridging worlds: exploring the social causes of Greek-Italic interaction in the Early Iron Age*. Research Seminar, Faculty of Arts, VU Amsterdam (invited presentation).
- 2011. *Gender roles and social transformations in Early Iron Age southern Italy*. 'Social Change in Early Iron Age Italy' workshop, Royal Netherlands Institute in Rome.
- 2011. *Verso la colonizzazione: contatti tra Italia e Grecia dalla fine dell'Età del Bronzo all'età del Ferro*. Incontri dell'Associazione Internazionale di Archeologia Classica. 'Paesaggi pre e protostorici,' École française de Rome (invited presentation).
- 2010. *Giving voice: social change through mortuary remains in Early Iron Age Basilicata*. 'The Archaeology of Death II: new data, new approaches', Accordia Research Seminars, Institute of Archaeology, University College London (invited presentation).
- 2008. *An indigenous perspective on early Greek colonization: the cases of Siris and Taranto*. 'Classical Archaeology Work In Progress' meeting, University of Oxford.
- 2008. *Taranto before Magna Graecia: long term interactions between Italy and Greece and their consequences*. 'Challenging Frontiers: Transitions and Culture Change', GAO conference, University of Oxford.

Current projects

- **Ancient Mediterranean Interactions between Colonizers and Indigenous populations (Project AMICI)**. A multidisciplinary project entailing material cultural and bioarchaeological analyses of indigenous and colonial cemeteries along the Gulf of Taranto (southern Italy) dating to the 9th-6th centuries BC. (Role: PI)

- **The Incoronata Project.** Excavation of the Indigenous-Greek site of Incoronata (Basilicata, southern Italy), and study of its metal finds and textile implements, under the scientific directorship of Prof. Mario Denti, Université de Rennes 2 (Role: collaborator; Vice-director of IFR fieldschool; researcher responsible for metal artefacts and textile implements).
- **The Forgotten Sea: Population Dynamics, Mobility and Interactions Across the Adriatic Sea from Prehistory to Roman Times.** A multidisciplinary, collaborative fieldwork project carried out in collaboration with Prof. Michael Galaty, Michigan University, Prof. Ols Lefe, University of Durres and Prof. Teodoro Scarano, Università degli Studi di Lecce.
- **Gender dynamics at the dawn of the Classical World.** A collaborative project (with Dr. Meritxell Ferrer (Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona, Spain) and Prof. Mireia López-Bertran, (University of Valencia, Valencia, Spain) to investigate the intersection between Mediterranean colonization and urbanization at the end of the Early Iron Age (8th-6th centuries BC) and gender dynamics in local coastal communities.

Field Experience

2022	Incoronata (Pisticci), Italy	Fieldschool vice-director
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2020	Incoronata (Pisticci), Italy	Metal specialist, supervisor
2019	Incoronata (Pisticci), Italy	Metal specialist, supervisor
2018	Incoronata (Pisticci), Italy	Metal specialist, supervisor
2017	Incoronata (Pisticci), Italy	Metal specialist, supervisor
2016	Museums of Policoro and Metaponto (Early Iron Age)	Director and coordinator (cemetery analysis)
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2013	Incoronata, Santa Maria d'Anglona and l'Amastuola, Italy (Early Iron Age to Archaic)	Director and coordinator (pottery and cemetery analysis)
2012	Spitzkloof shelter, South Africa	Archaeological supervisor

	(Prehist.)	
2011	Muro Tenente, Italy (Early Iron Age to Roman)	Archaeological supervisor
2010	L'Amastuola, Italy (Archaic)	Archaeological supervisor
2008	Melikane shelter, Lesotho (Prehist.)	Archaeological supervisor
2007	Gortina, Crete (Byzantine)	Archaeological excavator
2006	Gortina, Crete	Archaeological excavator
2005	Lefkandi, Greece, (Early Iron Age)	Archaeological excavator
2004	Populonia, Italy (Roman/Etruscan)	Archaeological supervisor
2003	Populonia, Italy	Archaeological supervisor
2003	Gortina, Crete	Archaeological excavator
2002	Populonia, Italy	Archaeological excavator

Other Training

6/13 IAMS Summer School in Archaeometallurgy.
UCL London.

Teaching

2020-2022	University of Michigan	Lecturer
Advanced undergraduate course: <i>Gender and Archaeology</i>		
2022	University of Groningen	Co-Advisor of Master's student
2021	University of Augsburg	Lecturer
Graduate course: <i>Gender Archaeology</i>		
2020	University of Michigan	Lecturer
Advanced undergraduate course: <i>Gender and Archaeology</i>		
2013-14	VU University Amsterdam	Co-Lecturer
Graduate course: <i>Connecting the Ancient Mediterranean: Networks, Globalization and Heritage</i>		

2012-2016	University of Leiden Annalize Rheeder	Co-advisor of PhD candidate
2012 (spring)	University of Bristol Undergraduate course: <i>Introduction to Aegean and Greek Archaeology</i>	Lecturer
2008-09	University of Oxford Course: <i>The Greeks and the Mediterranean, ca. 950-500 B.C.</i> (undergrad.)	Tutor for Archaeology

Conference Organization

11/16	International conference, <i>Mistaken Identities. Identities as resources in the central Mediterranean.</i> Tübingen University.
5/12	International conference, <i>Investigating Gender in Mediterranean Archaeology</i> Royal Netherlands Institute in Rome.
5/11	Workshop, <i>Social Change in Early Iron Age Southern Italy</i> Royal Netherlands Institute in Rome.

Editor/Referee

- Saltini Semerari, G., and Burgers, G.-J. (eds). *Early Iron Age Communities of Southern Italy.* Rome: Palombi Editori (Editor).
- *Journal of Mediterranean Archaeology* (Referee).
- *Swiss National Science Foundation* (Referee).
- *Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia* (FCT), Portugal (Referee).

Languages

Spoken fluently:	Italian, English
Spoken:	German, French
Written:	Italian, English, German, French, Latin, Ancient Greek