

Dr. Micaela Sinibaldi



I am a Medieval archaeologist educated in Italy and the U.K., specializing in the archaeology of the Islamic period in the Levant, and I hold a PhD from Cardiff University with a thesis on the archaeology and history of the Crusader period in the Lordship of Transjordan.

Following the PhD programme, I have had several post-doctoral fellowships and positions to develop my research and I have been serving as acting deputy director at the Kenyon Institute in Jerusalem (Council for British Research in the Levant). With K. Lewis, J. Thompson and B. Major I have co-edited [Crusader Landscapes in the Medieval Levant. The Archaeology and History of the Latin East](#), University of Wales Press (2016) a Festschrift for Prof. Denys Pringle.

I have conducted fieldwork projects of archaeological excavation, Buildings Archaeology, ceramic studies and mapping of risk assessment in Italy, the Middle East and India. My recent research activity has focused on the Petra region, where I have worked as a team member of several international projects, including the Brown University Petra Archaeological Project. I have assisted UNESCO as a member of the advisory group for the new integrated management plan of Petra World Heritage Site.

Since 2014 I am the director of the [Islamic Baydha Project](#) in Petra, Jordan, which is part of my broader research project, the Late Petra Project. As a result of my interest in ceramics, I carry on a study of chronology and characteristics of handmade pottery of the Islamic period in southern Transjordan, Petra in particular. After teaching for five years at American college study abroad and professional formation programmes, I am currently conducting a programme of training in archaeological fieldwork based in Petra and, for the academic year 2020-2021, I have been a visiting professor of archaeology at the University of Shanghai. My publications currently in progress focus on the subjects of my PhD research and the one of Islamic-period handmade pottery in Transjordan.

To learn more about my research and publications, see my external pages at Cardiff University [Cardiff University](#) and [Academia.edu](#) .

I look forward to teaching the courses **“After Mohammed. The Archaeology and Material Culture of the Islamic and Crusader periods: an Introduction”** and **Archaeology and Material Culture of the Islamic and Crusader periods** and share my experience of research in the Middle East with students at the University of Warsaw and with a broader audience through a series of lectures and seminars. If you are interested in the subject of my research, I am also available to giving informal advice on students’ research projects.