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Academic Employment

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| 01.09.2021-present | Researcher at the Centre national de la recherche scientifique, UMR 8761 'Orient et Méditerranée' |
| 01.09.2018-31.03.2021 | Researcher at the Leiden University Centre for Linguistics (LUCL) (since 01.02.2019: Guest Researcher) |
| 01.09.2016-31.08.2018 | Research Assistant at the University of Warsaw (Department of Ancient Near Eastern Studies) |
| 01.02.2013-31.03.2015 | Research Associate and Part-time Lecturer at the University of Hamburg (Institute of Archaeology and Cultural History of the Ancient Mediterranean) |

Education

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| 2012 | Ph.D. in Languages and History of the Ancient Near East, Free University of Berlin |
| 2006 | M.A. in History of the Ancient Near East (major) and Archaeology (minor), State University of Saint Petersburg |
| 2004 | B.A. in Indology (major) and Indo-European Studies and Greek philology (minor), State University of Saint Petersburg |

Grants, fellowships and awards

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| 01.09.2021-31.08.2023 | Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowship under the Horizon 2020 Framework Programme for the Project 'Balkan Peoples of Anatolia: Migration, Assimilation and Cultural Contact in Anatolia around 1400 BC -300 BC' (N° 101033019; Paris, CNRS) |
| 01.07.2016-present | Fellowship in Homeric Studies of Centre for Hellenic Studies (Harvard University), Washington, D.C. |

- 20.10.2020-
1.03.2021 Visiting Fellowship of the ERC project ‘Contexts of and Relations between Early Writing Systems’ (CREWS), University of Cambridge, project ‘Paleography and Dating of the Old Phrygian Inscriptions: the Earliest Phases’
- 1.09.2018-
31.01.2019 Grant of the Leiden University Centre for Linguistics for Young Talented Researchers ‘Language Diversity in the World’, project ‘Balkan Peoples of Anatolia: an Ethnolinguistic History (ca. 1400 BC-300 AD)’
- 2018-2019 Fellowship of the Venice International University (Advanced Seminar in the Humanities: “Literature and Culture in the Ancient Mediterranean: Greece, Rome, and the Near East”)
- 01.09.2016-
31.08.2018 Marie Skłodowska-Curie Grant (POLONEZ 1), for the Project ‘The Trojan Catalogue (Hom. Il. 2.816-877) and the Peoples of western Anatolia in the Late Bronze Age and Early Iron Age. A Study of the Homeric Text in the Light of Hittite Sources and Classical Geographical Tradition’ (2015/19/P/HS3/04161; University of Warsaw)
- 01.02.2013-
31.07.2014 Scholarship of the University of Hamburg (Young Researcher Initiative), project ‘Between the Hittites and the Greeks. The local peoples of central western Anatolia and the Interaction processes from the Late Bronze Age to the Early Archaic Period (14th-6th c. BC)’.
- 01.10.2007-
31.03.2011 Scholarship of Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD) for PhD studies, PhD dissertation: ‘Studies in Hieroglyphic Luwian: Towards a Philological and Historical Reinterpretation of the SÜDBURG inscription’

Teaching

‘Ancient Languages of the Balkans: Thracian, Illyrian, Macedonian etc. in Indo-European and areal context’ (block-seminar, Leiden University, May 2019)

‘Introduction into Indo-European Studies: the History of Greek and the Italic Languages’ (University of Warsaw, SS 2018)

‘Introduction into Indo-European Studies and History of Anatolian Languages’ (University of Warsaw, SS 2017)

‘Mycenaean Greece in the light of Linear B texts’ (University of Hamburg, WS 2014/15)

‘Archaic Greek inscriptions in the cultural context’ (University of Hamburg, WS 2013/14)

Publications

Forthcoming

From Sardis to Gordion: Aspects of Culture and Society in pre-Hellenistic Lydia and Phrygia (Sardis Studies 1) [edited volume in collaboration with Nicholas Cahill], Harvard [2023].

The Phrygian Tablet from Persepolis Revisited: Historic, Epigraphic and Linguistic Perspectives (with Wouter Henkelman), *Journal of Cuneiform Studies*.

The Rare Letters of the Phrygian Alphabet revisited, in: Ph. Boyes – Ph. Steele (eds.) *The Social and Cultural Contexts of Historic Writing Practices*, Oxford [2022].

The Lydian Inscription from Mersindere rediscovered: a New Edition of LW 26a and 26b, *Kadmos* 61 [2022].

Mysians in Lydia. Observations on the ‘Old-Phrygian’ inscription from the Thyateira region (HP-101), the Lydian-Greek bilingual LW 108 and Hipponax fr. 92 West = 95 Degani, *Anatolian Studies*.

Ambassador, Doctor and Regent, Famed in Babylon: Observations on Hieroglyphic-Luwian Logogram for ‘Babylon’ and the Illustrious Career of Yarris of Karkemish, forthcoming in: Grekyan, Y. (ed.) *šiuṇaš aššiunit*. *Ancient Anatolian Studies Presented to Aram Kosyan on the Occasion of His 65th Birthday* (Ancient Near Eastern Studies Monograph Series), Leuven: Peeters, [2022].

Gods of the Lydians and the Question of Lydian Ethnocultural Identity, in: Oreshko, R. – Cahill, N. (eds.) *Between Sardis and Gordion: Aspects of Culture and Society in pre-Hellenistic Lydia and Phrygia* (Sardis Studies 1) [2023]

Where all the Killed Dragons Graze: Luw. *āla/i- wiluš(a)-*, Ἠλύσιος λειμών and the PIE Concept of the Netherworld, forthcoming in: Massetti, L. (ed.) *Indo-European Religion and Poetics – A Comparative Approach Myth, Ritual and Language*, proceedings of the Conference at the University of Copenhagen, October 11-12, 2019, Brill [2022]

2021

Observations on the Xanthos Trilingual: Syntactic Structure of TL 44a, 41–55 and the Lycian Terminology of Art and War, *Hungarian Assyriological Review* 2/1: 95–144.

Swampy places in ÇİNEKÖY and KARATEPE, *Historische Sprachforschung* 132, 2019 [2021]: 225–245.

Phrygians in Disguise: Onomastic Evidence for Phrygian-Anatolian Ethnocultural Contact in Hieroglyphic-Luwian inscription PORSUK and elsewhere, *Res Antiquae* 18: 283-316.

In Search of the Holy Cube Roots: *Kubaba – Kubeleya – Κύβεβος – Kufaws* and the Problem of Ethnocultural Contact in Early Iron Age Anatolia, in: Bianconi, M. (ed.) *Linguistic and Cultural Interactions between Greece and Anatolia: In Search of the Golden Fleece (CHANE 122)*, Leiden: Brill: 131-166.

2020

The Onager Kings of Anatolia: *Hartapus, Gordis, Muška* and the Steppe Strand in early Phrygian Culture, *Kadmos* 59(1/2): 77–128.

‘Tears’, ‘Blood’ and ‘Eyes’ in Hieroglyphic Luwian: Observations on HLuw. sign *311 = <ASḪA> and Related Problems, *Wekwos* 5: 341-368.

Ethnic Groups and Language Contact in Lycia (I): the ‘Maritime Interface’, *Journal of Language Relationship* 18/1: 13-40.

The Last Foothold of Arzawa: The Location of Puranda and Mount Arinnanda Revisited, in: Kim, R. I. – Mynářová, J. – Pavúk, P. (eds.) *Hrozný and Hittite: The First Hundred Years. Proceedings of the International Conference Held at Charles University, Prague, 11–14 November 2015*, Leiden-Boston: Brill: 544-570.

2019

Luwian word for ‘place, plot of land’ and Lycian *alaha-*, *aladehal(i)*, **aladehxxa-* and *miñti-*, *Münchener Studien zu Sprachwissenschaft* 73/1: 81-120.

Phonetic value of Lydian letter <d> revisited and the development of PIE *d in Lydian, *Wekwos* 4: 191-262.

Geography of the Western Fringes: Gar(a)giša/Gargiya and the Lands of Late Bronze Age Caria, in: Henry O. – Konuk K. (eds.) *KARIA ARKHAIA: La Carie, des origines à la période pré-hékatomnide*, Istanbul: 139-190.

2018

Ahhiyawa - Danu(na): Greek ethnic groups in the Eastern Mediterranean in the Light of Old and New Hieroglyphic-Luwian Evidence, in: Niesiołowski-Spanò, Ł., Węcowski, M. (eds.) *Change, Continuity, and Connectivity. North-Eastern Mediterranean at the Turn of the Bronze Age and in the Early Iron Age*, Wiesbaden: 23-56.

Anatolian Linguistic Influences in Early Greek (1500-800 BC)? Critical Observations against Sociolinguistic and Areal background, *Journal of Language Relationship* 16/2: 93-118.

2017

Hartapu and the Land of Maša. A New Look at the KIZILDAĞ-KARADAĞ Group, *AoF* 44/1: 1-21.

2016

New Readings in KIZILDAĞ and BURUNKAYA, *Kadmos* 55: 1-16.

Studies in Hieroglyphic Luwian: Towards a Philological and Historical Reinterpretation of the SÜDBURG inscription, Berlin, 2016 (microfiche publication).

2015

Hipponax and the Linguistic, Ethnic and Religious Milieu of Western Anatolia. Some Further Notes on: Hawkins Sh. The language of Hipponax, *Hephaistos* 30 [2013 (2015)]: 87-112.

Once again on the reading of Hieroglyphic Luwian sign *429: the evidence of the newly published ARSUZ inscriptions, in: *NABU* 2015/3: 123-125.

2014

The Strange Case of Dr. FRATER and Mr. DOMINUS: a Re-consideration of the Evidence Concerning Luwian *nani-*, in: Taracha P., Kapelusz M. (eds.), Proceedings of the Eighth International Congress of Hittitology (Warsaw, 5-9 September 2011), Warsaw, 2014, 614-631.

2013

‘The Achaean Hides, Caged in Yonder Beams’: The Value of Hieroglyphic Luwian Sign *429 Reconsidered and a New Light on the Cilician Ahhiyawa, in: *Kadmos* 52(1), 2013, 19-33.

Hieroglyphic Inscriptions of Western Anatolia: Long Arm of the Empire or Vernacular Tradition(s)?, in: Mouton A., Rutherford I., Yakubovich I. (eds.) *Luwian Identities. Culture, Language and Religion Between Anatolia and the Aegean*. Proceedings of the conference in Reading, June 2011, Leiden–New York, 2013, 354-435.

Hieroglyphic Inscription of King Suppiluliuma: Archaization or Archaic? in: *Vestnik Drevnej Istorii*, Moscow, 2013, №2, 84-96 (in Russian with English summary).

2012

Hieroglyphic Luwian inscription on the Ankara Silver Bowl: an Essay of Epigraphic and Historical Reinterpretation, in: *Vestnik Drevnej Istorii*, Moscow, 2012, №2, 3-28 (in Russian with English summary).

Kubanta: the ‘Great Queen’ of western Anatolia? in: Kazanskij N. (ed.) Indo-European Comparative Linguistics and Classical Philology. The Joseph M. Tronsky XVI Memorial Annual International Conference, St. Petersburg, 2012 (in Russian with English summary).

2010

Über Spiegel, Bronze und Schiffe aus Dilmun in altsumerischer Zeit, in: Kogan L., Koslova N., Loesov S. (eds.) Language in the ancient Near East: Proceedings of the 53e Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale. Vol. 1, Winona Lake, 2010, 491-503.

In preparation

Studies in Hieroglyphic Luwian of the Empire Period: towards a Philological and Historical Re-interpretation of the SÜDBURG inscription (book)

Paleo-Balkan Onomastic Element in Northern Mesopotamia and the Problem of the ‘Eastern *Muški*’

Madduwatta and Sidelights on the History of Lydia in Late Bronze Age

Reviews

Payne, A. – Wintjes, J. Lords of Asia Minor: An Introduction to the Lydians, Wiesbaden, 2016, in: BSOAS 80/1, 2017.

Hawkins, Sh. The language of Hipponax (Munich studies in historical linguistics, Bd. 14), Bremen, 2013, in: Hephaisistos 30, 2013 (2015).

Organisation of conferences and workshops

‘Who are the Trojans? Literary, historical, archaeological and ethnolinguistic perspectives on the question of Trojan identity’, workshop at the Center for Hellenic Studies, Washington, D.C., May 17-18, 2018.

‘The Lydians and their Neighbors: Ethnolinguistic Identities and Cultural Contact in Anatolia around 700-330 BC’, workshop at the Center for Hellenic Studies, Washington, D.C., December 13, 2019.

‘Déplacements, migrations et contacts culturels en Méditerranée orientale dans le miroir de l’anthroponymie’, international conference at Sorbonne Université, Paris, planned for May 30-31, 2022 (with Florian Réveilhac and Markus Egetmeyer)

Presentations and lectures

2022

‘The Balkan Migration to Anatolia: Re-thinking Ethnolinguistic and Cultural Landscape of the Region in the Early Iron Age’, at the international conference ‘Migration in Antiquity’, Monté Veritas, Ascona, Switzerland, April 10-15.

‘Homeric Phrygians and the Inhabitants of Gordion’s Citadel: a Story told by Names’, at the international conference ‘Phrygia between the East and the West’, Pavia, April 7-9.

‘On the Eastern Trail of Dionysos: Observations on the Balkan-Anatolian term for ‘vine(yard)’ and the Wine-god Tibariya’, at the workshop ‘Theonyms, Panthea and Syncretisms in Hittite Anatolia and Northern Syria’, Verona, March 25-26.

2021

‘Borrowing, Invention, Remodelling: Observations on the rare letters of the Phrygian alphabet and the problem of formation of Anatolian alphabets’, at the third CREWS project conference ‘Writing around the Ancient Mediterranean: Practices and Adaptations’, November 18-19 (via zoom)

‘Hieroglyphic Writing of Anatolia: Observations on the Origin and early Stages of Development (2nd millennium BC)’, seminar given within the seminar series ‘SCRIBO Seminars on Scripts in Bologna’, June 23 (via zoom)

‘La migration balkanique en Anatolie: les faits, les inconnues et les perspectives de recherche’ at the workshop ‘Journées d’étude des jeunes chercheurs sur Asie Mineure’, April 16-17 (via zoom)

‘Phrygian and the Early History of Greek Dialects’, at the international conference ‘Contacts linguistiques en Grèce ancienne : diachronie et synchronie’ (CoLiGA), April 7-9 (via zoom)

2020

‘The Way to Writing: Social, Cultural and Historical Context of the Early Phrygian Literacy’, seminar given within the project ‘Contexts of and Relations between Early Writing Systems’ (University of Cambridge), November 27 (via zoom).

2019

‘Cultural Contact and Creation of Lydian Identity: Epigraphic and Linguistic perspectives’, at the workshop ‘The Lydians and their Neighbors: Ethnolinguistic Identities and Cultural Contact in Anatolia around 700-330 BC’, CHS, Washington, D.C., December 13.

‘Problems and perspectives in the interpretation of Hieroglyphic-Luwian inscription of SÜDBURG’, Università degli Studi di Firenze, November 21 (invited lecture)

‘Where all the Killed Dragons graze: Luw. *āla/i- wiluš(a)-*, Ἠλύσιος λειμών and the PIE concept of the Netherworld’, at the International Conference ‘Indo-European Religion and Poetics – A Comparative Approach Myth, Ritual and Language’, Copenhagen, October 11-12.

‘Ethnocultural Interaction and Language Contact in early Lycia’, at the International Conference ‘Sign, Speech, and Society in the Ancient Near East: 100 Years of Ancient Near Eastern Studies in Prague’, Prague, September 16-19.

‘Lydian Verb in Anatolian and Indo-European Perspective’, at the conference ‘100 Years of Comparative Indo-European Linguistics at the University of Ljubljana’ (IG/SEIS/SÉIE Abeitstagung), Ljubljana, June 4-7

‘Migrations and Cultural Contacts between the Aegean and Anatolia: the Case of Lydians Reconsidered’, at the Advanced Seminar in the Humanities: “Literature and Culture in the Ancient Mediterranean: Greece, Rome and the Near East”, Venice, April 6-14

‘Basic nominal lexicon of Lydian in Anatolian and Indo-European perspective’, at the 5th Indo-European Research Colloquium, Leiden, March 21-22

2018

‘Heartland and Fortresses of the Land of Mirā’, at the international conference ‘Anatolian Landscapes. Inhabiting western Anatolia in Antiquity’, Rencontres de l’IFÉA, Istanbul, April 5-6.

‘Plain of the Unborn, Plain of the Dead. Birth Incantations, word for ‘plain / meadow’ and concept of Netherworld in Luwian (and Indo-European)’, at the 5th Workshop ‘Luwic Dialects: Inheritance and Diffusion’, Santiago de Compostela, January 25-26.

2017

‘Languages of the 1st Millennium BC Asia Minor: the Anatolian Branch, Phrygian Migration and the Question of Dialectal Position of Lydian’, at the 6th International Conference of Oriental Studies: Rare, Forgotten and Endangered Languages and Literatures, University of Warsaw, 14-16 November.

‘Language of Troy: Anatolian, Etruscan or... a Balkan language?’, University of Leiden, September 26, 2017 (invited lecture).

‘To Hell with the ‘Divine Earth-Road’!? A Reconsideration of the Meaning of ^DKASKAL.KUR’, at the 10th International Congress of Hittitology, University of Chicago, August 28–September 1.

‘Lydian Personal Names and the Question of Lydian Ethno-Linguistic Identity’, at the International Symposium ‘Archaeology and history of Lydia from the early Lydian period to late antiquity (8th century B.C.-6th century A.D.)’, Dokuz Eylül University, Izmir, 17-18 May.

‘Observations on the Xanthos Trilingual: Syntactic Structure of TL 44a, 41-55 and Lycian Military Terminology’, at the International Workshop ‘Current Research on Lycian’, Institut für Assyriologie und Hethitologie Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, 16-17 February.

‘Gods of the Lydians, Greco-Lydian Contact and the Problem of Lydian Ethno-Linguistic Identity’, at the International Conference ‘In Search of the Golden Fleece’ – Linguistic and Cultural Interactions between Greece and the Ancient Near East’, University of Oxford, 27-28 January.

2016

‘Languages, Alphabets and Literacy in the Archaic Western Anatolia’, at the International Conference ‘Ex Ionia Scientia – ‘Knowledge’ in Archaic Greece’, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, 11-14 December.

‘Anatolian Substratum Influence in the Homeric Greek? A Critical Review of the Evidence’, at the International Conference ‘Language Change in Epic Greek and other Oral Traditions’, Leiden University, 27-29 October.

‘Ahhiyawa - Danu(na) - Palasti(na). Aegean Ethnica in the Eastern Mediterranean in the Light of Old and New Hieroglyphic-Luwian Evidence’, at the International Conference ‘The Aegean and the Levant at the Turn of the Bronze and Iron Ages’, University of Warsaw, 27-28 September.

2015

‘The last foothold of Arzawa. The problem of the location of Puranda and the Mount Arinnanda revisited’, at the International Conference ‘Hrozný and Hittite: The First Hundred Years’, Charles University, Prague, 11-14 November.

‘Phrygians before the Phrygians? The Land Māša, King ‘Hartapu’ and the Phrygian Step Monuments’, at the International Conference ‘The Phrygian Lands over Time. From Prehistory to the Middle of the 1st millennium AD’, Anadolu Üniversitesi, Eskişehir, 2-8 November.

2014

‘Rock-Cut Monuments of King Hartapu, Phrygian Tradition and Cultural Identity of Land Masa’, at the 20th Annual Meeting of the European Association of Archaeologists, Istanbul, 10-14 September.

‘A New King of Mira? Reconsideration of Some Evidence Concerning Kassu’, at the 9th International Congress of Hittitology, Hittit Universitesi, Çorum, 1-7 September.

‘Das östliche Gateway zur Ägäis: das hethitische Interesse am Meer und das süd-westliche Karien in der Spätbronzezeit’, at the Workshop ‘North meets East. Aktuelle Forschungen zu antiken Häfen’, University of Hamburg, February 7-8.

‘To the prehistory of Lesbos’ relations with Lydia: when and where did the Greeks first encounter the Lydians?’, at the 115th Joint Annual Meeting of the American Philological Association and Archaeological Institute of America, Chicago, IL, 2-5 January.

2013

‘Geographical position of Karkisa and its place in the political structure of the LBA western Anatolia’, at the International Conference ‘Karia Arkhaia – La Carie, des origines à la période pré-hékatomnide’ (4^{èmes} Rencontres d’archéologie de l’IFEA), Koç University, Istanbul, 14-16 November.

‘The seaborne dowry of Kagamuna: Reconsideration of the meaning of *kursawar*- with special reference to the interpretation of KUB 26.91’, at the International Workshop ‘Lesbos Between East and West: Linguistic, Archaeological, and Documentary Evidence for Greek-Anatolian Contact in the Late Bronze and Early Iron Ages’, University of Reading, 20 July.

‘Hieroglyphen-luwische Quellen des 2. Jt. vor Chr. zur Vorgeschichte des zentralen Westanatoliens. KIZILDAĞ-KARADAĞ und YALBURT revisited’, at the Annual Meeting of the German Association of Archaeologists, University of Hamburg, 21-22 June.

‘Languages of Western Anatolia and the North-Eastern Aegean and the question of the Lesbos cultural substratum’, at the 7th World Archaeological Congress, Jordan, 14-18 January.

2012

‘Kubanta: the “Great Queen” of western Anatolia?’, at the Joseph M. Tronsky XVI Memorial Annual International Conference ‘Indo-European Comparative Linguistics and Classical Philology’, St. Petersburg, 18-20 June.

2007

‘Über Spiegel, Bronze und Schiffe aus Dilmun in altsumerischer Zeit’, at the 53th Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale, Moscow–St. Petersburg, 23-28 July.

Language competence

1) Ancient languages (reading proficiency):

Classics: Ancient Greek (including Mycenaean and dialects), Latin;

Anatolia: Hittite, Luwian, Lycian, Lydian, Carian;

Ancient Near East: Sumerian, Akkadian, Ugaritic, Phoenician, Middle Egyptian;

Other Indo-European languages: Phrygian, Classical Armenian, Sanskrit, Pali, Old Persian, Avestan, Gothic, Old English, Old Church Slavonic.

2) Modern languages:

Ukrainian, Russian: mother tongues;

English, German, French, Italian: fluent;

Modern Greek: advanced reading and intermediate speaking proficiency;

Turkish: intermediate reading and speaking proficiency;

Dutch, Spanish, Polish, Bulgarian: advanced reading proficiency.

Archaeological fieldwork and research trips

1) Archaeological fieldwork

July 2019: Gordion (Turkey), depot work on Phrygian graffiti and inscriptions

October 2012: Miletus (Turkey), depot work on the Late Bronze Age pottery

August 2008-2010: Borysthene/Berezan (Ukraine), excavation team member

August 2007: Karaburnu (Northern Cyprus), excavation team member

August 2006: Pshikuyhabl (North Caucasus, Russia), excavation team member

August 2005: Myrmekion (Crimea, Ukraine), excavation team member

July 2004: Cembalo (Crimea, Ukraine), excavation team member

2) Research trips

May-June 2017: Turkey: historical geography of Aeolis, the Troad, Mysia, Phrygia, Cilicia

May 2016: Turkey: historical geography of Pamphylia, Pisidia and Lycia

March 2015: Greece: sites of Aegina and Attica, the National Museum of Athens

September 2014: Turkey: historical geography of Mysia and the Troad

May 2014: Greece: sites and museums in northern Greece and Thessaly

January 2014: Jordan: Classical sites and Timna valley.

September 2013: Turkey: historical geography of Lydia, the Meander Valley and Caria
July 2013: Greece: sites and museums of Lesbos, Chios and Samos
August 2011: Italy: sites and museums of Toscana and Lazio
October 2010: Turkey: collation of Hieroglyphic Luwian Inscriptions
June 2010: Turkey: collation of Hieroglyphic Luwian Inscriptions
November 2009: Greece: sites in Attica and Peloponnese
April 2009: Greece: Minoan sites of central and eastern Crete
October 2008: Greece: sites in Attica, Peloponnese, Boeotia
February 2005: Syria: sites and museums