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Fixed-term Researcher (RTT, Researcher Tenure Track)

Personal Information

Born in Feltre (BL) on March 20th, 1978

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Università degli Studi di Napoli "L'Orientale"

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Working Activities

2025- Fixed-term researcher (RTT)

Università di Napoli L'Orientale

Teaching activity: Semitic Philology/Semitic Linguistics

2022-2025 Fixed-term researcher (RTD-A)

Università di Udine

Teaching activity: Semitic Studies/Akkadian

2015-2021 Research Assistant

Georg-August-Universität, Göttingen (Germania)

2016, 2018-2019 Teacher

Georg-August-Universität, Göttingen (Germania)

Teaching activities. Aramaic, Cultures of the Ancient Near East

2015-2016 Research Assistant

Academy of Sciences, Göttingen (Germania)

2017-2018 Teacher

Freie-Universität, Berlino

Teaching activities: Semitic studies

2009-2015 Research Assistant

Philipps-Universität, Marburg (Germania)

2011-2012 Teacher

Philipps-Universität, Marburg (Germania)

Teaching activities: Northwest Semitic Epigraphy

2007-2009 Post-Doc Researcher
Università degli Studi di Udine

2006-2007 Teacher
Università degli Studi di Udine
Teaching activities: Semitic Studies

2002-2007 Research-projects participant
Università degli Studi di Udine

Education

9/6/2006
Università degli Studi di Udine
PhD Sciences of Antiquity

26/9/2002
Università degli Studi di Udine
M.A. Sciences of Cultural Heritage (Archaeology)

July 1996
Liceo Ginnasio Giuseppe Parini, Milano
High School Degree for Classical Studies (Liceo Classico)

Languages

Mother Tongue	Italian
Other Languages	Level
English	C1
French	C1
German	C1

Other

2018
Obtained Italian Scientific Habilitation as Assistant Professor (10/N1: Cultures of the Ancient Near East, Middle East and Africa).

2018
Attended specialized courses in the Didactic Center, University of Göttingen.

Research Activities

2022-2025

Received research contract at the University of Udine, aimed at a first attempt to catalogue plants used in Ancient Mesopotamian medicine.

2019-

External Collaborator within the project "Dictionary of Nature Imagery in the Bible" (<https://dni.tau.ac.il>), directed by prof. Dalit Rom Shiloni (Tel Aviv).

2018-2021

Contract as Research Staff (Wissenschaftliche Mitarbeiterin), University of Göttingen (Germany), for the direction of the Project *Neubearbeitung des Corpus der Personennamen in den griechischen und lateinischen Inschriften aus Syrien und Libanon* (A New Corpus of the personal names in the Greek and Latin inscriptions from syria and Lebanon).

2015-2018

Contract as Research Staff (Wissenschaftliche Mitarbeiterin), University of Göttingen (Germany), in the project *Die Beziehung zwischen Judäern und Nicht-Judäern in den Briefen und Verträgen von Elephantine* (The relationships between Judaeans and non-Judaeans in the letters and contracts from Elephantine) as part of the project cluster *Elephantine im Kontext*.

2015

Contact as research staff in the project *Qumran-Wörterbuch* in the Akademie der Wissenschaften zu Göttingen.

2012-2015

Contract as Research Staff (Wissenschaftliche Mitarbeiterin), University of Marburg (Germany), in the project *Aramäisch: Zusammenfall von Dativ und Akkusativ in einer semitischen Sprache* (Aramaic: Accusative-Dative syncretism in a Semitic language), , as part of the project cluster *Fundierung linguistischer Basiskategorien* (Exploring the building blocks of language), financed by the Hessian Ministry for Science and Arts through the LOEWE programme.

2009-2011

Contract as Research Staff (Wissenschaftliche Mitarbeiterin) in the project *The grammar and use of attribute marking in the history of Aramaic*, as part of the project cluster *Konstanz und Wandel in der Sprache: Theorie und Empirie* (Stability and Change in language: theoretical and empirical approaches), financed by the Hessian Ministry for Science and Arts through the LOEWE programme.

2007-2009

Received post-doc grant as participant to the University of Udine research project *RAFFAELE*, aimed at building an electronic database of ancient West Semitic onomastics.

2004-2006

Received research contract as participant to the national FIRB (*Financing of Basic Research*) project "The Novel and the Proverbs of Ahiqar the Wise: origins, versions, mutations and diffusion".

2002

Received research contract as participant to the national research project of the Ministry for the University on "Military and Commercial Itineraries in the Ancient near East".

Participation to Conferences (Selected)

2024

Aramaic as a lingua franca? The Use of Aramaic in the Neo-Babylonian, Neo-Assyrian and Achaemenid Empires (Aramaic Language Studies – Historical Dimensions and Universals, Heidelberg, 25-26 settembre; su invito).

I nomi propri della Siria greco-romana: primi risultati di un progetto triennale (Zikkārôn l^e Yisrā'ēl, Convegno in memoria di Felice Israel, Genova, 31 maggio; su invito).

2023

Aramaic-Speaking Communities in Achaemenid Egypt and the Afterlife (International Meeting of the European Association of Biblical Studies, Siracusa, 10-13 luglio; su invito).

Aramaeans and Aramaic Culture in Achaemenid Egypt (Aram Society for Syro-Mesopotamian Studies, 52nd International Conference “The Aramaeans B.C.”, Oxford, 5-6 luglio).

2021

Social and cultural interactions in Achaemenid Elephantine (Workshop Contact Zones in the Eastern Mediterranean ca. 500-200 BCE, Warsaw, October 7th-8th; invited).

La religione della comunità giudaica di Elefantina (International Congress of the Associazione italiana per lo studio del Giudaismo, Ravenna, September 1st-3rd).

2019

Mapping Gender in West-Semitic Zoonyms (with Anna Angelini; International Meeting of the European Association of Biblical Studies, Warsaw, August 12th-14th; invited).

I nomi propri nelle iscrizioni greche e latine nel Vicino oriente d'età romana: storia degli studi, problemi, prospettive (Congress dedicated to Giovanni Rinaldi (1906-1994), Genua, October 25th; invited).

2017

Uccellacci e uccellini. Le catalogue des oiseaux dans l'inscriptions de Deir 'Alla et le lexique des animaux en araméen ancien (La lexicographie comparée des animaux dans l'antiquité, Lausanne, 4 October 2017; invited).

The presence of foreigners in Egypt as reflected in the Aramaic documents (International Meeting of the European Association of Biblical Studies, Berlin, 7-11 August 2017; invited).

2016

L'araméen en Transeuphratène à l'époque achéménide (IXe Colloque international sur la Transeuphratène à l'époque perse, Paris, 7-9 April 2016).

2015

A New Project on Elephantine: Elephantine im Kontext (12. Mainzer Internationales Colloquium für Alt-Hebräisch, Mainz, 30 October-1 November 2015).

2014

Anthroponomastics in Dura-Europos (25th International Congress of Onomastic Sciences, Glasgow, 25-29 August 2014).

Direct Object in Old and Imperial Aramaic (15th Afro-Asiatic Italian Meeting, Rome 17-19 September 2014).

2013

Rencontre de civilisations sur l'Euphrate : le cas de Doura-Europos (Paris, Sorbonne, 17 April 2013 ; invited).

Direct Object in Old Aramaic (10th-8th century BC) (11. Mainzer Internationales Colloquium für Alt-Hebräisch, Mainz, 1-3 November 2013).

2012

Two Projects on the Syntax of Aramaic (with Michael Waltisberg; 1st UT-Austin International Workshop on Historical and Comparative Semitic Linguistics, 13-14 October 2012).

2011

Matrimoni misti e onomastica nella Siria d'età romana: il caso di Dura-Europos (Matrimoni misti: una via d'integrazione tra i popoli / Mixed Marriages: a way to integration among peoples, Verona – Trento, 1st-2nd December).

Analytical and synthetic genitive constructions in Old, Imperial and Epigraphic Middle Aramaic (10th Mainzer Internationales Colloquium für Alt-Hebräisch, Mainz, 28-30 October 2011).

Analytical and Synthetic genitive constructions in Epigraphic Middle Aramaic (14th Italian Meeting of Afroasiatic Linguistics, Turin 15-18 June 2011).

2010

Attribute marking /^{}dī/ in Imperial Aramaic* (31. Deutscher Orientalistentag, Marburg, 20-24 September 2010).

2007

Semitic Onomastics in Roman Aquileia (XIII Incontro Italiano di Linguistica Afroasiatica / 13th Italian Meeting of Afro-Asiatic Linguistics, Udine, 21-24 May 2007); also member of the organizing committee.

PUBLICATIONS

MONOGRAPHS

G.F. Grassi, *Die semitischen Personennamen in Syrien und dem Libanon. Etymologischer Kommentar zu IGLS I–VII, XI, XVII/1, sowie I.Tyr I und I.Tyr II*, Berlin: De Gruyter, 2024 (Fontes et Subsidia ad Bibliam pertinentes 13; ISBN 978-3-11-133105-8).

F.M. Fales, G.F. Grassi, *L'aramaico antico*, (Collana Fonti e Testi), Udine: Forum, 2016 (ISBN: 978-88-8420891-0).

G.F. Grassi, *Semitic Onomastics from Dura Europos. The Names in Greek Script and from Latin Epigraphs*, Padua: S.A.R.G.O.N., 2012 (ISBN: 978-88-95672-23-6).

EDITED VOLUMES AND JOURNALS

F.M. Fales, G.F. Grassi, *CAMSEMUD 2007. Proceedings of the 13th Italian Meeting of Afro-Asiatic Linguistics, Held in Udine, May 21st-24th, 2007*, Padova: S.A.R.G.O.N., 2010 (ISBN: 978-88-95672-05-2).

A. Bartelmus, G.F. Grassi, *Middle East - Topics & Arguments 3: Cultural Heritage*, December 2014 (<https://meta-journal.net/issue/view/45>).

SCIENTIFIC ARTICLES

In corso di stampa

G.F. Grassi, "O Isis und Osiris". The Egyptian Afterlife and the 'Aramaean' in Achaemenid Egypt, ARAM.

G.F. Grassi (con Anna Angelini), Mapping Gender in West Semitic Zoonyms, *Materia Giudaica*.

G.F. Grassi, "O Isis und Osiris". The Egyptian Afterlife and the 'Aramaean' in Achaemenid Egypt, *ARAM* 35.

G.F. Grassi, "O Wild West Wind". Some Remarks on Demons Pazuzu, Ssm and Ssn, in S. Fink et al. (eds.), *Festschrift Ponchia* (Melammu Workshops and Monographs).

2025

G.F. Grassi, Figure di donne nella comunità giudaica di Elefantina, in L. Pani, E. Scarton (a cura di), *Dalla parte di lei. Scritti per Laura Casella dalle amiche del Dipartimento*, Udine, 57-67.

2024

G.F. Grassi, Religious Interactions in Achaemenid Elephantine and Syene as Reflected in the Aramaic Documents, in Ł. Niesiołowski-Spanò and K. Ziemia (eds.), *Contact Zones in the Eastern Mediterranean. Judaeans and their neighbours in intercultural contexts: places, middlemen, transcultural contacts – sixth to second century BCE*, Göttingen, 49-82.

2023

G.F. Grassi, Il venerdì (ʿrwbh) e il sabato (šbh) a Elefantina, in *Materia Giudaica* 27, 2022 (but 2023), 135-146.

2022

G.F. Grassi, «Do we know the Arameans?» (SAA 17, 176). The Use of Ethnonyms in the Aramaic Documents from Egypt, in R.G. Kratz, B.U. Schipper (eds.), *Elephantine in Context*, Tübingen, 3-34.

G.F. Grassi, Il dio Bethel e i 'betili', in S. Graziani, G. Lacerenza (a cura di), *Egitto e Vicino oriente Antico tra passato e futuro. The Stream of Tradition: la genesi e il perpetuarsi delle tradizioni in Egitto e nel Vicino oriente Antico*, Naples, 397-405.

2021

G.F. Grassi, Aramaic-Speaking Communities in Achaemenid Egypt and the Afterlife: the 'Stela saltiana' (TADAE D22.54), *Göttinger Miszellen* 264, 83-90

2019

G.F. Grassi, Uccellacci e uccellini. La liste des oiseaux de Deir Alla et le lexique des animaux en araméen ancien, *Altorientalische Forschungen* 46/1, 2019, 88-113.

2018

G.F. Grassi, L'araméen en Transeuphratène à l'époque achéménide : le cas de la Syrie, *Transeuphratène* 50, 87-104.

2017

G.F. Grassi, Bemerkungen zu Ostrakon Clermont-Ganneau J8 (175+185) aus Elephantine, *Zeitschrift für die alttestamentliche Wissenschaft* 129, 84-97.

G.F. Grassi, Direct Object in Old and Imperial Aramaic, in A. Agostini, M.G. Amadasi Guzzo (eds.), *Afroasiatica Romana. Proceedings of the 15th Meeting of Afro-Asiatic Linguistics, 17-19 September 2014, Rome* (Quaderni di Vicino Oriente XIII), Rome, 147-154.

2016

G.F. Grassi, Some Remarks on the Anthroponymy of Dura-Europos (and on the name of the City), in C. Hough, D. Izdebska (eds.), *Names and Their Environment. Proceedings of the 25th International Congress of Onomastic Sciences, Glasgow 25-29 August 2014, Vol. 3: Anthroponomastics*, Glasgow, 85-93.

2015

G.F. Grassi, Rencontre de civilisations sur l'Euphrate : un bilan des sources écrites de Doura-Europos, *Dialogues d'histoire ancienne* 41/1, 73-116.

G.F. Grassi, Direct object in Old Aramaic, in *KUSATU* 19, 51-69.

2014

G. F. Grassi, Nabonidus, King of Babylon, in A. Bartelmus, G.F. Grassi (eds.), *Middle East - Topics & Arguments 3: Cultural Heritage*, 125-135.

A. Bartelmus, G.F. Grassi, Dealing with the past in the present: how and why?, in A. Bartelmus, G. F. Grassi (eds.), *Middle East – Topics and Arguments 3: Cultural Heritage*, 5–17.

2013

G.F. Grassi, Analytical and synthetic genitive constructions in Epigraphic Middle Aramaic, in A. Mengozzi, M. Tosco (eds.), *Sounds and Words through the Ages: Afroasiatic Studies from Turin*, Alessandria, 191-213.

G.F. Grassi, Due parole semitiche nelle iscrizioni del santuario della dea siriana a Delo, *Zeitschrift für Papyrologie und Epigraphik* 186, 171-175.

G.F. Grassi, Analytical and synthetic genitive constructions in Old, Imperial and Epigraphic Middle Aramaic, *KUSATU* 15, 375-434.

2012

G.F. Grassi, L'onomastica degli immigrati siriani ad Aquileia e le caratteristiche dell'antroponimia del Vicino Oriente d'età romana, in G.B. Lanfranchi, D. Morandi Bonacossi, C. Pappi, S. Ponchia (eds.), *LEGGO! Studies Presented to Prof. Frederick Mario Fales on the Occasion of His 65th Birthday*, Wiesbaden, 333-348.

G.F. Grassi, The emergence of the genitive analytical construction in Aramaic, *Annali dell'Istituto Orientale di Napoli* 69, 2009 [but 2012], 141-156.

G.F. Grassi, Matrimoni misti e onomastica nella Siria d'età romana: il caso di Dura-Europos, in S. Marchesini (a cura di), *Atti del Convegno Matrimoni misti: una via per l'integrazione tra i popoli - Mixed Marriages: a way to integration among peoples. Convegno multidisciplinare internazionale (Verona – Trento, 1-2 dicembre 2011)*, Trento, 127-138.

2010

G.F. Grassi, Semitic Onomastics in Roman Aquileia, in F.M. Fales, G.F. Grassi (eds.), *CAMSEMUD 2007. Proceedings of the 13th Italian Meeting of Afro-Asiatic Linguistics, Held in Udine, May 21st-24th, 2007*, Padua, 1-31.

2009

G.F. Grassi, Due coniugi siriani a Verona in età paleocristiana, *Atti dell'Istituto Veneto di Scienze, Lettere ed Arti – Classe di scienze morali, lettere ed arti* CLXVII, 2008-2009, 13-28.

G.F. Grassi, Le dediche di orientali nella basilica di Monastero di Aquileia, *Aquileia Nostra* 80, 417-436.

2008

G.F. Grassi, Belshazzar's Feast and Feats: the last Prince of Babylon in Ancient Eastern and Western Sources, *KASKAL* 5, 187-210.

2007

G.F. Grassi, L'onomastica di Dura Europos. Alcune considerazioni d'insieme, *KASKAL* 4, 267-295.

REVIEWS

2025

B. Porten, A. Yardeni, *Textbook of Aramaic Ostraca from Idumea*, vol. 5, *Bulletin of the American Society of Overseas Research* (BASOR) 394, 236-239.

2021

H. Gzella, *A Cultural History of Aramaic*, *Orientalistische Literaturzeitung* 116/2, 139-142.

2013

T. Muraoka, *A Grammar of Qumran Aramaic*, *Orientalistische Literaturzeitung* 108/6, 398-400.

2012

R.J. Kutylowski, *Studies in the Syntax of Targum Jonathan to Samuel*, *Orientalistische Literaturzeitung* 107/4-5, 268-271.

2011

H. Gzella, M. Folmer (eds.), *Aramaic in its Historical and Linguistic Setting*, *Orientalistische Literaturzeitung* 106/4-5, 296-298.

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