

**Doctoral research student****Andrea Ricci, M.A.** | aricci(at)gshdl.uni-kiel.de**PhD Project**

Where the river flowed: cultural landscapes in the Syro-Turkish Middle Euphrates Valley.

**Research interests**

My research interests fall into three main categories: the dynamic interactions between humans and their environments; landscape archaeology; the formation process of early complex societies. These themes are explored in the context of my PhD research. In particular I am investigating the Middle Euphrates Valley region to understand how the process of early urbanization developed between the 4th and 3rd Millennium BC and how sedentary and mobile communities interacted with each other.

In addition, I am attracted by the history of archaeological research and thought.

**Education****Since April 2008**

Member of the Graduate School "Human Development in Landscapes" at the Christian-Albrechts-University Kiel.

**2007**

MA degree in Near Eastern Prehistory and Protohistory „La Sapienza“ Università di Roma (Italy) with a thesis on the „Paesaggi e Dinamiche di Popolamento nell'alta valle dell'Eufrate e nel bacino del Khabour durante il III millennio a.C. Analisi e Confronto tra modelli d'insediamento“.

**Work experience****Since 2007**

Member of the Land of Carchemish (Syria) Project: this research, directed by Prof. T.J. Wilkinson (Durham University, UK), aims to reconstruct the Euphrates Valley landscape and the long-term settlement trends of this region.

**Since 2006**

Member of the expedition at site of Arslantepe – Malatya (Turkey), where investigations are conducted under the supervision of Prof. Marcella Frangipane (University of Rome "La Sapienza", Italy).

**2003 - 2005**

Responsible for site documentation and assistant to pottery recording, I took part in the Malatya Plain geoarchaeological survey conducted by Prof. Gian Maria Di Nocera (University of Rome "La Sapienza", Italy).

**2002 - 2005**

Collaboration, as square supervisor, on projects conducted by the Orient Abteilung of the Deutsches Archäologisches Institut at Goebekli Tepe (Turkey), Tall Hujayrat al-Ghuzlan (Jordan) and Tayma (Saudi Arabia).

### Since 1999

Participation in various excavation and survey projects carried out by English, German and Italian institutions in the Middle East as well as in Italy and Peru.

### Publications

#### 2008 (in press)

Ricci A., in press, 2.4 - modern land use; 3.3 – site documentation and catalogue; 9.2 - The Chalcolithic occupation (together with D’Anna M.B.), in Di Nocera G.M. (ed.), *Settlement Dynamics along the Malatya Plain. The Results of the Archaeological Survey Project in the Malatya Plain 2003-2005*, Visceglia, Roma.

#### 2005

Goldhausen M. and Ricci A., 2005, Political Centralization in the Syrian Jezira of the III Millennium: A Case Study in Settlement Hierarchy, in: *Altorientalische Forschungen* 2005/1: 132-157.

#### 2008 (in press)

D’Anna M.B., Laurito R. and Ricci A., Walking on the Malatya Plain (Turkey): Preliminary Remarks on the Chalcolithic Pottery and Occupation, in Córdoba J.M., Martínez L.S., Molist M., Pérez Díe M. C., Rubio I. (eds.), *Proceedings of the 5th International Congress on the Archaeology of the Ancient Near East*, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Madrid.

### Conference papers

#### 25 June 2003

Invited lecturer at the CNR (Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche), Istituto di Studi Egeo-Anatolici, Roma, with a paper titled: Göbekli Tepe. *Excavation experiences at an astonishing prepottery Neolithic site in the province of Şanlı Urfa (South-Eastern Anatolia)*.

