

Curriculum Vitae
Romolo Loreto, PhD

Associate Professor – University of Naples “L’Orientale”
Department Asia, Africa and Mediterranean

Research areas

- Archaeology in north Saudi Arabia, definition of a chronology for al-Jawf region, from pre-history to historic periods, focused on Neolithic, Bronze Age, I millennium BC (Assyrian to Nabataean) evidence and I millennium AD (Early Islamic Era).
- Archaeology and Art History of the Ancient Near East.
- Nabataeans in North Saudi Arabia.
- Landscape, coastal environment and oases economy in northern Iron Age Oman (I millennium BCE)
- Pre-Islamic Yemen, focused on south Arabian architecture.

Academic roles

2019-present: Associate Professor in Archaeology and Art History of the Ancient Near East. University of Naples “L’Orientale”.

2016-2019: Tenure researcher (RTD-B) in Archaeology and Art History of the Ancient Near East. University of Naples “L’Orientale”.

2014-2016: Assistant Professor (RTD-A) in Archaeology and Art History of the Ancient Near East. University of Naples “L’Orientale”.

2017, November 21-22: Visiting Professor at the Masaryk University, Faculty of Arts, Center of Prehistoric Archaeology of the Near East (PANE), Brno, Czech Republic. Lectures: “Archaeology and History of Central and South-western Arabia”. <http://classics.phil.muni.cz/en/pane/studies-at-pane>

2009-2013: Adjunct Professor of Archaeology and History of the Art of Ancient Near East. University of Naples “L’Orientale”.

2010-2013: Fellow Researcher of Archaeology and History of the Art of Ancient Near East. University of Naples “L’Orientale”.

2009-2010: Adjunct Professor of Phoenician-Punic Archaeology. University of Naples Federico II.

Archaeological projects

2011-present: Director of The Italian Archaeological Mission in Saudi Arabia, Dumat al-Jandal and al-Jawf in antiquity (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, University of Naples L’Orientale). From 2009 to 2010 field director at Dumat al-Jandal under the supervision of Alessandro de Maigret.

2013-present: Director of The Italian Restoration Mission in Saudi Arabia, Dumat al-Jandal historical area (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, University of Naples L’Orientale).

2015-present: co-Director of The Umluj underwater joint project Heritage Commission-University of Naples “L’Orientale”.

2013-present: Director of the University of Naples “L’Orientale” archaeological project in the Sultanate of Oman. Fish-eaters and coastal adaptation during the Iron Age in northern Oman project.

2013-present: Director of the University of Naples “L’Orientale” archaeological project in the Sultanate of Oman. The medieval town and harbor of Dimma, al-Sib.

2002-2008: Member of the Italian Archaeological Mission in Yemen, Tamna. Field director. Head of the Mission: prof. Alessandro de Maigret. (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, University of Naples L’Orientale).

2003-2009: Member of the Italian Archaeological Mission in Yemen, Baraqish. Field director. Head of the Mission: prof. Alessandro de Maigret. (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, University of Naples L’Orientale).

2010: Member of the Italian Archaeological Mission in Yemen, Ghayman. Head of the Mission: prof. Alessandro de Maigret (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, University of Naples L’Orientale).

Academic studies

2008-2009: Cultore della materia (discipline academic award). Discipline code L-OR/05: Archaeology and Art History of the Ancient Near East. University of Naples “L’Orientale”.

2006-2009: PhD. “South Arabian (pre-Islamic) Domestic Architecture”.
Classic World and Ancient Mediterranean Department. University of Naples “L’Orientale”.
Tutor: Prof. Alessandro de Maigret.

2005-2006: Second degree in Archaeology, MA. University of Naples “L’Orientale”. Thesis: “Le tecniche costruttive della *bayt* sudarabica; specificità regionali ed evidenze esterne”. Tutor: Prof. Alessandro de Maigret.

1999-2003: First degree in Archaeology, BA: East and West. University of Naples “L’Orientale”. Thesis: “La tecnica architettonica dei templi sud-arabici. Nuovi spunti da un approccio sperimentale”. Tutor: Prof. Alessandro de Maigret.

Eligible to Academic roles

2022. Eligible as Full professor (I Fascia) Tornata 2021-2023.

2014. Eligible as Associate Professor (II Fascia) Tornata 2012.

2011. Eligible as Researcher CNR – Centro Nazionale per la Ricerca. Istituto per i Beni Archeologici e Monumentali (IBAM), Lecce.

Grants and awards

5 from 2009. Annual grants from Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation for the Italian archaeological mission in Saudi Arabia, al-Jawf-Dumat al-Jandal

4 from 2013. Annual grants from Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation for the Italian restoration mission in Saudi Arabia, al-Jawf-Dumat al-Jandal

3 from 2014. Annual grants from Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation for the University of Naples archaeological mission in Oman

2 2017. Winner al-Ansary Prize, Best non-Saudi archaeologist, Under 40, for scientific result in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

1 2014. Winner SIR 2014 – Scientific Independence of Young Researcher, Ministero dell'Istruzione, dell'Università e della Ricerca (finanziamenti per la ricerca 260.000euro).

Other activities

2 2024. Member (archaeologist) for the Scientific Committee for the Archaeology, Collections and Conservation Department Royal Commission of ALULA

1 2021-2024. Advisor for Diriyah Gate Development Authority

Publications

Books

6 2023. R Loreto, B. Marcolongo. *Manuale di geoarcheologia. Un approccio geomorfologico da remoto*. Napoli, UniorPress.

5 2018. R. Loreto. *Storia e archeologia della Penisola arabica*. IPOCAN-Aseq, Roma (198pagine).

4 2017. R. Loreto. *Alle origini degli Arabi. Un viaggio nell'archeologia dell'Arabia Saudita*. Mondadori Università. Milano (288pagine).

3 2015. R. Loreto. *L'architettura religiosa sudarabica di epoca pre-islamica (XII sec a.C. – VI sec. d.C.)*. Series Maior XIV. Università degli Studi di Napoli "L'Orientale" – ISMEO. Napoli (356pagine).

2 2013. Charloux G. & Loreto R. *Dumat al-Jandal. 2800 years of history in North Saudi Arabia*. King Fahd National Library. Riyadh (112pagine).

1 2011. R. Loreto. *L'architettura domestica sudarabica di epoca pre-islamica (VII sec. a.C. – VI sec. d.C.)*. Dissertationes VII, Università degli Studi di Napoli "L'Orientale". Napoli (328pagine).

Reports

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3 2022. Charloux & R. Loreto. (edd) *DŪMA III. Report of the 2012 season of the Saudi-Italian-French-Saudi Archaeological Project at Dumat al-Jandal*. King Fahd National Library Cataloguing. Riyadh.

2 2016. G. Charloux & R. Loreto. (edd) *DŪMA II. Report of the 2011 season of the Saudi-Italian-French-Saudi Archaeological Project at Dumat al-Jandal*. King Fahd National Library Cataloguing. Riyadh.

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Articles

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91 2022 Loreto, R. La presenza archeologica italiana nel Regno dell'Arabia Saudita. In *Italia - Arabia Saudita. Novant'anni di relazioni diplomatiche*. Ambasciata Italia, Riyadh.

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- 61 2018c. Loreto, R. "Dall'oasi alla città. Paesaggi urbani nell'Arabia preislamica". In G.M. Follaco, G. Rampolla (edd) *La Città in Asia. Letture critiche degli spazi urbani antichi e moderni*. Centro studi per i popoli extra-europei "cesare bonacossa" - Università di Pavia. Asia Major 3: 39-56, 2018.

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- 53 2017. Graziani, Simonetta; Caterina, L.; Giunta, R.; **Loreto, R.**; Manzo, A. "Le collezioni museali dell'Orientale di Napoli. Il Museo Orientale «Umberto Scerrato». La Collezione della Società Africana d'Italia", *Annali di Storia delle Università Italiane* 1/2017, 177-183).
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