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Modern
Languages

Italian (native)
English (fluent – C1)
French (fluent – C1)
German (passive
understanding)
Spanish (passive
understanding)
Arabic (Lebanese –
basic knowledge)
Modern Hebrew (basic
knowledge)

Coding and Digital
Skills

- **Python** (fluent),
including several
libraries for linguistic
and phylogenetic
analyses (LingPy, etc.)
- **Java** (advanced)
- **GIS** (advanced)
- **Database languages:**
MySQL, Postgres,
MongoDB (advanced)

Note: Brief gaps in my
academic career in 2017
and 2019 were due to
caring for my mother
during her cancer illness
until her passing.

CURRICULUM VITAE

Marwan Kilani

Research Interests

Ancient Egyptian linguistics, Comparative **Afro-Asiatic** linguistics, **historical sociolinguistics**, and **interdisciplinary approaches** integrating linguistic data with archaeology and socio-historical research

Current Position/Grant

- **Grant as Principal Investigator of an Independent Research Project** (Aug. 2022–Jul.2026)
University of Basel, SNSF Project: *Exploring dialectal interactions in New Kingdom Egyptian*
Focus on **sociolinguistic dynamics and dialectal variation**.
<https://daw.philhist.unibas.ch/de/aegyptologie/forschung/forschungsprojekte/lcde/>

Previous positions/Grants

- **Grant as Principal Investigator of an Independent Research Project** (Aug. 2021–Jul. 2022)
University of Geneva, SNSF Project: *Wandering Words: Sociolinguistics of Loanwords in Egypt and the Ancient Near East - Results*.
- **Grant as Principal Investigator of an Independent Research Project** (Oct. 2019–May 2021)
Freie Universität Berlin, SNSF Project: *Wandering Words: Sociolinguistics of Loanwords in Egypt and the Ancient Near East*.
- **Grant as Principal Investigator of an Independent Research Project** (Oct. 2017–Mar. 2019)
Charles University Prague, SNSF Project: *A story of kingdoms, mountains and rivers: the role of territory in the organization of the Egyptian northern Levantine provinces in the Amarna Period*.
Focus on **social networks**, **geopolitics**, and **sociolinguistics** in the ancient Levant

Education

- **PhD in Oriental Studies** (focus on **Ancient Egyptian linguistic** and **cultural exchanges**)
University of Oxford – Queen’s College, 2017
Thesis: *Byblos in the Late Bronze Age: Interactions between the Levantine and Egyptian Worlds*
(focus on linguistic and cultural exchanges) - **without corrections** (best possible result in Oxford)
Note: my PhD yielded two monographs: one corresponding to the thesis, focusing on cultural interactions, and a second linguistic one focusing on Ancient Egyptian phonology and Group Writing (see below)
- **MPhil in Oriental Studies** (focus on Ancient Egyptian historical linguistics)
University of Oxford – St. Cross College, 2012 - **with distinction** (best possible result in Oxford)
Thesis: *The function of final w in selected Late Egyptian texts*.
- **Bachelor of Arts** (focus on archaeology, Egyptology, and historical linguistics)
Universities of Neuchâtel (2006-9) and Geneva (2007-9) - **with distinction** (Magna cum laude)

Professional Engagement

- Co-Editor of the Academic Journal *Bulletin of ASOR* (2021–present)
- Co-Editor of the Academic Journal *Mediterranean Archaeology* (2024–present)
- I have been asked to review PostDoc proposals at the international level, as well as articles for several journals in the field (*Diachronica*, *Journal of Historical Linguistics*, *Lingua Aegyptia*, *Kervan*,...)

Websites

- <https://mkilani.github.io/kilani-academic/> [Personal Website]
- <https://unibasel.academia.edu/MarwanKilani> [Academia page]
- <https://afroasiaticcorner.wordpress.com> [Collaborative Blog on Afro-Asiatic, launched in Fall 2024]
- <https://github.com/MKilani/> [GitHub repository] .../Maduwwa [Egyptian Linguistics]

Scholarly and Professional Activities

Outreach and
Ongoing
Collaborations

- Collaboration with **Prof. Marten Lutz (SOAS)**, **Prof. Hannah Gibson (University of Essex)**, **Prof. Robin Meyer (University of Lausanne)**, et alii in a project labelled “Reconstructing Contact” that aims at establishing a **research group** and network to **critically reconsider the methodologies** employed in **historical linguistics**, integrating and expanding them with the contribution of more holistic approaches focusing on contemporary and historical sociolinguistic, archaeology, ethnography, and social sciences. We have submitted an **application for an UKRI Grant**. If accepted, the project will start in February 2025
- Collaboration with **Prof. Prof. Joanne Clark (Archaeologist - University of East Anglia, Norwich)** focusing on the integration of **linguistic and archaeological data** in connection with the **emergence of the Pharaonic State** in the **late Neolithic**. The aim is to apply for a joined grant on this topic next year
- **Dr. Tiago Tresoldi (Uppsala University, Sweden)**: developing a **software** (in the form of a opensource library) for easy-to-use and easy-to-deploy **online databases** (requiring no specific technical knowledge and editable directly through excel-like files) specifically targeted at **linguists and archaeologists**, to make the collecting and sharing of data simpler, more efficient, and more convenient.
- **Prof. Sharon Stocker and Prof. Jack Davis (Cincinnati University)**: study and publications of the new **Egypt- and Levant-related objects** from their current excavations at **Pylos, in Greece**
- Participation as invited speaker to the **Television documentary** series **La Storia Infinita** in 2022, aired by the Italian speaking branch of the **Swiss National Television** (Radiotelevisione della Svizzera Italiana) – Active role as **consultant** in the following editions, including the current one

Teaching
Experience
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Linguistics

- Fall Semester **2024** – Basel University – Language in Past and Present Societies: a Diachronic Perspective on Sociolinguistics
- September **2023** – Basel University – Introduction to Coding: Python for Linguists [intensive workshop]
- Summer **2023** – Leiden University: Summer School of Linguistics – Introduction to Afro-Asiatic linguistics
- Summer **2023** – Leiden University: Summer School of Linguistics – Intensive Courses of Middle Egyptian, Late Egyptian, and Coptic
- Spring Semester **2023** – University of Basel – Late Egyptian
- Fall Semester **2022** – University of Neuchâtel – Historical Sociolinguistics: An Introduction
- Summer **2022** – Leiden University: Summer School of Linguistics – Intensive courses of Middle Egyptian
- September **2021** – University of Basel – Egyptian Historical Phonology and Egyptian Writing [intensive workshop]
- Spring Semester **2014** – Oxford University – Late Egyptian: A Linguistic Introduction

Teaching
Experience
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Other

- Spring Semester **2021** – Cincinnati University (online): course on Egyptian-Levant-Aegean interactions in the Early Late Bronze Age
- Fall Semester **2020** – Charles University, Prague (online): Byblos in the Bronze Age
- Fall Semester **2018** – Charles University, Prague: Egypt and the Levant (introductory course)
- Fall Semester **2014** – The Egypt Exploration Society (London): ‘Egypt and the Near East: a Story of War, Diplomacy, Exotism and Trade’ (interactions between Egypt and the Near East in the Bronze Age).
- Fall Semester **2014** – Oxford University: Tutorials undergraduate students (introductory general Egyptology course, language tutorials)
- Spring Semester **2014** – Oxford University: The Tale of Wenamun (Late Egyptian reading class)

Monographs

- **2019** – *Group Writing: a New Approach to its Vocalization*, Lingua Aegyptia - Studia Monographica 20, Hamburg: Widmaier Verlag
[Linguistics/Egyptology]
- **2019** – *Byblos in the Late Bronze Age: Interactions between the Levantine and Egyptian Worlds*, Studies in the Archaeology and History of the Levant (Harvard Semitic Museum) 9, Leiden; Boston: Brill.
[Egyptology / Archaeology / Social History]

Edited Volumes

- **2024** – *Current Research in Egyptology 2023 – Proceedings of the Twenty-Third Annual Symposium, University of Basel, 10-14 September 2023*, Oxford: Archaeopress.
Co-editors: Lauren Dogaer, Cyprian Fong, Elena Hertel, Geirr Lunden
- **2019** – *A Stranger in the House: The Crossroads III*, Prague: Czech Institute of Egyptology.
Co-editors: Jana Mynářová, Sergio Alivernini

Monographs and Edited Volumes in Preparation

- *Contact linguistics and the human past: Integrating multidisciplinary perspectives beyond record history – collected volume* co-edited with Rasmus Gudmundsen Bjørn (Max Planck Institute in Jena, Germany). The volume is composed of papers written by various scholars exploring how **historical linguistic data** can be used to **reveal the unrecorded history** of human communities in different contexts and periods, from pre-colonial realities to deep prehistory. The volume will discuss several **theoretical and methodological issues and approaches**, and it thus aims at being **groundbreaking contribution** to the field.
Contract signed with **De Gruyter**. Expected submission of the manuscript: **January 2025**.
- *Ancient Egyptian: A Sociolinguistic Biography* – the aim of the volume is to present an overview of the **sociolinguistic history** of **Ancient Egyptian** based on the most recent research. The volume will appear in the monograph series *Kitab* of the University of Pisa – planned submission: **early 2026**
- *A Handbook of Historical Sociolinguistics* – the aim of this volume is to provide a **reference tool** for students and scholars interested in the way **languages and societies interacted in premodern realities**, and on the **insights that historical linguistics** can give us on the **human past**– currently discussing a publication agreement

Articles – Linguistics, Sociolinguistics

- ‘On the traces of “apples”, “plums” and “pears” : investigating wanderwords in ancient and modern Near Eastern Languages’ *Journal of Historical Linguistics* (2023)
<https://www.jbe-platform.com/content/journals/10.1075/jhl.22008.kil>
[Linguistics / Sociolinguistics]
- Group Writing. *UCLA Encyclopedia of Egyptology* (2023) - <https://escholarship.org/uc/item/6qf921w4>
[Linguistics / Philology / Egyptology]
- ‘Écriture syllabique et vocalisation’ In: Stéphan Polis (ed.) *Guide des écritures de l’Égypte antique*, Caire : Institut français d’archéologie orientale (IFAO), 2022:188–191.
[Linguistics / Egyptology]
- ‘Egyptian words in the Late Bronze Age Levant: a linguistic investigation of New Kingdom Egyptian-Levantine interactions’ *Fronteiras Revista Catarinense de História* 40 (2022) 97–131.
[Linguistics / Egyptology]
- ‘Final –ww in the Late Egyptian Orthography: a linguistic assessment’ *Zeitschrift für Ägyptische Sprache und Altertumskunde* 148.2 (2021) 207–25.
[Linguistics / Egyptology]
- ‘Phonological change and interdialectal differences between Egyptian and Coptic: $\underline{d}, \underline{t} \rightarrow c = x$ versus $\underline{d}, \underline{t} \rightarrow t = \tau$ ’, *Diachronica* 38.4 (2021) 601–27 <https://www.jbe-platform.com/content/journals/10.1075/dia.19076.kil>
[Linguistics / Egyptology]
- ‘Sociolinguistic identities and Egyptian Imperialism in the Early Late Bronze Age Levant.’ *Journal of Ancient Egyptian Interconnections* 28 (2020) 47–64.
[Linguistics / Historical Sociolinguistics / Egyptology / Ancient Near East Studies]
- ‘Naming Practices and Identity in Early Late Bronze Age Levant: a Linguistic and Geographical Analysis of Local Rulers’ Names Attested in the Amarna Letters.’ *Journal of Ancient Egyptian Interconnections* 27 (2020) 70–93.
[Linguistics / Historical Sociolinguistics / Egyptology / Ancient Near East Studies]

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ‘On the Vocalization of Semitic Words in Late Bronze Age Egyptian transcriptions: New Evidence from Papyrus Anastasi I.’ in: Laura Quick et al. (eds.) <i>To Gaul, to Greece and Into Noah’s Ark: Essays in Honour of Kevin J. Cathcart on the Occasion of His Eightieth Birthday</i>, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2019:167–86. [Linguistics / Egyptology] ▪ ‘The function of final w in nouns and adjectives in the autography of selected Late Egyptian texts.’ <i>Zeitschrift für Ägyptische Sprache und Altertumskunde</i> 144:2 (2017) 188–207. [Linguistics / Egyptology] ▪ ‘A new name of tree in Egyptian: <i>r-b-r-n</i> = "juniper" in the Tale of Wenamun.’ <i>Journal of Near Eastern Studies</i> 75:1 (2016) 43–52 [Linguistics / Egyptology / Philology]
Articles - Computational Linguistics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ‘FAAL: a Feature-based Aligning ALgorithm’, <i>Language Dynamics and Change</i> 11.1 (2020) 1-47 [Computational Linguistics / Digital Methods] ▪ ‘Calculating false cognates: an extension of the Baxter & Manaster-Ramer solution’ <i>Diachronica</i> 32:3 (2015) 331–64 [General Linguistics / Computational Linguistics / Statistical Approaches]
Articles - Egyptology, Archaeology, Ancient History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ‘Who (or What) is a ‘Phoenician’? The Complex History of an Ancient People in a Modern Society’ In: Guillemette Crouzet, Eva Miller (eds), <i>Finding Antiquity, Making the Modern Middle East</i>, London: Bloomsbury Academic, 2025:103-117. [Near East Archaeology / Modern History] ▪ ‘The History of Byblos during the Late Bronze Age’ In: Kertai, Zaven (ed), <i>Byblos, Gateway to the World</i>, Leiden: Sidestone Press, (2024) 187-90. [Egyptology / Near East Archaeology] ▪ ‘Byblos and its Architecture during the Late Bronze Age’ In: Kertai, Zaven (ed), <i>Byblos, Gateway to the World</i>, Leiden: Sidestone Press, (2024) 191-95. [Near East Archaeology] ▪ ‘<i>tj-n3-y</i> and <i>kft(j)w</i> in the Annals of Thutmose III: a reassessment of Urk. IV 733:4-7’ <i>Ägypten und Levante</i> 32 (2022) 127-141. [Philology / Linguistics / Sociolinguistics / Egyptology : social history] ▪ ‘Contacts between Egypt and India during the Ptolemaic and Roman Periods: An Overview of the Evidence.’ In: Christian Langer (ed.), <i>Global Egyptology: Negotiations in the Production of Knowledges on Ancient Egypt in Global Contexts</i>, London: Golden House Publications, 2017:91–102. [Egyptology : social history] ▪ ‘Computer Science and Old Excavations: the Case of Byblos.’ In: O'Sullivan, Marini, Binnberg (eds), <i>Archaeological approaches to breaking boundaries : interaction, integration and division : proceedings of the Graduate Archaeology at Oxford Conferences 2015-2016</i>, Oxford: BAR (British Archaeological Reports) international series, 2017:209–230. [Egyptology / Near East Archaeology / Digital Humanities] ▪ ‘Between Geographical Imagery and Geographical Reality: Byblos and the Limits of the World in the 18th Dynasty.’ In: Alvarez, Christelle, Arto Belekdanian, Ann-Katrin Gill, and Solène Klein (eds), <i>Current research in Egyptology 2015: proceedings of the sixteenth annual symposium; University of Oxford, United Kingdom, 15-18, April 2015</i>, Oxford; Philadelphia: Oxbow Books, 2016:74-87 [Linguistics]
Book Reviews	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ‘[Review of] Francis Breyer, <i>Ägyptische Namen und Wörter im Alten Testament</i>, Ägypten und Altes Testament 93, Münster: Zaphon 2019’, <i>Lingua Aegyptia</i> 29 (2021), 329–337.
Organization of Workshops, Conferences, and Special Sessions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ I am co-organizing, together with Robin Meyer and Neige Rochant (University of Lausanne), the workshop “The Comparative Method Is Not Enough: Innovating Historical Linguistic Methodology” at the 27th International Conference in Historical Linguistics organized at the University of Santiago de Chile (August 2025) ▪ I am the main organizer for the first “Second Swiss Workshop on Sociolinguistics, Language Contacts and Historical Linguistics in the Ancient World” (University of Basel – February 2025) ▪ I am the organizer of the session “Late Bronze Age Northern Levant: A Crossroad Between Worlds” at the ASOR Annual Meeting in Boston (November 2024)

- I have co-organized, together with Iris Kamil (University of Edinburgh) a “**Workshop on the Afroasiatic middle t-morpheme**”, held at the university of Edinburgh (May 2024)
- I have organized, together with Rasmus Gudmundsen Bjørn (Max Planck Institute in Jena, Germany) a workshop titled “**Interactions at the dawn of history: Methods and results in prehistoric contact linguistics**” at the **26th International Conference in Historical Linguistics** organized at the University of Heidelberg (September 2023)
- I have been part of the organizing committee for the “**2023 - Current Research in Egyptology Conference (CRE)**” held at the University of Basel (September 2023)
- I have been the main organizer for the first “**Swiss Workshop on Sociolinguistics, Language Contacts and Historical Linguistics in the Ancient World**” (Zurich University – February 2023)
- I have been a member of the organizing committee for the academic conference “**Raising Indigenous Voices in Academia (RIVA) 2022**” (Montana University).
- I have collaborated at the organization of the linguistic conference “**Sign, Speech, and Society in the Ancient Near East: 100 Years of Ancient Near Eastern Studies**” in Prague that took place in 2019 at the Charles University in Prague. In particular, I organized a panel focusing on the sociolinguistics, linguistic interactions, and lexical borrowings in ancient societies.
- I have been a member of the organizing committee of the conference “**Crossroads III - A Stranger in the House**” that has been held in Prague in September 2018 – see: <https://crossroadsconferen.wixsite.com/crossroads3>
- I have organized, together with Dr. Chris Langer, a workshop for the 5th EISA European Workshops in International Studies (EWIS) held at the University of Groningen (June 2018). Title: “**Archaeology as a Diplomatic Tool—Old and New International Players and Their Political Interest in Global Archaeology**”
- I was a member of the organizing team of the “**Current Research in Egyptology (CRE)**” conference, Oxford 15th—18th April 2015.

Invited Lectures

- 23 Apr. 2024 – ‘The Nile Valley as a socio-linguistic crucible: the role of climate-induced stress in the development of Ancient Egyptian’, co-presented with Prof. Joanne Clark (Archaeologist - University of East Anglia, Norwich) **The language of Extreme Events**, Max Planck Institute of Geoanthropology, Jena
- 27 Oct. 2023 – ‘Talk like an Egyptian (or not): a sociolinguistic investigation of Egyptian borrowings in the Late Bronze Age Levant’, **The International Association for Archaeological Research in Western & Central Asia (ARWA)**, (held online).
- 26 May. 2023 – ‘We are Phoenician, not Arabs: Lebanon Between Past and Present’, **GHCC Annual Conference: Archaeology, Antiquity, and the Making of the Modern Middle East: Global Histories 1800-1939**, University of Warwick.
- 9 Dec. 2022 – ‘Beyond the city’s walls: exploring the position of Byblos within the geopolitical and sociocultural Late Bronze Age landscape’, **Byblos: The World’s Most Ancient Port**, Rijksmuseum van Oudheden, Leiden
- 28 Apr. 2022 – ‘When one orthography is not enough - Group Writing Function and Functioning’ Land of Writing(s) Series – University of Liège (held online) – see: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XwauRZ40H78>
- 9 Nov. 2022 – ‘Parlare come un Egizio - lingua e parole come fonti di informazioni storiche e socioculturali’, **L’egittologia duecento anni dopo la Lettre à M. Dacier**, Associazione archeologica Ticinese / Università della Svizzera Italiana, Lugano (Switzerland)
- 12 Oct. 2022 – ‘Group Writing in New Kingdom Egypt: exploring the socio-cultural dimension(s) of a new orthography.’, **Hieroglyphs in the XXIth Century - Les hiéroglyphes au XXIe siècle**, IFAO / Bibliotheca Alexandrina, Alexandria (Egypt).
- 19 Mar. 2021 participation as invited speaker to the online workshop ‘Direction of Writing’ organized by design Prof. Antoine Abi Aad (held online).
- 2 Mar. 2021 participation as invited speaker to the online workshop **Being an Egyptian** for the panel ‘Expressing home’ organized by Dr. Thais Rocha da Silva (Sao Paulo University, Brazil), and Prof. Linda Hulin (held online).

- 23 Aug. 2024 – ‘Auxiliary Verb Constructions in Ancient Egyptian: a Crosslinguistic Overview’, **57th Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea**, University of Helsinki.
- 8 May 2024 – ‘What’s in a -t: exploring the possibility that the Egyptian -t affix of some infinitives derives from the Afro-Asiatic medio-passive -t’, **Workshop on the Afroasiatic Middle t-Morpheme**, University of Edinburgh.
- 4 Sept. 2023 – ‘Interactions at the dawn of history: Methods and results in prehistoric contact linguistics’, **ICLH26 International Conference on Historical Linguistics 2023**, University of Heidelberg.
- 10 Aug. 2023 – ‘Egyptian Linguistics in a Digital Era: Goals and Interim Results for the LCDE-Project at Basel University, **ICE XIII - International Congress of Egyptologists**, University of Leiden.
- 9 Feb. 2023 – ‘Egyptian and its Auxiliary Verb Constructions: exploring a typological “chimera”’, **First Swiss Workshop on Sociolinguistics, Language Contacts and Historical Linguistics in the Ancient World**, University of Zurich.
- 18 Nov. 2021 ‘Words of War: A Sociolinguistic Analysis of the Egyptian Military Lexicon of Foreign Origin’, at the **ASOR Conference**, Chicago
- 26 Oct. 2020 ‘Dialects in pre-Coptic Egyptian: a new explanation for Egyptian \underline{d} , \underline{t} > c = Coptic x versus Egyptian \underline{d} , \underline{t} > t = Coptic t’ at the 54. **Neue Forschungen zur ägyptischen Kultur und Geschichte & Erman-Tag 2020**, Sächsische Akademie der Wissenschaften zu Leipzig (held online).
- 22 Nov. 2019 ‘Egyptian Group Writing: A New Proposal’, at the **ASOR Conference**, San Diego
- 5 Nov. 2019 ‘Rediscovering the Sound of a Dead Language: Historical Linguistics as a Tool to Investigate Egyptian Society’, at **Yale University's Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations**, Yale University, New Haven.
- 17 Sept. 2019 ‘Loanwords of foreignisms? Developing a theoretical framework to analyse words of foreign origin in Egyptian’, **Sign, Speech, and Society in the Ancient Near East: 100 Years of Ancient Near Eastern Studies in Prague**, Charles University of Prague.
- 4 Jul. 2019 ‘Assessing linguistic connections with the help of a neural-network-based semantic similarity model’, **International Conference on Historical Linguistics (ICHL) 24**, The Australian National University, Canberra.
- 14 Sept. 2018 – ‘What a feeling - a Linguistic Diachronic Glance at Egyptian Emotions’, presented with Dr. Gaëlle Chantraine (Charles University, Prague) at the **48th Poznań Linguistic Meeting : PLM2018**, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań.
- 11 Sept. 2018 – ‘Foreign metals, foreign words – Mapping and contextualizing metal related (loan)words in the Bronze Age Levant’, **The Crossroads III - A Stranger in the House**, Charles University of Prague.
- 12 April 2018 – ‘Group Writing: a New Proposal’, presented as a special seminar at the **Brown University's Department of Egyptology and Assyriology**, Providence.
- 12 July 2017 – ‘Language interferences in Egyptian: A semantic diachronic perspective’, **DLCE Workshop "Language shift and substratum interference in (pre)history"**, Max-Planck Institute Jena - Department of Linguistic and Cultural Evolution, Jena.
- 18 Nov. 2016 – ‘SINUHE Project - Typing Egyptian Hieroglyphs - Fonts’, **Göttingen Student Workshop: Egyptology meets IT**, Göttingen University.
- 11 July 2016 – ‘Typing Egyptian Hieroglyphs - An example of Input Method’, **International Association of Egyptologists: Informatique et Egyptologie – 1st Cambridge Workshop**, University of Cambridge.

- 21 Sept. 2022 – ‘Beyond ethnicity: Levantine foreign identities in New Kingdom official texts’, **The Crossroads IV - Migration and Mobility in the Ancient Near East and Egypt**, Charles University of Prague.
- 4 Sep. 2021 ‘Indigeness and Imperialism in the Levant: ancient and contemporary realities’, at the online conference **Raising Indigenous Voices in Academia (RIVA) 2021**, University of Montana (held online).
- 7 June 2018 – ‘“We are Phoenicians, not Arabs”: Present Narrative about the Past in Contemporary Lebanon’, **Archaeology as a Diplomatic Tool: Old and New International Players and Their Political Interest in Global Archaeology - 5th EISA European Workshops in International Studies (EWIS)**, University of Groningen.
- 6 May 2016 – ‘A story of kingdoms, mountains and rivers: the role of territory in the organization of the Egyptian Levantine provinces in the Amarna Period’, **CRE XVII**, Krakow University.
- 16 April 2015 – ‘Between Geographical Imaginary and Geographical Reality: Byblos and the Limits of the World in the 18th Dynasty’, **CRE XVI**, University of Oxford.
- 14 Mar. 2015 – ‘Computer Science and Old Excavations: The case of Byblos’, **Graduate Archaeology at Oxford Conference**, University of Oxford.

- 7 May 2014 – Co-presentation with Yegor Grebnev (PhD student, Oxford University) and Eva Miller (PhD student, Oxford University), ‘Writing Victory: Universal patterns and cultural particularities in conquest records of ancient Assyrian, Chinese and Egyptian kings’, **The Early Text Cultures project**, Wolfson College, Oxford.
- 15 Mar. 2013 – ‘The Astarte Papyrus: an Egyptian version of the confrontation between the Storm God and the Sea’, **Translation and bilingualism in Ancient Near Eastern texts Workshop**, University of Oxford.
- 3 Jun 2012 – Co-presentation with Dr. Mark Weeden (SOAS), ‘The peace treaty between Ramesses II and Hattusili III - a cross-linguistic assessment’, **Topics in Egyptology and Ancient Near Eastern Studies**, Research seminar series, Faculty of Oriental Studies, University of Oxford.