

I am a lithic technologist with a specialisation on late Middle Palaeolithic and early Upper Palaeolithic industries. During my Master, I reanalysed the elongated Levallois component of Grotta di Fumane units A10–A11, finding that late Neanderthals had a special interest in producing blanks with longer cutting edges. Since 2018, I have joined, as a PhD student, the team of the Collaborative Research Centre 806 – Our Way to Europe, a joint project of the University of Cologne, Bonn and the RWTH Aachen finalised to improve the knowledge about *H. sapiens* dispersal from East Africa to the heart of Europe.

My PhD research involves again Grotta di Fumane, as a sample of A2–A1 early Upper Palaeolithic lithics will be compared with two similarly-dated sites in Romania, Românești-Dumbrăvița I, and in Jordan, Al-Ansab 1, on the supposed Eastern dispersal trajectory. The result will hopefully generate a better understanding of technical tradition at the time of our species' dispersal towards Europe.

Research interests

Middle and Upper Palaeolithic

Neanderthal–AMH transition

Lithic technology

Education

January 2018–: Ph.D. student at Institute for Prehistoric Archaeology, University of Cologne.

Working title: *Dynamics of cultural adaptation of Early Homo sapiens along the Eastern Mediterranean South-to-North traverse*

Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Jürgen Richter

03/04/2017–25/09/2017: Erasmus+ Traineeship, Leiden University

Title: *Mousterian Lithic Technology of Les Cottés, France*

Supervisor: Ass. Prof. Dr. Marie Soressi

18/12/2014–14/03/2017: M.A. in Quaternary, Prehistory and Archaeology, University of Ferrara

Thesis: *Il Levallois laminare di Grotta di Fumane (VR) nel quadro del Musteriano Finale italiano*

Supervisor: Prof. Marco Peresani

Publications

Marco Peresani, Rossella Duches, Davide Delpiano, **Jacopo Gennai**, Diana Marcazzan, Nicola Nannini, Matteo Romandini, Alessandro Aleo, Arianna Cocilova. 2017. *Il Musteriano delle unità A10 e A11 a Grotta di Fumane (VR). Risultati delle campagne di scavo 2014 e 2016*. FOLD&R Italy: 397.

Gennai, J., Delpiano, D. & Peresani, M. 2017. The Laminar Levallois of A10-A11 of Grotta di Fumane (VR). [Poster] ESHE 7th Annual Meeting, Leiden (NL) 20th-24th September 2017.

Gennai J., 2017. *Il Levallois laminare di Grotta di Fumane (VR) nel quadro del Musteriano Finale italiano*. Corso di Laurea Magistrale in Quaternario, Preistoria e Archeologia. Published Master Thesis. Inforav, Informatica & Documentazione – Publitesì, Roma, ISBN 9788887096323

Field work

I took part to several excavations of Italian and European Middle and Upper Palaeolithic sites, among those:

Grotta di Fumane (Italy)

Les Cottés (France)

Românești-Dumbrăvița I (Romania)

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