

CV - Giovanna Bianchi

Giovanna Bianchi (<https://orcid.org/0000-0003-1318-1640>) holds a PhD in Medieval Archaeology. Since 2006 she has been Professor in Christian and Medieval Archaeology. She teaches Medieval Archaeology and Archaeology of Architecture for degree courses in History and Cultural Heritage Sciences as well as for the Master's Degree in Archaeology at the University of Siena. She is also head of the Laboratory of Archaeology of Architecture at the Department for History and Cultural Heritage Sciences (<http://laarchsiena.altervista.org/>).

Over the course of her academic career her main areas of research include the economic and political history of rural medieval settlements, the archaeology of architecture and the methodologies applied to this discipline. In this regard, she has directed interdisciplinary teams engaged in investigations of monumental complexes and historical centres in both national and international projects. In addition to Italy, she has also conducted field research in the Balkans (Albania) and the Middle East (Palestine, Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem).

She has been UNISI coordinator of a European Research Council Advanced project (host institution UNISI, <http://www.neu-med.unisi.it>). She is currently UNISI coordinator within the national project program (FARE Ricerca Eccellente in Italia, host institution UNISI), Principal Investigator of the national project PRIN (Progetti di Rilevante Interesse Nazionale) centered on the study of medieval castles, and Participant Investigator of an Australian Research Council Project. She also part of the Scientific Advisors committee of an ERC Advanced project on medieval economic growth in relation to stone-built architecture with host institution CSIC in Madrid.

The quality of her research is confirmed both by her academic output (156 titles, including 64 articles in volumes; 35 articles in conference proceedings; 12 curatorship's; 45 articles in journals of which 28 in peer review international journals) and by her presence in important editorial or study center committees.