



# ARKAIA

**amU** Mediterranean  
archaeology institute  
Aix Marseille Université



*Forming a community*

*Training through and for research*

*Connecting disciplines*

*Strengthening partnerships*

*Acting internationally*

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## Our main objective: bring together all those involved in archaeology on the Aix-Marseille site

Founded in 2020, the Institute for Mediterranean archaeology (ARKAIA) is a focal point for research and training skills in archaeology and archaeosciences at Aix Marseille Université. It examines the terrestrial and maritime Mediterranean spaces diachronically, from prehistory to recent times, bringing together the material and human capacities of the archaeology laboratories of the Mediterranean centre for social sciences and humanities (MMSH) and teams developing innovative approaches in bio- and geosciences (palaeoenvironments and palaeoclimates, geochemistry, dating, etc.), biological anthropology and engineering sciences and techniques (3D, acoustics, etc.). Today, the ARKAIA institute is the main contact for supporting and promoting the actions of its community internationally and in the socio-economic world.

### Forming a community

**14**  
research  
units

**4**  
faculties

more  
than  
**145**  
students  
(master's and  
doctoral)

**2**  
doctoral  
schools

more  
than  
**350**  
staff

Land and marine heritage

Material cultures

Paleoenvironment

Bioarchaeology and archaeometry

Archaeoethnology

Diachrony

### Training through and for research

- ▶ Archaeological digs in France and throughout the Mediterranean
- ▶ Immersive internships granted in research teams
- ▶ Practical training programmes in collaboration with the socio-economic world



### Acting internationally

- ▶ Multiple opportunities for student mobility
- ▶ Strong academic partnerships on both sides of the Mediterranean
- ▶ Coordination of a Unesco Unitwin network

### Connecting disciplines

Humanities

Science and  
technology

Environment

Health and life  
sciences

Shared  
facilities

Incentive calls  
for projects

### Strengthening partnerships

- ▶ Universities, research centres and public institutions responsible for heritage in France and Mediterranean countries
- ▶ French schools abroad and network of research institutes of the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- ▶ Preventive archaeology operators
- ▶ Museums
- ▶ Associations and foundations



Watch the institute's animated film



The institute as seen by its members

## Meet our executive office



Deputy research director:  
**Thibaut Devière**



Director:  
**Jean-Christophe Sourisseau**



Deputy training director:  
**Hélène Aurigny**



Project manager:  
**Rémi Corbineau**

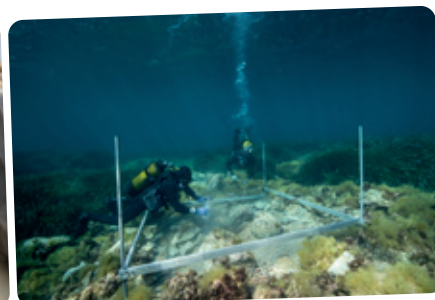
Discover the entire governance team:  
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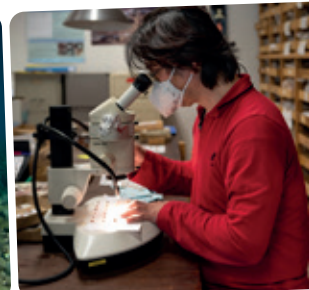
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# Training at ARKAIA

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*Training for, through and in research,  
with continuity from master's to doctorate level*

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## Our ecosystem

More than  
**100**  
master's  
students<sup>1</sup>

around  
**45**  
PhD  
students<sup>2</sup>

**4**  
partner  
faculties

- ▶ Mediterranean centre for social sciences and humanities (MMSH)
- ▶ Faculty of arts, letters, languages and humanities (ALLSH)
- ▶ Faculty of medical and paramedical sciences (SMPM)
- ▶ Pythéas Institute - Observatory for the sciences of the Universe (OSU Pythéas)

**2**  
partner  
doctoral  
schools

- ▶ Spaces, cultures, societies (ED 355)
- ▶ Environmental sciences (ED 251)

<sup>1</sup> students on master's specialisations attached to the institute  
<sup>2</sup> doctoral students in the institute's disciplines

**4**

key master's

- ▶ Maritime and coastal archaeology (MoMArch)
- ▶ Classical archaeology of ancient, medieval and modern worlds
- ▶ Territories, people, societies: cultural and naturalistic approaches
- ▶ Forensic anthropology and archaeoethnology

**1**

interdisciplinary  
doctoral  
programme

Consult all master's  
degree specialisations:



## Our key actions

- ▶ Field schools and host sites in France and abroad
- ▶ Seasonal schools with theoretical and practical sessions in the field
- ▶ Immersion internships in a research environment lasting from 4 to 16 weeks
- ▶ Proposing interdisciplinary theses & building a doctoral programme
- ▶ Special support for foreign master's, PhD and postdoctoral students

2020-2023

**18**  
archaeological  
host sites

**2**  
archaeological  
field schools

**6**  
international  
seasonal schools

**60**  
internships  
granted

**2**  
interdisciplinary  
theses

**55**  
international  
mobilities

*"Thanks to the institute's "Mediterranean sites mobility" scheme, I took part in three excavations at the site of the Greek colony of Megara Hyblaea, in Sicily, to establish the body of material studied and prepare my Master's thesis. It was an excellent opportunity to supplement the theory taught at university with practical experience."*



**Fiona Cornet**  
Master's student in "Archaeology, sciences for archaeology" at Aix Marseille Université

## Our international training

**CIVIS alliance**  
European civic  
university

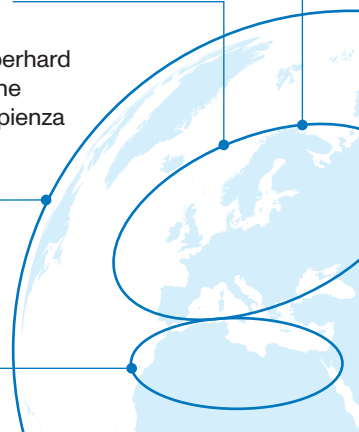
**1 Palaeolithic archaeology  
master's degree**

in international partnership with the Eberhard Karls Universität (Tübingen) and the Università degli studi di Roma - La Sapienza

**Mediterranean  
training sites**

in partnership with French schools abroad: France, Croatia, Greece, Italy, Malta, Tunisia...

Cooperation initiatives with  
Maghreb countries



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# Research at ARKAIA

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*Bringing together the strengths  
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Parzine (Croatia) - photo credit: Loic Damelet - CNRS

Cosquer cave - photo credit: Luc Vanrell - Ministry of Culture



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## Research ecosystem

**14**  
research  
units

### Humanities

- ▶ Camille Jullian centre (CCJ)
- ▶ Institute for research on ancient architecture (IRAA)
- ▶ Laboratory for Mediterranean medieval and modern archaeology (LA3M)
- ▶ Ancient and medieval Mediterranean texts and documents (TDMAM)

### Environment

- ▶ European research and teaching centre in environmental geosciences (CEREGE)
- ▶ Mediterranean institute of marine and terrestrial biodiversity and ecology (IMBE)
- ▶ Mediterranean laboratory for European and African prehistory (LAMPEA)

### Health and life sciences

- ▶ Laboratory for bio-cultural anthropology, law, ethics and health (ADES)

### Science and technology

- ▶ Marseille interdisciplinary centre for nanoscience (CINaM)
- ▶ Institute of movement sciences (ISM)
- ▶ Mechanics and acoustics laboratory (LMA)
- ▶ Computer science & systems laboratory (LIS)
- ▶ Laboratory for lasers, plasma and photonic processes (LP3)
- ▶ Divided materials, interfaces, reactivity, electrochemistry (MADIREL)



## Our main areas of research

- ▶ From environments to territories: cultures of the sea and anthropisation of the environment
- ▶ Human communities, population dynamics and demography
- ▶ Technical systems and material cultures
- ▶ Cultural phenomena in the Mediterranean: contacts, exchanges and transfers
- ▶ Innovation, exploration, technologies (cross-disciplinary theme)

## Our key actions

- ▶ Support for the structuring and funding of inter-laboratory research projects

Call for projects  
"Interdisciplinary  
action"

Call for projects  
"Initiation"

- ▶ Support for international missions
- ▶ Participation in scientific events
- ▶ 1 centre for shared digital resources and publishing comprising 3 working groups (digital publishing, research data and archives, 3D) with shared facilities

2020-2023

**45**  
awardee  
projects

**5**  
European  
projects  
incubated

**18**  
scientific events  
organised or  
supported

**15**  
editorial  
projects  
supported

*"The Institute has supported the structuring of a programme centred on the Tipasa site through the "Project initiation" scheme. Our work, which focuses on geosciences, is now financed by the Solidarity Fund for Innovative Projects as part of a partnership with the French Embassy, the Algerian National Archaeological Research Centre and the Tipaza University Centre."*



Touatia Amraoui  
CNRS Research Fellow -  
Camille Jullian centre

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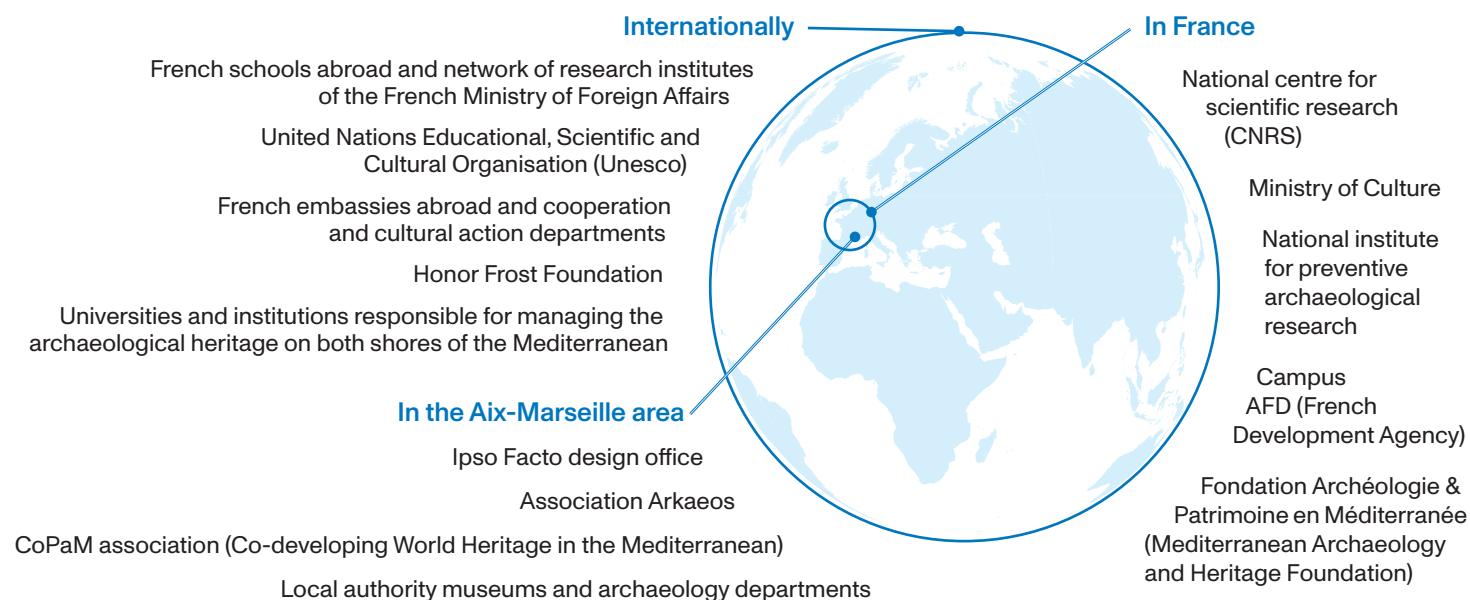
## Strengthening and developing special links with academic and institutional players and the socio-economic and cultural world

*"Originating in a partnership between the university and the French Ministry of Culture's Department of Underwater Archaeological Research, the Master's degree in Maritime and Coastal Archaeology prepares students for careers in research and the protection of submerged heritage. We train our students in real operations with the professionals who will become their potential recruiters in the future."*



**Franca Cibecchini**  
Maritime archaeologist/Ministry of Culture - Drassm

### Our key partners include



### Our key actions

Unesco chair in maritime and coastal archaeology

Coordination of the Unesco Unitwin Underwater Archaeology Network

Coordination of the Master's degree in maritime and coastal archaeology with the French Ministry of Culture's Department of Subaquatic and Underwater Archaeological Research

Training/research partnership with the National institute for preventive archaeological research



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*The ARKAIA institute brings together teams  
on 8 university and scientific sites*



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The Aix-Marseille Excellence Initiative, a consortium between Aix Marseille Université and 8 partners

