

Curriculum Vitae

Rudenc Ruka

Education

1997-1998

University of Athens. School of Philosophy. Modern Greek language studies.

1998-2001

University of Athens. School of Medicine. Three years of medicine studies.

2001-2002

University of West Florida. Pensacola. First Year of US undergraduate degree. Archaeology.

2002-2005

School of World Art History and Museology. University of East Anglia. Norwich/UK. Graduated in 15th July 2005 with the degree of: Bachelor of Arts, Second Class Honours, First division, in Archaeology, Anthropology and Art History. Grade 2:1.

B.A. Dissertation: *Neolithic Terracotta Figurines from the Settlement of Dunaveci, in Southeast Albania*

2006-2008

University of Tirana. Faculty of History and Philology, Department of History. MA in Archaeology, graduated July 2008.

Title of thesis: *Neolithic figurines from Albania: A chronological overview.*

2016-

University of Cologne, PhD studies

Title of thesis: *The Palaeolithic and Mesolithic of Albania*

Scientific publications

1. Ruka, Rudenc. "Prehistoric Figurines in Albania: A Review." In *New Directions in Albanian Archaeology: Studies Presented to Muzafer Korkuti*, edited by Lorenc Bejko and Richard Hodges, 27–35. International Centre for Albanian Archaeology Monograph Series 1. Tirana: International Centre for Albanian Archaeology, 2006.
2. Lera, Petrika, Gilles Touchais, Cécile Oberweiler, Athina Boleti, Cheval Cheval, Rozalia Christidou, Maja Gori, Tobias Krapf, Caroline Revellat, and Rudenc Ruka. "Sovjan. Bassin de Korçë, Kallamas." *Bulletin de Correspondance Hellénique* 136–137, no. 2 (2012-2013): 687–722.

3. Allen, Susan E., Ilir Gjipali, Panagiotis Karkanas, Armelle Gardeisen, Gaël Piquès, Rudenc Ruka, Eugen Ruzi, and Georgia Tsartsidou. “Zbulime Të Reja Për Neolitin e Hershëm Në Shqipëri: Projekt Arkeologjik Për Neolitin Në Shqipërinë Jugore. (SANAP), 2006-2013.” *Iliria* XXXVII (2013): 37–53.
4. Gjipali, Ilir, Jürgen Richter, Rudenc Ruka, and Thomas Hauck. “Kërkimet Për Paleolitin e Mezolitin Në Shqipëri – 2012.” *Iliria* XXXVII (2013): 281–90.
5. Gjipali, Ilir, Rudenc Ruka, Dustin White, Ergys Hasa, and Froseda Angjellari. “Shpella e Pëllumbasit (Tiranë).” *Iliria* XXXVII (2013): 275–80.
6. Allen, Susan E., Ilir Gjipali, Panagiotis Karkanas, Armelle Gardeisen, Gaël Piquès, Rudenc Ruka, Georgia Tsartsidou, and Eugen Ruzi. “New Light on the Early Neolithic Period in Albania: The Southern Albania Neolithic Archaeological Project (SANAP), 2006-2013.” In *Proceedings of the International Congress of Albanian Archaeological Studies: 65th Anniversary of Albanian Archaeology (21-22 November, Tirana 2013)*, edited by Luan Përzhita, Ilir Gjipali, Gëzim Hoxha, and Belisa Muka, 107–19. Tiranë: Centre for Albanian Studies and Institute of Archaeology, 2014.
7. Kurti, Rovena, Rudenc Ruka, and Ilir Gjipali. “Rezultate Paraprake Të Ekspeditës Përnjohëse Në Malin e Rencit Dhe Malin e Kakarriqit, Në Shqipërinë Veriperëndimore.” *Iliria* XXXVIII (2014): 181–90.
8. Richter, Jürgen, Ilir Gjipali, Thomas C. Hauck, Rudenc Ruka, and Elvana Metalla. “The Early Prehistory of Albania: First Results of the German-Albanian Palaeolithic“ (GAP) Programme.” In *Proceedings of the International Congress of Albanian Archaeological Studies: 65th Anniversary of Albanian Archaeology (21-22 November, Tirana 2013)*, edited by Luan Përzhita, Ilir Gjipali, Gëzim Hoxha, and Belisa Muka, 65–82. Tiranë: Centre for Albanian Studies and Institute of Archaeology, 2014.
9. Ristani, Irklid, Skënder Muçaj, Suela Xhyheri, and Rudenc Ruka. “Fshati Mesjetar i Kamenicës, 2013.” *Iliria* XXXVIII (2014): 431–49.
10. Ruka, Rudenc, Michael L. Galaty, and Elio Hobdari. “Arti Shkëmbor i ‘Shpellës Në Buzë’ Në Mërkurth (Mirditë): Reflektime Mbi Inkuadrimin Kronologjik/Rock Art of ‘Shpella Në Buzë’ at Mërkurthi (Mirdita): Reflections on the Chronological Framing.” *Candavia* 4 (2014): 267–83.
11. Ruka, Rudenc, Ilir Gjipali, Michael L. Galaty, and Novruz Bajramaj. “Lithics at One End of Circum-Adriatic: Case Studies from the Southernmost Albanian Coastal Lowland.” In *Proceedings of the International Congress of Albanian Archaeological Studies: 65th Anniversary of Albanian Archaeology (21-22 November, Tirana 2013)*, edited by Luan Përzhita, Ilir Gjipali, Gëzim Hoxha, and

- Belisa Muka, 93–106. Tiranë: Centre for Albanian Studies and Institute of Archaeology, 2014.
12. Lera, Petrika, Gilles Touchais, and Cécile Oberweiler. “Sovjan. Bassin de Korçë, Kallamas.” *Bulletin de Correspondance Hellénique* 139–140, no. 2 (2015-2016): 1029–65.
 13. Lowe, John J., Christopher Bronk Ramsey, Rupert A. Housley, Christine S. Lane, Emma L. Tomlinson, RESET Team, and RESET Associates. “The RESET Project: Constructing a European Tephra Lattice for Refined Synchronisation of Environmental and Archaeological Events during the Last c. 100 Ka.” *Quaternary Science Reviews*, Synchronising Environmental and Archaeological Records using Volcanic Ash Isochrons, 118 (June 15, 2015): 1–17. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.quascirev.2015.04.006>.
 14. Hauck, Thomas C., Rudenc Ruka, Ilir Gjipali, Oliver Vogels, Thomas Wolter, Sina Hamacher, and Jürgen Richter. “Kërkimet e Fundit Arkeologjike Të Projektit Shqiptaro-Gjerman Për Paleolitin (GAP): Raport 2015.” *Candavia*, no. 6 (2016): 103–20.
 15. Hauck, Thomas C., Rudenc Ruka, Ilir Gjipali, Jürgen Richter, and Oliver Vogels. “Recent Discoveries of Aurignacian and Epigravettian Sites in Albania.” *Journal of Field Archaeology* 42, no. 2 (March 11, 2016): 148–161. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00934690.2016.1156463>.
 16. Peresani, Marco, Ilirjan Gjipali, Matteo Romandini, and Rudenç Ruka. “L’Albania Sud-Occidentale, Un Corridoio Paleolitico per La Costa Nord-Mediterranea; Shqipëria Jug-Perëndimore, Një Korridor Gjatë Paleolitit Për Në Brigjet Veriore Të Mesdheut.” In *Antiche Città e Paesaggi d’Albania: Un Secolo Di Ricerche Archeologiche Italo-Albanesi; Qytetet Antike Dhe Peizazhi Në Shqipëri: Një Shekull Kërkimesh Arkeologjike Italo-Shqiptare; Museo Storico Nazionale Di Tirana - Muzeu Historik Kombëtar (12 Aprile - 20 Maggio 2016)*, edited by Giuseppe Lepore, 12:159–63. Adrias. Bari: Edipuglia, 2016.
 17. Hauck, Thomas C., Nadine Nolde, Rudenc Ruka, Ilir Gjipali, Johanna Dreier, and Nathalie Mayer. “After the Cold: Epigravettian Hunter-Gatherers in Blazi Cave (Albania).” *Quaternary International*, Prehistoric hunter-gatherers and farmers in the Adriatic and neighboring regions, 450 (September 2, 2017): 150–63. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.quaint.2016.11.045>.
 18. Hauck, Thomas C., Rudenc Ruka, Ilir Gjipali, Jürgen Richter, and Nadine Nolde. “Neziri Cave (Mati District, Albania): First Results of Archaeological Research by the ‘German Albanian Palaeolithic’ Programme (GAP).” In *Proceedings of the International Conference: New Archaeological Discoveries in the Albanian Regions; 30 - 31 January, Tirana 2017*, I: 13–32. Tiranë: Academy for Albanian Studies; Institute of Archeology, 2017.

19. Hauck, Thomas C., Rudenc Ruka, Ilir Gjipali, Jürgen Richter, and Nadine Nolde. "The 'German Albanian Palaeolithic' Programme (GAP): A Status Report." In *Vocation Préhistoire: Hommage à Jean-Marie Le Tensorer*, edited by Dorota Wojtczak, Mustafa Al Najjar, Reto Jagher, Hani Elsuede, Fabio Wegmüller, and Marcel Otte, 148:159–74. Etudes et Recherches Archéologiques de l'Université de Liège (ERAUL). Liège: Université de Liège, Service de Préhistoire, 2017.
20. Perhoč, Zlatko, and Rudenc Ruka. "Potential Prehistoric Sources of Chert in the Western Lowland of Albania." In *Proceedings of the International Conference: New Archaeological Discoveries in the Albanian Regions; 30 - 31 January, Tirana 2017*, I:33–65. Tiranë: Academy for Albanian Studies; Institute of Archeology, 2017.
21. Ruka, Rudenc, and Michael L. Galaty. "The Position of Albania in Mediterranean Obsidian Exchange Spheres." In *ΕΣΤΙΕΡΟΣ / Hesperos: The Aegean Seen from the West: Proceedings of the 16th International Aegean Conference, University of Ioannina, Department of History and Archaeology, Unit of Archaeology and Art History, 18-21 May 2016*, edited by Michael Fotiadis, Robert Laffineur, Giannos G. Lolos, and Andreas Vlachopoulos, 299–304; CII. Aegaeum; Annales Liégeoises et PASPiennes d'archéologie Égéenne 41. Leuven; Liège: Peeters, 2017.
22. Forsén, Björn, Brikena Shkodra-Rrugia, Kalle Korhonen, Eduard Shehi, Rudenc Ruka, and Esko Tikkala. "Dyrrachium Hinterland Project. First Preliminary Report." In *L'Illyrie Méridionale et l'Épire Dans l'antiquité: Actes Du VI Colloque International de Tirana (20-23 Mai 2015)*, I:301–17. Tiranë: ALSA, 2018.
23. Kurti, Rovená, and Rudenc Ruka. "Raport Mbi Vëzhgimin Arkeologjik Në Zonën Kodrinore Të Shqipërisë Veriperëndimore (Lezhë-Shkodër, Viti 2017)." *Candavia* 7 (2018): 139–72.
24. Kurti, Rovená, Rudenc Ruka, and Ilir Gjipali. "Disa Aspekte Të Shkëmbimit Paramonetar Gjatë Prehistorisë Së Shqipërisë." In *Paraja Dhe Bankingu Në Shqipëri, Nga Antikiteti Në Ditët Tona: Punimet e Konferencës Së Parë Të Muzeut Të Bankës Së Shqipërisë Tiranë, 14-15 Qershor 2017*, 29–42. Tirana: Banka e Shqipërisë, 2018.
25. Ruka, Rudenc. "An Overview on Early Prehistoric Evidence from the Korça Basin." In *L'Illyrie Méridionale et l'Épire Dans l'antiquité: Actes Du VI Colloque International de Tirana (20-23 Mai 2015)*, edited by Jean-Luc Lamboley, Luan Përzhita, and Altin Skënderaj, I:41–46. Tiranë: ALSA, 2018.

26. Ruka, Rudenc, Jocelyne Desideri, Tobias Krapf, and Amjad Al Qadi. "Eugène Pittard: Archaeological Explorations in Southeast Albania." *Iliria* XLII (2018): 35–56.
27. Ruka, Rudenc, Michael L. Galaty, Danielle J. Riebe, Robert H. Tykot, Ilir Gjipali, and Georgia Kourtessi-Philippakis. "PXRF Analysis of Obsidian Artifacts from Albania: Crossroads or Cul-de-Sac?" *Journal of Archaeological Science: Reports* 24 (April 1, 2019): 39–49. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jasrep.2018.12.014>.
28. Kurti, Rovenà, and Rudenc Ruka. "Raport Mbi Vëzhgimin Arkeologjik Në Zonën Kodrinore Të Shqipërisë Veriperëndimore (Lezhë - Shkodër, Viti 2018)." *Candavia* 8 (2020): 25–66.
29. Shehi, Eduard, Rudenc Ruka, and Eduart Caka. "Shënime Mbi Fortifikimet e Durrësit Në Periudhën Osmane." *Studime Historike*, no. 3–4 (2020): 61–115.
30. Caka, Eduart, Rudenc Ruka, and Eduard Shehi. "Fillesat e Gërmimeve Arkeologjike Të Shpëtimit Në Shqipëri Nga Këndvështrimi i Dokumenteve Zyrtare Osmane: Rasti i Konakut Të Durrësit." *Studime Historike* LIX, no. 1 (2022): 75–98.
31. Ruka, Rudenc, and Michael Galaty. "Time, for an Absolute Chronology in Albanian Prehistory." *Iliria* XLV (2022): 27–69.
32. Galaty, Michael L., and Rudenc Ruka. "Tribal States or Stately Tribes? The Origins of the 'Barbarian' Kingdoms of the Southern Balkans." In *First Kings of Europe: Farmers to Rulers in Prehistoric Southeastern Europe*, edited by Attila Gyucha and William A. Parkinson, 146–59. Los Angeles: Cotsen Institute of Archaeology Press, 2022.
33. Lazaridis, Iosif, Songül Alpaslan-Roodenberg, Ayşe Acar, Ayşen Açikkol, Anagnostis Agelarakis, Levon Aghikyan, Uğur Akyüz, et al. "A Genetic Probe into the Ancient and Medieval History of Southern Europe and West Asia." *Science*, August 26, 2022. <https://doi.org/10.1126/science.abq0755>.
34. Lazaridis, Iosif, Songül Alpaslan-Roodenberg, Ayşe Acar, Ayşen Açikkol, Anagnostis Agelarakis, Levon Aghikyan, Uğur Akyüz, et al. "Ancient DNA from Mesopotamia Suggests Distinct Pre-Pottery and Pottery Neolithic Migrations into Anatolia." *Science*, August 26, 2022. <https://doi.org/10.1126/science.abq0762>.
35. Lazaridis, Iosif, Songül Alpaslan-Roodenberg, Ayşe Acar, Ayşen Açikkol, Anagnostis Agelarakis, Levon Aghikyan, Uğur Akyüz, et al. "The Genetic History of the Southern Arc: A Bridge between West Asia and Europe." *Science* 377, no. 6609 (August 26, 2022): eabm4247. <https://doi.org/10.1126/science.abm4247>.

36. Ruka, Rudenc. "The Lithic Assemblages." In *Archaeological Investigations in a Northern Albanian Province: Results of the Projekti Arkeologjik i Shkodrës (PASH): Volume Two: Artifacts and Artifact Analysis*, edited by Michael L. Galaty and Lorenc Bejko, 1–43. Memoirs of the Museum of Anthropology, University of Michigan 64. Ann Arbor, Michigan: University of Michigan, Museum of Anthropological Archaeology, 2023.
<https://doi.org/10.3998/mpub.12208577>.
37. Perfido, Paolo, Giacomo Martines, Eduard Shehi, Eduart Caka, Rudenc Ruka, and Custode Silvio Fioriello. "Per Un Atlante Dell'Architettura Fortificata in Albania. I Casi Studio Di Berat e Tepelene." In *Defensive Architecture of the Mediterranean*, edited by Gjergji Islami and Denada Veizaj, 125–30. Tiranë: Universiteti Politeknik i Tiranës, 2024.
<https://doi.org/10.4995/Fortmed2024.2024.17949>.
38. Ruka, Rudenc. "From the Other Side: A Diachronic Review of Cave and Rock-Shelter Use Patterns during Albanian Prehistory." In «*In Principio Era La Grotta*»: *Atti Del X Convegno Internazionale Sulla Civiltà Rupestre; Savelletri Di Fasano (BR), 23-25 Novembre 2023*, edited by Enrico Menestò, 101–22. Spoleto: Fondazione Centro italiano di studi sull'alto medioevo, Fondazione San Domenico, 2024.
39. Badino, Federica, Rudenc Ruka, Roberta Pini, Manfred Frechen, Valentina Argante, Davide Susini, Davide Abu El Khair, et al. "Palaeoenvironmental, Stratigraphic and Geochronological Study of the Coastal Site of Dalani i Vogël (Vlora, Albania): New Evidence for Late Neanderthal Occupation and Prehistoric Archaeology." *Quaternary Science Reviews* 349 (February 1, 2025): 109111.
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40. Ruka, Rudenc, Michele Bassetti, Stefano Bertola, Davide Delpiano, Ilirjan Gjipali, and Marco Peresani. "Middle Palaeolithic in the South of Albania: Perspectives from the Study of the Lithic Industry of Istraishita Site." *Alpine and Mediterranean Quaternary* 38, no. 1 (March 17, 2025).
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Conferences and workshops

1. 23 February 2006
R. Ruka, A revisit of the interpretation of the Neolithic terracotta figurines from Albania, Seminar series of the Albanian Rescue Archaeology Unit, Tirana.
2. 20-21 December 2006
R. Ruka, Neolithic figurines in Albania: Past and Future, Reconfiguring prehistoric figurines: perspectives from the Balkans and Japan, Norwich.
3. 19 June 2010

- R. Ruka, Neolithic figurines from Albania, Unearthed, Norwich.
4. 25-28 November 2012
R. Ruka, An overview of the present state of the Palaeolithic research for the last glacial period in Albania, Last Glacial Palaeogeography and Archaeology of the Eastern Mediterranean and of the Eastern European Loess Belt, Aachen.
 5. 02-06 Prill, 2013
J. Richter, T. Hauck, I. Gjipali, R. Ruka, New Palaeolithic Research in Albania, Poster presented in 55th Annual Meeting of Hugo Obermaier Society for Quaternary Research and Archaeology of the Stone Age, Vienna.
 6. 20 Janar 2015
I. Gjipali, R. Ruka. Kërkime për paleolitin në Shqipëri, (sezoni 2014), Annual meeting of the Albanian Institute of Archaeology 2014, Tirana.
 7. 20-23 Maj 2015
R. Ruka, The early prehistoric evidences from the area of Korça basin (Southeast Albania). VI^e Colloque international sur l'Illyrie émrionale et l'Épire dans l'antiquité, Tirana.
 8. 20-23 Mai 2015
B. Forsén, B. Shkodra Rrugia, K. Korhonen, E. Shehi, R. Ruka, T. Esko, Dyrrachium Hinterland Project: First Preliminary Report, VI^e Colloque international sur l'Illyrie Méridionale et l'Épire dans l'Antiquité, Tirana.
 9. 29 Janar 2016
I. Gjipali, R. Ruka, Kërkime për paleolitin dhe mezolitin në Shqipëri, 2015. Annual meeting of the Albanian Institute of Archaeology 2015, Tirana.
 10. 29 Mars-2 Prill 2016
J. Dreier, T. Hauck, J. Richter, I. Gjipali, R. Ruka, Blaz Cave, an in situ Epigravettian site in Albania. Poster presented at the 58th Annual Meeting of Hugo Obermaier Society for Quaternary Research and Archaeology of the Stone Age, Budapest.
 11. 12 April - 20 May 2016
M. Peresani, I. Gjipali, M. Romandini, R. Ruka, L'Albania sud-occidentale, un corridoio paleolitico per la costa nord-mediterranea, Antiche città e paesaggi d'Albania: Un secolo di ricerche archeologiche italo-albanesi, Tirana.
 12. 19 Maj 2016
M. Galaty, R. Ruka, The position of Albania in Mediterranean obsidian exchange spheres, 16th International Aegean Conference Εσπερος/Hesperos. The Aegean seen from the West, Ioannina.

13. 30-31 January 2017
Th. C. Hauck, R. Ruka, I. Gjipali, J. Richter, N. Nolde, The German Albanian Palaeolithic Programme (GAP): A status report, New archaeological discoveries in the Albanian Regions, Tirana.
14. 30-31 January 2017
M. Peresani, R. Ruka, I. Gjipali, M. Romandini, The prehistoric archaeology of the middle course Vjosa river valley: A preliminary assessment, New archaeological discoveries in the Albanian Regions, Tirana.
15. 30-31 January 2017
R. Ruka, Z. Perhoc, First systematic observations on the chert sources in Albania, New archaeological discoveries in the Albanian Regions, Tirana.
16. 14-15 June 2017
R. Kurti, R. Ruka, I. Gjipali, Some forms of pre-monetary exchange in Albanian Prehistory, Konferenca e parë e Muzeut të Bankës së Shqipërisë “Paraja dhe bankingu në Shqipëri, nga antikiteti deri në ditët tona, Tirana.
17. 22 January 2018
R. Kurti, R. Ruka, Vëzhgime përnjohëse në zonën kodrinore të Shqipërisë veriperëndimore (Lezhë-Shkodër), Annual meeting of the Albanian Institute of Archaeology 2017, Tirana.
18. 12-13 November 2018
R. Ruka, M. Galaty, Time for an absolute chronology in Albanian prehistory, Kërkime në fushën e Arkeologjisë Prehistorike, Maliqi.
19. 18 February 2019
R. Kurti, R. Ruka, Rezultate të sërveit në zonën kodrinore të Shqipërisë veriperëndimore (Lezhë-Shkodër), viti 2018, Annual meeting of the Albanian Institute of Archaeology 2018, Tirana.
20. 11-12 April 2019
R. Ruka, Rock art in Abania, Albanian Heritage Week, Pontevedra.
21. 4-7 September 2019
T. Krapf, I. Gjipali, R. Ruka, M. Gori, T. Hauck, The Bronze and Iron Age occupation of the Blazi, Neziri and Këputa Caves in the Mati Region of Northern Albania. 25th Annual Meeting of the European Association of Archaeologists: Beyond Paradigms, Bern.
22. 28-29 November 2019
R. Ruka, Middle Paleolithic lithic variability in southern Albania: A good time to raise questions, Workshop on Loess and Archeology, Aachen.

23. 31 January 2020
R. Ruka, F. Carrera, Shpella e Shkruar e Lepenicës, Vlorë: Sezoni i parë i dokumentimit dhe vëzhgimeve arkeologjike, Annual meeting of the Albanian Institute of Archaeology 2019, Tirana.
24. 23-25 June 2022
E. Caka, S. Fioriello, R. Pavone, P. Perfido, N. Rossi, R. Ruka, E. Shehi, Sistemi difensivi e architetture fortificate dell'Adriatico meridionale tra Antico e Moderno: temi e contesti tra Albania e Puglia. Convegno Internazionale Cisa/AdriAtlas: Reti Adriatiche: Uomini, merci, idee, Macerata.
25. 17 March 2023
R. Ruka, F. Badino, Kërkime për rindërtimin e dinamikave paleo-mjedisore të pleistocenit të vonë: Rasti i rripit bregdetar Triport-Portonov (Vlorë), Annual meeting of the Albanian Institute of Archaeology 2023, Tirana.
26. 12-16 June 2023
F. Badino, R. Ruka, M. Peresani, R. Pini, M. Frechen, V. Argante, D. Susini, et al., An Exploratory Paleoenviromental Study on a Coastal Palaeolithic Site in Albania through an Integrated Stratigraphic Approach (Dalani i Vogël, Vlora). Poster at the 36th IAS Meeting of Sedimentology, Dubrovnik.
27. 14-20 July 2023
F. Badino, R. Ruka, M. Peresani, R. Pini, M. Frechen, V. Argante, D. Susini, D. Abu El Khair, R. Comolli, I. Mazzini, I. Gjipali, K. Çipa, D. Margaritora, An Exploratory Paleoenviromental Study on a Coastal Palaeolithic Site in Albania through an Integrated Stratigraphic Approach (Dalani i Vogël, Vlora). Poster presented at the 21st International Union for Quaternary Research Congress: Time for change, Roma.
28. 23-25 November 2023
R. Ruka, From the other side: A General Overview of the Albanian Caves, X Convegno internazionale «In Principio Era La Grotta», Savellettri Di Fasano.
29. 25 January 2024
R. Ruka, The early prehistory of Albania: an overview and the current state of research, Lecture series at the Austrian Institute of Archaeology, Vienna.
30. 18-20 April 2024
P. Perfido, G. Martines, E. Shehi, E. Caka, R. Ruka, C. Silvio Fioriello, Per un Atlante dell'Architettura Fortificata in Albania. I casi studio di Berat e Tepelene, Fortmed 2024, Tirana.
31. 26 April 2024
R. Ruka, K. Çipa, R. Kurti, Shpella e Shkruar Lepenicë: sondazh arkeologjik 2023, Annual meeting of the Albanian Institute of Archaeology 2024, Tirana.

32. 7-8 October 2024
R. Ruka, The case of Albania, Kick-off meeting ERC Synergy project Last Neanderthals, Ravenna.
33. 9 October 2024
R. Ruka, R. Ruka, Eugene Pittard dhe kërkimet e tij arkeologjike në Shqipëri, Albanian Academy of Sciences, Tirana.
34. 4-8 November 2024
R. Ruka, E. Andoni. Unwinding the Late Mesolithic-Early Neolithic transition in Albania, World Neolithic Congress, Sanliurfa.
35. 16 January 2025
Marco Peresani, Davide Delpiano, Rudenc Ruka. Dalani i Vogël (Vlora, Albania): Late Neanderthal occupation and the Middle to Upper Paleolithic transition in the Balkans, Seminar, Università di Ferrara, Italy.
36. 22-26 April 2025
Rudenc Ruka, Michele Bassetti, Stefano Bertola, Davide Delpiano, Ilirjan Gjipali, Marco Peresani. A Middle Paleolithic site with Discoid technology in Southeast Albania: lithics, petroarchaeology and Quaternary context of Istraishita, Korça Basin», Poster, Hugo Obermaier Conference, 66th Annual Meeting, Faro, Portugal.
37. 19-20 May 2025
Rudenc Ruka, Reassessing Luigi Cardini's fieldwork at the early prehistoric sites of Xarra, Shën Marina, and Mursia (Albania), International Workshop, Luigi Cardini's excavations in Albania, Istituto Italiano di Paleontologia Umana, Anagni, Italy.
38. 22-25 May 2025
Rudenc Ruka, Bogdana Milić, Mirco Brunner, Martin Hinz, Kristi Anastas, Ilir Gjipali, Adrian Anastasi, Albert Hafner. Just daily business: Long blades from Lin 3 (Albania) in their wider context, 2nd Conference on the Emergence of the Neolithic in Europe, Zadar, Croatia.
39. 22-25 May 2025
Rudenc Ruka, Vincenzo Stasolla, Edlira Andoni, Cristina C. Ancona, Eduard Shehi, Custode Silvio Fioriello. Where are the blades? The 'Vjosa project' and a preliminary view of the lithic assemblage from the newly discovered Neolithic open-air site of Qesarati-Thelëza (Tepelena, Albania), 2nd Conference on the Emergence of the Neolithic in Europe, Zadar, Croatia.
40. 2-6 September 2025

Martin Hinz, Adrian Anastasi, Mirco Brunner, Krist Anastasi, Maxim Yermokhin, Andrej Maczkowski, Ilirian Gjipali, Rudenc Ruka, Sönke Szidat, Albert Hafner.
Lin 3 in transition: extending our view of the long Neolithic horizon on Lake Ohrid, 31st EAA Annual Meeting, Belgrade, Serbia.

Work experience

Participation in Archaeological projects:

June-July 2003

The Albanian-British project at Butrint, Albania (Institute of Archaeology, Tirana-Butrint Foundation, UK).

2-16 August 2003

The Albanian-British project at Himara Cave, Albania (Institute of Archaeology, Tirana-Butrint Foundation, UK).

10-24 December 2003

Participation in the excavation at the Chalcolithic settlements of Kalavassos-Pamboules and Kalavassos-Kokkinoyia in Cyprus. Organised by the University of East Anglia/UK

15 May-20 June 2004

The Albanian-British project at Diaporit and Butrint, Albania (Institute of Archaeology, Tirana-Butrint Foundation, UK). Survey on the Cape Stillo, in the vicinity of Butrint.

20 June-10 July 2004

The Albanian-American project (Institute of Archaeology, Tirana-University of California-Los Angeles, USA) at the Bronze and Iron Age tumulus of Lofkend.

10-20 July 2004

The Albanian-British project at Rreza e Kanalit rock shelter, Vlora district, Albania (Institute of Archaeology, Tirana-Butrint Foundation, UK).

1-20 June 2005

The Albanian-British project at Butrint, Albania (Institute of Archaeology, Tirana-Butrint Foundation, UK).

20 June-29 July 2005

The Albanian-American project, Albania. (Institute of Archaeology, Tirana-University of California-Los Angeles, USA) at the Bronze and Iron Age tumulus of Lofkend.

1-15 September 2005

Pogradeci project, Albania (Institute of Archaeology, Tirana), survey and test excavations in the Neolithic settlement, Pogradec.

15-30 September 2005

Vucedol project, Croatia (University of Zagreb-Archaeology Museum of Zagreb) at the Neolithic settlement of Vucedol, Vukovar district.

1-18 June 2006

The Albanian-British project in Cape Stillo (Institute of Albanian Archaeology-Butrint Foundation, UK) at the Late Bronze-Early Iron Age hilltop fortification.

18 June-30 July 2006

The Albanian-American project (Institute of Archaeology, Tirana-University of California-Los Angeles, USA) at the Bronze and Iron Age tumulus of Lofkend.

1-20 August 2006

The Albanian-American project, “Southern Albania Neolithic project”. Survey and coring at a number of Early Neolithic sites from Korça basin.

15-30 July 2010

The Albanian-British project in Butrint, survey on the prehistory of Kaonia (Southwest Albania) and co-director of the summer training school.

1-31 August 2010

The Albanian-American project, “Southern Albania Neolithic project” at the Early Neolithic settlements of Vashtëmi in Korça. Specialist of the lithic materials.

22 June-29 August 2010

Organizer for the Albanian part figurine exhibition titled Unearthed held in Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts in University of East Anglia, Norwich.

May 2011

Field work in the systematic survey of the Mbishkodra area. Project of the Millsup College (USA) and University of Tirana. Specialist of the lithic materials.

1-15 August 2011

Fieldwork at the Middle and Late Neolithic site of Kallamas in Korça. French School of Athens and Institute of Archaeology of Tirana. Specialist of the lithic materials.

15-30 August 2011

The Albanian-American project, “Southern Albania Neolithic project” at the Early Neolithic settlements of Vashtëmi in Korça. Specialist of the lithic materials.

September 2011

Field survey in the area of Gjirokastra. Institute of Archaeology project on the prehistoric fortification of Albania.

May 2012

Field work in the systematic survey of the Mbishkodra area. Project of the Millsup College (USA) and University of Tirana. Specialist of the lithic materials.

13 June-3 July 2012

Fieldwork at the sites of Shën Mitri (Butrint), Rrëza e Kanalit (Orikum), and Blaz (Mat). Project “The Palaeolithic and Mesolithic of Albania” University of Cologne (Germany) and Institute of Archaeology (Tirana).

26 September-3 October 2012

Fieldwork in Zeza Cave (Pëllumbas) Tirana and survey in the region of Tepelena. University of Southampton (UK) and Institute of Archaeology (Tirana).

4-16 April 2013

Fieldwork in Hile Cave (Lekli) Tepelena and survey in the Holta canyon in Gramshi . University of Southampton (UK) and Institute of Archaeology (Tirana).

16-31 May 2013

Field work in the systematic survey of the Mbishkodra area. Project of the Millsup College (USA) and University of Tirana. Specialist of the lithic materials.

12-18 June 2013

Survey work in the Langarica valley, Përmeti district. Project of the University of Ferrara (Italy) and Institute of Archaeology (Tirana). Specialist of the lithic materials.

2014

PASH (Projekti Arkeologjik Shkodra) Universiteti i Tiranës-Millsap College.

2014

Sovjani: Study of lithic assemblages of Kallamasi, Instituti i Arkeologjisë-Ecole Française de Athènes.

2014

GAP: excavation in Rrëza e Kanalit and Blazi Cave, Albanian Institute of Archaeology and University of Cologne.

2014

Neolithic in southern Albania, Albanian Institute of Archaeology and University of Cincinnati.

2014

Vëzhgime përnjohëse në zonën kodrinore të Shqipërisë veri-perëndimore (Lezhë-Shkodër), Albanian Institute of Archaeology, Tirana.

28 August–8 October 2015

GAP: Excavations at the sites of Shën Mitri (Sarandë), Blazi, Këputa, and Neziri caves, Laç-Bruç, Mati, University of Cologne and Institute of Archaeology, Tirana.

November 2015

Survey and sampling in Langerica (Përmet) and Kamenica (Korça), Università di Ferrara (Italy)-Institute of Archaeology, (Tirana).

Tetor 2017

Vëzhgime përnjohëse në zonën kodrinore të Shqipërisë veri-perëndimore (Lezhë-Shkodër), Institute of Archaeology, Tirana.

8-21 Tetor 2018

Vëzhgime përnjohëse në zonën kodrinore të Shqipërisë veri-perëndimore (Lezhë-Shkodër), Institute of Archaeology, Tirana.

September 2019

R. Ruka and F. Carrera Rockart of Lepenica, Albanian Institute of Archaeology and Escola Superior de Conservación e Restauración de Bens Culturais de Galicia.

1-7 Mai 2021

“Tur nëpër Artin Shkëmbor në Mirditë” project on the recording and documentation of rock art from the region of Mirdita, Albanian Institute of Archaeology and nonprofitable organization Unioni Mirdita.

October 2021

R. Ruka and F. Badino, The biogeographic role of the Balkan Peninsula as a Middle to Upper Palaeolithic migration route for modern humans. An exploratory study through new archaeological, chronological and palaeoecological analysis in Albania, Albanian Institute of Archaeology and Università degli Studi di Milano-Bicocca.

2021

Paleogenetics of Southeast Europeans. Mixture, selection and transformations: the case of Albania, Albanian Institute of Archaeology and University of Vienna.

Autumn 2022

R. Ruka and F. Badino, The biogeographic role of the Balkan Peninsula as a Middle to Upper Palaeolithic migration route for modern humans. An exploratory study through new archaeological, chronological and palaeoecological analysis in Albania, Albanian Institute of Archaeology and Università degli Studi di Milano-Bicocca.

2023

R. Ruka and F. Carrera, Rockart of Lepenica, Albanian Institute of Archaeology and Escola Superior de Conservación e Restauración de Bens Culturais de Galicia.

2024

Contextualizing the Neolithic in the Korça plain, Albanian Institute of Archaeology, University of Cologne (Germany) and University at Buffalo (USA).

2024

Lin 3, Albanian Institute of Archaeology and University of Bern.

2025

R. Ruka C. Viallet, Gajtan: recherches archéologiques Paléolithiques en Albanie (GRAAL), Albanian Institute of Archeology and the joint research unit CNRS UMR 7194 Histoire Naturelle des Humanités Préhistoriques.

2025

R. Ruka, F. Berna O. Barzilai, S. Benazi, Last Neanderthals: the case of Albania, Albanian Institute of Archeology, University of Siena (Italy), University of Haifa (Israel), University of Bologna (Italy).

2025

Contextualizing the Neolithic in the Korça plain, Albanian Institute of Archaeology, University of Cologne (Germany) and University at Buffalo (USA).

2025

Lin 3, Albanian Institute of Archaeology and University of Bern.

Permanent job:

February 2006-January 2008

Museum specialist at Durrës Archaeological Museum, Albanian Institute of Archaeology.

January 2008-November 2010

Chief of the international relations at the Centre of Albanological Studies.

November 2010-December 2023

Scientific researcher, Prehistory Department, Institute of Archaeology, Centre of Albanological Studies.

January 2024-

Scientific researcher, Prehistory Department, Institute of Archaeology, Albanian Academy of Sciences.

Personal skills

Knowledge in foreign languages

English

Advanced level in writing, speaking and reading.

Greek

Advanced level in writing, speaking and reading. Certificate of the University of Athens. Faculty of Philology.

Italian

Advanced in reading and aural; good in writing and speaking.