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Luca Zavagno graduated from the University of Venice (2002); he obtained his Ph.D. (2007) at the University of Birmingham with a dissertation on the society, economics, and politics of Byzantine cities in the Early Middle Ages. He is an associate professor of Byzantine Studies (joint appointment) in the Department of History and the Department of Archaeology.

Dr. Zavagno is the author of many articles on the early Medieval and Byzantine Mediterranean, as well as three monographs: *The Byzantine City from Heraclius to the Fourth Crusade, 610-1204: Urban Life after Antiquity* (Palgrave- Byzantine Studies Series, 2021), *Cyprus between Late Antiquity and the Early Middle Ages. An Island in Transition* (Routledge, 2017) and *Cities in Transition: Urbanism in Byzantium Between Late Antiquity and the Early Middle Ages* (British Archaeological Reports- International Series, 2009).

ACADEMIC EDUCATION

1/10/2002-1/07/2007	University of Birmingham, United Kingdom- Doctor of Philosophy in History (Ph.D.)
15/12/1997- 15/06/2002	University of Venice "Ca'Foscari", Italy- Bachelor of Arts in History (BA)

WORK EXPERIENCES

1/8/2022- Present	Joint Associate Professor, Department of History and Department of Archaeology, Bilkent University
15/1/2016-1/8/2022	Assistant Professor, Department of History, Bilkent University
15/09/2008- 15/1/2016	Assistant Professor, Department of History, Eastern Mediterranean University
1/09/2013- 15/03/2015	Visiting Professor in Byzantine Art History, University Ca'Foscari of Venice

TEACHING

Courses

Name of the Course	Where
Byzantine and Islamic Art and Archaeology	Department of Archaeology
Byzantine History I (330-1025 CE.)	Department of History
Byzantine History II (330-1025 CE.)	Department of History
History of Mediterranean Islands (From Byzantium to the Ottomans	Department of History

:550-1571 CE.)",

A Great Sea and Its History" : The Mediterranean from the Classical Era to the Ottoman Period Department of History

Fieldwork

When **What, where, nos. of students**

11/2023

-Present Parnassos, Turkey, 6 students

SUPERVISION

PhD Thesis

Year of submission **Author, Title, 1st/2nd supervisor, University**

2022 Turac Hakalmaz, *An island and its King: Peter II Lusignan and its time*, 1st Supervisor, Ph.D. in History, Bilkent University

2022 Nida Nebahat Nalçacı, *Diplomatic Encounters between the Venetians and the Ottomans in case of captivity (1560-1590)* 1st Supervisor, Ph.D. in History, Bilkent University

Master Thesis

Year of submission **Author, Title, 1st/2nd supervisor, University**

2023 Oguzcan Selman Unal, *Between Pragmatism and Ideology: Spolia and Spoliation Practices in Byzantine and Seljuk Ankara*, MA in History, 1st Supervisor, Bilkent University

2022 Aysenur Mulla, *Animals in Byzantine hagiographies: economy and religious symbolism*, MA in History, 1st Supervisor, Bilkent University,

2022 Gözde Yıldız, *Surveying post-1204 Arta: art and architecture in the first capital of the despotate of Epirus (1200-1330s)*, MA in Archaeology, 1st Supervisor, Bilkent University

2021 Harun Celik, *An Environmental Reconsideration of Sagalassos from the Antiquity to the Early Middle Ages (1st-mid 7th century CE.)*, MA in History, 1st Supervisor, Bilkent University

2019 Yunus Dogan, *The Transformation of an Itinerant Army: From the Catalan Company to the Catalan Duchy of Athens and Neopatras (1303-1388)*, MA in History, 1st Supervisor, Bilkent University

Selected international conferences and guest lectures (from 2000 onwards)

When **Conference Title, Paper / Poster, include organizer/chair if applicable**

18/10/2023 "Byzantine Sicily and Sardinia," University of Birmingham, UK, 18 October 2023.

- 6/6/2023 *"The Insular Worlds of Byzantium between Late Antiquity and the Early Middle Ages (ca. 550- ca. 850)," Universität Wien, Institut für Klassische Archäologie,*
- 17/5/2022-
29/5/2022 *"Il Divano Mediterraneo", Seminar Series (3 lectures) on the History of the Turks between 600 and 1566, University of Bologna, Ravenna Campus,*
- 22/8/2022-
27/8/2022 Co-organizer (with Nicholas Bakirtzis) of the Roundtable "The Byzantine City from Late Antiquity to the Fourth Crusade," International Byzantine Congress, Venice-Padua,
- 15/10/2019 Co-organizer and colloquiarch (with Nicholas Bakirtzis) of the Annual Colloquium "The Insular Worlds of Byzantium", Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Collection-Harvard University,

PUBLICATIONS

MONOGRAPHS

Zavagno, L. (2021), *The Byzantine City from Heraclius to the Fourth Crusade, 610–1204: Urban Life after Antiquity (New Approaches to Byzantine History and Culture)*. London-New York: Palgrave-MacMillan.

Zavagno, L. (2017), *Cyprus between the Late Antiquity and the Early Middle Ages (ca.600-ca.850 A.D.), An Island in Transition*. London: Routledge.

Zavagno, L. (2009), *Cities in Transition: Urbanism in Byzantium between Late Antiquity and the Early Middle Ages*. Oxford: British Archaeological Reports-Archaeopress.

EDITORIAL WORK

N. Bakirtzis, N. & Zavagno, L. (2024). *The Routledge Handbook of the Byzantine City: From Justinian to Mehmet II (ca. 500 - ca.1500)*. London-New York: Routledge.

Çaykent, O. & Zavagno, L. (2016). *"People and goods on the move." Merchants, Networks and Communication Routes in the Medieval and early Modern Mediterranean*. Salerno: MKCH Book

Çaykent, O. & Zavagno, L. (2014). *The Islands of the Eastern Mediterranean: a History of Cross-cultural Encounters*. London-New York: I.B. Tauris.

ARTICLES IN INTERNATIONAL PEER REVIEW JOURNALS

Zavagno, L. (2022). Economic networks and social interactions in the Byzantine koinè: settlement pattern in the Adriatic Sea between Late Antiquity and the early Middle Ages (ca. 600-ca. 900 CE.) *Journal of Mediterranean Knowledge* 7/2, 239-63.

Zavagno, L. (2022). "A Lost World That Never Died': Islands and Their Urban Landscapes in the Byzantine Western Mediterranean in the Passage from Late Antiquity to the Early Middle Ages". *Dumbarton Oaks Papers* 76, 281-310

Zavagno, L. (2021). Ancyra and the Anatolian urbanism in transition from Late Antiquity to the Early Middle Ages (ca. 550-ca.900): Archaeology, Coinage, and Settlement Pattern. *Bizantinistica. Rivista di Studi Bizantini e Slavi. Serie Seconda*, XXII, 95-114.

≈ “‘Going to the Extremes’: The Balearics and Cyprus in the Early Medieval Byzantine Insular System. *Al-Masāq*, 31/2 (2019): 140-57

Zavagno, L. (2018). “‘Islands in the Stream’: For a new history of the large islands of the Byzantine Mediterranean. *Mediterranean Historical Review*, 33.2, 149-77.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Zavagno, L. (2023). Cyprus and its Sisters: Reassessing the Role of Large Islands at the End of the Long Late Antiquity (ca. 600-ca. 800). In I. Jacobs and P. Panayides (Eds.), *Cyprus in the Long Late Antiquity: History and Archaeology Between the Sixth and Eighth Centuries*, (pp. 81-96). Oxford: Oxbow.

Zavagno, L. (2022). Assetti urbani e fortificazioni a Cipro nella transizione fra Tarda Antichità e alto Medioevo. In P. Pergola, G. Castiglia, E. Essa Kas Hanna, I. Martinetto, J-A. Segura (Eds.), *Perchement et réalités fortifiées en Méditerranée et en Europe (Vème-Xèmesiècles) –Fortified Hilltop Settlements in the Mediterranean and in Europe (5th-10th centuries)*, (pp. 324-35). Oxford: Archaeopress.

Zavagno, L. (2021). ‘I am going home by sea/ For the first time in years’: urban-like coastal spaces across the early medieval Mediterranean. In N. Kontogiannis and T. Uyar (eds.), *Byzantine Anatolia: Space and Communities. Proceedings of the 5th Sevgi Gönül Symposium*, (pp. 111-30). Istanbul: Anamed-Koç University.

Zavagno, L. (2020). ‘The unbearable transience of the city’: Urban spaces in the Byzantine world in the transition from Late Antiquity to the Early Middle Ages (ca. 550-ca. 800 A.D.). In S. Feist (Ed.), *Transforming Sacred Spaces. New Approaches to Byzantine Ecclesiastical Architecture from the Transitional Period. Proceedings of the International Colloquium held at the Ludwig- Maximilians-Universität München, May 2014* (pp. 17-38). Wiesbaden: Verlag.

Zavagno, L. (2018). Reassessing the economy of Byzantine Islands between Late Antiquity and the early Middle Ages (ca. 600- ca. 850 A.D.). In K. Dörtlük, Ö. Tekin, and R. Boyraz Seyhan (eds.), *Proceedings of the Second International Congress of the Anatolian Monetary History and Numismatics, 5-8 January 2017*, (pp. 477-84). Istanbul: Suna Inana Kiraç Research Institute.