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RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Landscape archaeology (survey, remote sensing, GIS, paleoenvironment).
- Late Bronze Age to Early Antiquity in Southwest Asia and the Eastern Mediterranean (especially the central Zagros highlands, Cyprus, and the northern Levant).
- Imperial geographies (Parthian and Hittite). • Integrating archaeological and textual evidence.

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

2019–2026 **Principal Investigator (Eigene Stelle), Ur- und Frühgeschichte und Vorderasiatische Archäologie, Heidelberg University:** ‘Parthian Imperial Control and Local Agency in the Central Zagros Highlands’ project funded by the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG, German Research Foundation).

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

2018–19+
2016–17 **Postdoctoral Researcher, Ur- und Frühgeschichte und Vorderasiatische Archäologie, Heidelberg University:** ‘Rock-Reliefs of Iraqi Kurdistan’ project (dir. Prof. Peter A. Miglus) funded by the Gerda Henkel Stiftung.

2017–2018 **Postdoctoral Researcher, Cluster of Excellence - Asia & Europe/Heidelberg Centre for Transcultural Studies, Heidelberg University:** 9-month ‘Transcultural Forays’ fellowship for ‘Rabana-Merquly Archaeological Project’ (PI).

2018–present Associate Member of Heidelberg Centre for Transcultural Studies, Heidelberg University.

2015–2016 **Postdoctoral Teaching and Research Assistant, School of History, Classics and Archaeology, University of Edinburgh.**

2013–2014 **Postdoctoral Researcher, Department of Archaeology, Durham University:** ‘Land of Carchemish (Syria) Project’ (dir. Prof. Tony J. Wilkinson) funded by the British Academy.

2015–2021 Honorary Research Fellow in Archaeology, Durham University.

2012–2013 **Visiting Research Fellow, British Institute Amman, Jordan:** 6-month fellowship from the Council for British Research in the Levant.

2006–2011 **Tutor, University of Edinburgh:** Contributed tutorials and lectures to undergraduate courses across the Archaeology subject area during my postgraduate studies.

EDUCATION

2012 **Ph.D. Archaeology** University of Edinburgh (supervisor Prof. Edgar J. Peltenburg) *‘Landscapes of Settlement in South-East Cyprus: The Late Bronze Age Origins of a Phoenician Polity (incorporating the results of fieldwork by the author at Pyla-Kokkinokremos 2007–2009)’.*

2005 **MSc. Archaeology** (with Distinction) University of Edinburgh.

2016 **MSc. Brewing and Distilling** Heriot-Watt University.

2001 **B.A. (Hons) Leisure and Tourism Resource Management** (Class 2:1) Prifysgol Bangor University.

PUBLICATIONS

MONOGRAPHS

(in preparation) Brown, M. ed. **The Mountain Fortresses of Rabana and Merquly: Imperial Control and Local Agency in the Parthian Zagros** (final monograph for current DFG project).

BOOK CHAPTERS

Brown, M., and R. Dörr. 2023. **“Die Bergbefestigungen von Rabana-Merquly”**, in J. Marzahn and D. Wicke, eds. *Zwischen Schwarzem Meer und Persischem Golf. 125 Jahre Deutsche Orient-Gesellschaft*. Darmstadt: Wissenschaftliche Buchgesellschaft, pp. 146–151.

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Brown, M. 2020. **“Carchemish and the Hittite Empire in the Middle Euphrates Valley”**, in D. Lawrence, M. Altaweel and G. Philip, eds. *New Agendas in Remote Sensing and Landscape Archaeology in the Near East: Studies in Honor of Tony J. Wilkinson*. Oxford: Archaeopress, pp. 189–201.

Brown, M., and T.J. Wilkinson. 2017. **“The Euphrates States and Elbistan (Archaeology)”**, in L. Ullmann and M. Weeden, eds. *The Geography and Landscape of the Hittites*. Leiden: Brill, pp. 110–121.

Brown, M., and S. Smith. 2016. **“The Land of Carchemish and its neighbours during the Neo-Hittite period (ca. 1190-717 BC)”**, in T.J. Wilkinson, E. Peltenburg and E. Barbanes Wilkinson, eds. *Carchemish in Context: The Land of Carchemish Project, 2006-2010*. London: Oxbow, pp. 22–37.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

Brown, M., and R. Rashid. 2024. **“A Possible Parthian-Era Anahita Sanctuary at Rabana in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq”**, *Iraq* 85: 85–102. doi:10.1017/irq.2023.6.

Brown, M., K. Raheem and H. Abdullah. 2022. **“Rabana-Merquly: A fortress in the kingdom of Adiabene in the Zagros Mountains”**, *Antiquity* 96 (388): 920–936.

Brown, M. 2020. **“The Mountain Fortresses of Rabana-Merquly in Iraqi-Kurdistan”**, *BAF-Online: Proceedings of the Berner Altorientalisches Forum* 4 (1). <https://doi.org/10.22012/baf.2019.19>.

Brown, M., K. Rasheed, R. Dörr and J. Heiler. 2020. **“Die Bergbefestigung von Rabana-Merquly in Irakisch-Kurdistan: Ein Vorbericht der Grabungskampagne 2019”**, *Mitteilungen der Deutschen Orient-Gesellschaft* 152: 91–110.

Miglus, P., M. Brown and J. Aguilar. 2018. **“Two Parthian Rock-Reliefs from Amādiya in Iraqi-Kurdistan”**, *Zeitschrift für Orient-Archäologie* 11: 110–129.

Brown, M., P. Miglus, K. Rasheed and M. Ahmad. 2018. **“Portraits of a Parthian king: rock-reliefs and the mountain fortresses of Rabana-Merquly in Iraqi Kurdistan”**, *Iraq* 80: 63–77.

Brown, M. 2018. **“Biological perspectives on Hittite brewing”**, *Journal of Archaeological Science: Reports* 20: 596–601.

Brown, M. 2017. **“Landscape and Settlement in Late Bronze Age Cyprus: Investigations at Pyla-Kokkinokremos, 2007-2009”**, *Palestine Exploration Quarterly* 149 (4): 274–294.

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Devillers, B., M. Brown and C. Morhange. 2015. “**Paleo-Environmental Evolution of the Larnaca Salt Lakes (Cyprus) and the Relationship to Second Millennium BC Settlement**”, *Journal of Archaeological Science: Reports* 1: 73–80.

Brown, M. 2013. “**Waterways and the Political Geography of South-East Cyprus in the Second Millennium BC**”, *Annual of the British School at Athens* 108: 121–136.

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OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Brown, M. 2021. “**The Mountain Fortress of Rabana-Merquly in Iraqi Kurdistan: Short Report on the 2019 Season**”, *BISI Newsletter* 39: 13–14.

Brown, M. 2009. “**Pyla-Kokkinokremos Survey and Soundings**”, *CBRL Bulletin* 4 (1): 67–68.

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Brown, M. 2007. “**Pyla Geophysical Survey and Aerial Photography**”, *CBRL Bulletin* 2 (1): 95–96.

Brown, M. 20/07/07, “**Dhekelia Dig**”, *Cyprus Lion* (British forces newspaper): 6.

FIELDWORK

I have worked on numerous archaeological projects in the Middle East, Eastern Mediterranean and UK. This includes experience as a project director (Rabana), trench supervisor and field-school instructor.

2017–present Rabana-Merquly Archaeological Project, Iraq.

2017 Bakr Awa Excavation, Iraq.

2016–2017 Rock-Reliefs of Iraqi Kurdistan Project, Iraq.

2012 Challenging Landscapes Project, Jordan.

2011 Prastio-Mesorotsos Archaeological Expedition, Cyprus.

2007–2009 Pyla Koutsopetria Archaeological Project, Cyprus.

2006–2008 Hutchinson Associates (various contracts), UK.

2006 Land of Carchemish Survey Project, Syria.

2006 Dhiarizos Viewshed Analysis Project, Cyprus.

2005–2007 Souskiou-Laona Settlement Excavation, Cyprus.

TEACHING

COURSES TAUGHT

Ruprecht Karl University of Heidelberg

Mesopotamia under Arsacid dominion (Convenor) 2022–2023

Designed and delivered seminar course for BA and MA students in Near Eastern archaeology.

Environmental and Landscape Archaeology (Co-Convenor) 2020–2021

Jointly designed and delivered upper-level undergraduate course (Hauptseminar) for students in Near Eastern archaeology and European prehistory.

Cyprus Study Excursion (Convenor) 2019

Designed and led 8-day study excursion for undergraduate students to Cyprus.

University of Tennessee

Haslam Scholars (Tutor) 2015

Year 1 summer study abroad program. Individual tuition for students in archaeology and anthropology.

University of Edinburgh

Archaeology 2B (Lecturer and Tutor) 2016

Year 2 team-taught course. Delivered lecture and led seminar on obsidian and exchange in the prehistoric Mediterranean.

Archaeology 1B (Lecturer) 2016

Year 1 team-taught course. Delivered lecture on prehistoric Malta.

HCA E-Learning Roberts Project (Assistant) 2011

Content development for online study-skills course for postgraduate students in History, Classics & Archaeology.

From Bronze to Iron – The Eastern Mediterranean c. 1200 BC (Lecturer) 2009

Years 3–4 (honours) team-taught course. Delivered two lectures on Late Bronze Age Cyprus and the northern Levant.

Archaeology 1A–B (Tutor) 2006–2011

Year 1 team-taught course. Led numerous introductory seminars for archaeology foundation course.

Freie Universität Berlin

Cyprus in the Late Bronze Age (Convenor) 2006

Years 3–4. Designed and delivered upper-level undergraduate course (Hauptseminar).

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2019–2026 Project grant with Eigene Stelle – Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG): 1.009.235 €.
- 2020–2021 RESA program – Planet Labs/German Space Administration (DLR): satellite imagery quota.
- 2018 Fieldwork Grant (Rabana-Merquly, Iraq) – Deutsche Orient-Gesellschaft: 4.005,96 €.
- 2018 Fieldwork Grant (Rabana-Merquly, Iraq) – British Institute for the Study of Iraq: £ 2265.
- 2017–2018 Start-up Research Grant – Heidelberg Centre for Transcultural Studies: 9-month salary.
- 2015–2016 Career Development Award – Heriot-Watt University/Scottish Funding Council: £ 4980.
- 2009 Fieldwork Grant – Moray Endowment Fund, University of Edinburgh: £ 135.
- 2007–2008 Travel Grant – Council for British Research in the Levant: £ 570 + £ 334.
- 2007 O'Donovan Fellowship – Cyprus American Archaeological Research Institute: \$ 750.
- 2006–2008 Travel Award – Abercromby Fund, University of Edinburgh: £ 500 + £ 400 + £ 700.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2020–present **Mittelbau (mid-level academic staff) representative:** Fachrat committee Institut für Ur- und Frühgeschichte und Vorderasiatische Archäologie, Heidelberg University.
- 2017–present **Reviewer:** Various monograph and journal publications, including 'Journal of Archaeological Science: Reports'. I review funding applications for academic organisations including the DFG (German Research Foundation/Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft).
- 2016 **Organizing committee:** 'Archaeology of Brewing' session, Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (CIfA) annual conference, University of Leicester, 21st April 2016.
- 2014 **Organizing committee:** 'New Agendas in Remote Sensing (T.J. Wilkinson Festschrift)' workshop at the British Association of Near Eastern Archaeologists meeting in Reading, 10th January 2014.
- 2006 **Organizing committee and session chair:** Postgraduate Cypriot Archaeology (POCA) conference in Edinburgh, 27–28th October 2006.
- 2005+2010 **Postgraduate representative:** Member of two student-staff liaison committees within the School of History, Classics and Archaeology: University of Edinburgh.

I am currently a member of the Deutsche Orient-Gesellschaft (DOG) and the British Institute for the Study of Iraq (BISI). I have previously been a member of the Council for British Research in the Levant (CBRL) and the Palestine Exploration Fund (PEF).

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2016–2019 **German language course:** Internationales Studienzentrum der Universität Heidelberg.
- 2016 **Guide-lecturer for Andante Travels:** 'The Hittites' tour (Turkey).
- 2012 **Modern Standard Arabic Program:** Qasid Arabic Institute (Amman, Jordan).
- 2012 **Broadcast Media Workshop:** Edinburgh Beltane - BBC Scotland.
- 2011 **Broadcast Media Workshop:** Arts and Humanities Research Council UK.

PUBLIC LECTURES AND ACADEMIC TALKS

'Is This Burning an Eternal Flame? Political Crises and Dynastic Cults in Southwest Asia during Early Antiquity', Paper presented at "Crises in Ancient Highland Societies" SPP Iranian Highlands conference, Universität Koblenz, 8th March 2024.

'Recent results from fieldwork at the mountain fortress of Rabana-Merquly', Paper presented at British Association of Near Eastern Archaeologists (BANE) annual meeting, University of Oxford, 5th January 2024.

'The Mountain Fortress of Rabana in Iraqi Kurdistan', Paper presented at Deutsche Orient-Gesellschaft 125 Jahre Festkolloquium, James-Simon-Galerie, Museumsinsel, Berlin, 24th June 2023.

'The Mountain Fortresses of Rabana-Merquly in Iraqi Kurdistan', Paper presented at Vorderasiatische Archäologie Forschungskolloquium, Heidelberg University, 8th February 2022.

(with P. Miglus) **'Tracking Adiabene: Kingship and Cult Iconography in the Zagros'**, Paper presented at "Trans-Regional Encounters" conference, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster, 20th January 2022.

(with S. Amelirad) **'Imperial Control and Highland Resilience in the Parthian Zagros'**, Paper presented at "Coming to Terms with the Future: Concepts of Resilience for the Study of Premodern Societies" SPP Iranian Highlands conference, Ruhr-Universität Bochum (online), 5th December 2021.

'Imperial Control and Highland Resilience in the Parthian Zagros', Paper presented at Vorderasiatische Archäologie Forschungskolloquium, Heidelberg University, 12th May 2021.

'Parthian-Era Rock-Reliefs in the Zagros Highlands of Iraqi Kurdistan', Invited lecture presented at the Institut für Archäologische Wissenschaften, Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main (online), 16th June 2020.

'Rabana-Merquly: a royal city of Adiabene in the Zagros Mountains, Iraqi Kurdistan', Paper presented at British Association of Near Eastern Archaeologists (BANE) annual meeting, University of Oxford, 11th January 2020.

'Cultural Heritage in the Middle East: Managing a Threatened Resource', Invited lecture presented as part of the lecture series „Das kulturelle Erbe der Menschheit—Chancen und Problematik eines populären Konzepts“ at the Heidelberg Center for Cultural Heritage, 2nd December 2019.

'The Mountain Fortresses of Rabana-Merquly in Iraqi Kurdistan', Paper presented at 4th Berner Altorientalisches Forum (BAF), University of Bern, 12th June 2019.

'Parthian Rock-Reliefs from Amādiya in Iraqi Kurdistan', Paper to be presented at British Association of Near Eastern Archaeologists (BANE) annual meeting, University of Liverpool, 23rd February 2019.

'Two Parthian Rock-Reliefs from Amādiya, Iraqi Kurdistan' Paper presented at Vorderasiatische Archäologie Forschungskolloquium, Heidelberg University, 13th June 2018.

'The Parthian Mountain Fortresses of Rabana-Merquly in Iraqi-Kurdistan: Investigations 2016-17', Paper presented at British Association of Near Eastern Archaeologists (BANE) annual meeting, Durham University, 29th March 2018.

'Rabana, Merquly and King Vonones II', Paper presented at "Studies in Honour of Eva Strommenger" colloquium, Heidelberg University, 1st July 2017.

'Landscape and settlement in south-east Cyprus during the 2nd millennium BC', Paper presented at Vorderasiatische Archäologie Forschungskolloquium, Heidelberg University, 7th June 2017.

'Forced Migration in the Middle Euphrates Valley: Ancient Empires and Modern Perspectives', Paper presented at "The Archaeology of Forced Migration: Conflict-induced Movement and Refugees in the Mediterranean at the End of the 13th century BC" conference, Université catholique de Louvain, Louvain-la-Neuve (Belgium), 17th March 2017.

PUBLIC LECTURES AND ACADEMIC TALKS CONTINUED

(with B. Devillers) '**Environmental Change and State-Level Agency in Protohistoric Cyprus: Infilling of the Yialias Ria**', Paper presented at "Environment, Landscape and Society: Diachronic Perspectives on Settlement Patterns in Cyprus" conference, Cyprus American Archaeological Research Institute, Nicosia, Cyprus, 18th February 2017.

(with P.A. McGovern) '**Ancient Ales and Extreme Beverages: An Interview with Patrick E. McGovern**', Paper presented at "Archaeology of Brewing" session, Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (CIfA) annual conference, University of Leicester, 21st April 2016.

'**Frontiers and Empires in the Middle Euphrates Valley: Results from the Land of Carchemish (Syria) Project**', Paper presented at British Association of Near Eastern Archaeologists (BANEA) annual meeting, University College London, 8th January 2015.

'**New data on the Late Bronze Age and Early Iron Age of the Middle Euphrates**', Paper presented at "Landscapes of Complex Society" seminar, Durham University, 19th May 2014.

'**Geoarchaeology in Cyprus and the Bronze Age kingdom of Alashiya**', Public lecture presented at the British Institute Amman, Jordan, 4th February 2013.

'**Landscapes of Settlement in Late Bronze Age Cyprus**', Public seminar presented at the School of History, Classics and Archaeology, University of Edinburgh, 2nd February 2012.

'**New investigations at Pyla-Kokkinokremos**', Paper presented at the 9th annual Postgraduate Cypriot Archaeology (POCA) Conference, Oxford, 20th November 2009.

(with W.R. Caraher et al.) '**Pyla Koutsopetria Archaeological Project: The Seventh Season**', Paper presented at the 27th annual CAARI Archaeological Workshop, Nicosia, Cyprus, 20th June 2009.

(with W.R. Caraher et al.) '**Pyla Koutsopetria Archaeological Project: The Sixth Season**', Paper presented at the 26th annual CAARI Archaeological Workshop, Nicosia, Cyprus, 21st June 2008.

(with W.R. Caraher et al.) '**Pyla Koutsopetria Archaeological Project: The Fifth Season**', Paper presented at the 25th annual CAARI Archaeological Workshop, Nicosia, Cyprus, 23rd June 2007.

'**Intrasite Spatial Analysis and the Bronze-to-Iron Age Transition in Cyprus and the Northern Levant**', Paper presented at "Island Dialogues: Cyprus in the Mediterranean Network" - 6th annual Postgraduate Cypriot Archaeology Conference (POCA), Edinburgh, 28th October 2006.

'**Intrasite Spatial Analysis and the Settlement History of Tell Sūkās**', Public lecture presented at the Institut für Vorderasiatische Archäologie, Freie Universität Berlin, 21st June 2006.

'**Intrasite Spatial Analysis and the Settlement History of Cyprus and the Northern Levant at the end of the Late Bronze Age**', Poster presented at "Environments of Complexity" session - British Association of Near Eastern Archaeologists (BANEA) annual meeting, Edinburgh, 5–7th January 2006.

SELECTED MEDIA COVERAGE OF RESEARCH

Appel, M. 17/03/24, “**Fossefalltempel fra oldtiden funnet ved fjellfestning i Kurdistan**”, *Historie* (Norway). <https://historienet.no/kultur/arkeologi/fossefalltempel-fra-oldtiden-funnet-ved-fjellfestning-i-kurdistan>

16/03/24, “**失落的阿纳希塔神庙：考古学家在扎格罗斯山脉发现供奉波斯水女神的圣所**”, *cnBETA* (Taiwan). <https://www.cnbeta.com.tw/articles/science/1423882>

Gorshenin, M. 16/03/24, “**Огненные алтари и кувшины: археологи раскрывают секреты древнего культа воды в Рабана-Меркули**”, *Pravda* (Russia). <https://www.pravda.ru/news/science/1969115-arkheologi/>

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Kowal, A. 15/03/24, “**Górska twierdza pełniła jeszcze jedną rolę. Archeolodzy wskazali jej przeznaczenie**”, *Focus* magazine (Poland). <https://www.focus.pl/artykul/gorska-twierdza-rabana-merquly-kult-anahita>

13/03/24, “**Possible Parthian Religious Site Found in Iraqi Kurdistan**”, *Archaeology Magazine* - Archaeological Institute of America (USA). <https://www.archaeology.org/news/12213-240313-iraq-parthian-sanctuary>

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Henry, L. 11/03/24, “**Un sanctuaire antique irakien révèle ses secrets: l'énigme de Rabana-Merquly et le culte d'Anahita**”, *Science et vie* magazine (France). <https://www.science-et-vie.com/science-et-culture/rabana-merquly-anahita-deesse-eau-empire-parthe-sanctuaire-128601.html>

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08/03/24, “**War die Bergbefestigung Rabana-Merquly auch ein Heiligtum der Partherzeit?**”, *Archaeologie-Online* (Germany). <https://www.archaeologie-online.de/nachrichten/war-die-bergbefestigung-rabana-merquly-auch-ein-heiligtum-der-partherzeit-5856/>

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Ward, C. 25/07/22, "Is That Helm's Deep, Or Did Drones Finally Find The Ancient Lost City Of Natounia?", *SYFY WIRE*. <https://www.syfy.com/syfy-wire/finding-the-ancient-lost-city-of-natounia-with-drones>

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