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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Post-Doctoral Researcher, Henan University** Since 2024/06
- Research in comparative studies of archaeology, environment and social progress
- Editor, Herança - History, Heritage and Cultural Journal** Since 2024/06
- Editorial duties
- Lieutenant, Greek Army - Armored Forces** 2023/03 - 2024/05
- Weapons officer, staff officer, supply officer, and platoon commander, boot camp training
- Project Management, University of the Aegean** 2019/12 - 2023/03
- Development of cooperation between Greece and China
 - Coordinate Chinese education and HSK exams
- Lecturer and Researcher, Catholic University of Paris** 2021/12 - 2023/09
- Lecture on Ancient Chinese Culture and Art
- Lecturer and Researcher, Henan University** 2021/12 - 2023/09
- English for Academic Purposes, Advanced English Writing, Proficient in English Reading
 - Prehistory of the Aegean: Neolithic, Bronze Age
 - Chinese Prehistoric Archaeology: Neolithic and Bronze Age

EDUCATION

- Henan University, Ph.D.** 2018/09 - 2025/05
- Archaeology, a multidisciplinary archaeological comparison of the Mycenaean and Shang civilizations
- University of Science and Technology of China, Ph.D. training** 2016/09 - 2017/09
- CAS-TWAS Fellowship
 - History Science and Technology, Metallurgy, Archaeology, Chinese Courses
- SOAS, University of London, MA with First Class Honours** 2014/09 - 2015/07
- Diploma in East Asian Art History and Archaeology, including courses in Chinese and Korean Historical and Contemporary Art, Archaeology and Society, and Porcelain Studies.
- University of Edinburgh, BA (Hons).** 2010/09 - 2014/07
- Diploma in Scottish Folklore and Archaeology, including courses in Archaeology, Ethnography, Anthropology, Sociology, Folklore, Heritage Management, Middle Eastern Archaeology, Fieldwork

INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIONS

- Advanced Digital Archaeological-Historical Network, Associated Partner since 2024
- ACN - Asian Collection Network in Europe. The European Asian Collections Organization, executive member since 2022
- ArScAn – Archéologie de l'Asie centrale, Archaeology of Central Asia UMR 7041 - since 2021
- Co-Founder Center for the Study of Greek Civilization, Sino-Greek Academic Program since 2017

PUBLICATION

- **Westra, Alexander J.D.**, Liritzis Ioannis, Miao Changhong. "Development Of The Aegean-Arabian Contacts During The 1st Millennium BCE: A Historical And Archaeological Overview. *"Mediterranean Archaeology And Archaeometry"* 22.2 (2022): 139-167
- **Westra, Alexander Jan Dimitris**, Miao, C., Liritzis, I., & Stefanakis, M. "Disasters and Society: Comparing the Shang and Mycenaean Response to Natural Phenomena through Text and Archaeology. *"Quaternary"* 5.3 (2022):33.
- Liritzis, Ioannis, and **Alexander JD Westra**. "The lower Yangtze River and the Aegean Sea in the third millennium BC: Parallel cradles of civilizations. *"Asian Archaeology"* (2022): 1-14.
- Liritzis, Ioannis, **Alexander Westra**, and Changhong Miao. "Disaster geoarchaeology and natural cataclysms in world cultural evolution: An overview. *"Journal of Coastal Research"* 35.6 (2019): 1307-1330
- **Westra, Alexander J.D.**, Gardner, T., Vogelaar, C, and Wood, A. (2017) "A Student Task to fit a Prehistoric Taskscape: The Value of student input to landscape Archaeology", in *Forms of Dwelling: 20 Years of Taskscapes in Archaeology* [Paperback]. Ulla Rajala (Author); Philip Mills (Editor), 2017. Oxbow Books, Oxford.

SKILLS

- Fluent in three languages: English, French and Greek.
- Medium level of Chinese, basic Dutch
- Proficient in Microsoft Office tools
- Web design and management
- Ability to make decisions, think quickly and solve problems
- Administrative and secretarial work
- YouTube scriptwriter