

CURRICULUM VITAE

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A. PERSONAL INFORMATION

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A.1. Current position

Position	ICREA Research Professor		
Initial date	03-09-2010		
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A.2. Previous professional status (including breaks in research career, according to what is indicated in the call, indicate total months)

Period	Position/Institution/Country/Interruption cause
01/01/2006 – 02/09/2010	Researcher/ICREA/Spain
01/05/04 - 31/12/2005	Researcher/ICREA/Spain
01/09/2003 - 31/12/2005	Researcher/Fundació Bosch Gimpera – University of Barcelona (UB)/Spain

A.3. Education

PhD, Licensed, Graduate	University/Country	Year
Degree in Geography and History	University of Barcelona	1990
PhD in Geography and History	University of Barcelona	1995

B. CV SUMMARY (max. 5000 characters, including spaces)

I am an ICREA (Catalan Institution of Research and Advanced Studies) Research Professor based at the ICAC (Catalan Institute of Classical Archaeology). I am in charge of the *Protohistoric Archaeology* research team. This team belongs to the consolidated group MIRMED-GIAC, recognised in the 2014, 2017 and 2021 calls of the Catalan Government (2014SGR1197, 2017SGR970, 2021SGR00790). I am coordinator of the group since 2022. Since 2023 I am a member of the Institut d'Estudis Catalans (International Academic Union).

Main contributions

Through the analysis of architecture and domestic space, I have contributed to the study of Iron Age social and household organisation in the Iberian Peninsula, South of France and North Africa. My doctoral thesis was the first synthesis on protohistoric domestic architecture in Catalonia, which has served as the basis for a number of works in Spain and France. Since 2020, I develop an innovative and interdisciplinary research line focusing on the study of fire

installations in the Iron Age Mediterranean. In the last ten years, I have been PI of four projects within the *Plan Nacional* program of the Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation, and three projects within the *Projectes Quadriennals d'Arqueologia* program of the Catalan Government (see C.3 of CVA). During this period, my research has been competitively funded with around 1 ME. At an international level, I have been responsible of fieldwork at Althiburos (El Kef, Tunisia), in relation to which I led the *Urbanización y desarrollo urbano en los márgenes del territorio de Cartago. La ciudad nómada-romana de Althiburos* Project (see C.3). Also, I have been responsible of the studies of architecture in Iron Age archaeological sites of southern France such as Lattara (Lattes) and Pech Maho (Sigean). In 2025, I started a new Project in Tunisia, *En busca de los orígenes de la civilización nómada: excavaciones y prospecciones en Sidi Saïd (Siliana, Túnez)*, funded by Fundación Palarq. I have been visiting researcher at the Universities of Chicago and Montpellier. In the last ten years I have published 38 articles (26 as unique or first author), 32 books or book chapters (24 as unique or first author) and made 42 contributions to congresses. I have co-organized 9 international meetings or sessions. One of my concerns has always been to produce a significant number of open access publications.

The results of my research have been broadly disseminated to a general audience by different means: giving talks to the local people while conducting fieldwork and publishing dissemination articles or books. I would like to highlight the DIGIBERS (*The socialization of research in the digital age: the case of the Iberian archaeology*) project (2017), that entirely focused on the dissemination of the Iberian culture through comprehensive materials based in audio-visual technologies. Also, within the framework of the TRANSCOMB Project (PID2019-104661GB-I00 –2020-2023– and PID2022-137999NB-I00 –2020-2023–, see C3), experimental archaeology works have been largely disseminated through the social media as well as open-doors activities on-site. Moreover, in 2020-2021 I have been scientific advisor of the exhibition *The Iberian enigma*, organized by the Archaeology Museum of Barcelona, where I participated in the catalogue and in dissemination activities such as an audio-visual, a lecture and a podcast. In 2024, I have co-authored the dissemination book *Catalunya en temps dels ibers*.

Since 2019 I am the Academic Supervisor of the Advanced Training Area (Classical Archaeology Master) at the ICAC, and I am a member of the Academic Committee of the Doctorate in Classical Archaeology. I have directed or codirected 7 PhDs (one of them a co-direction with the University of Montpellier), as well as 32 Master's theses. In the last ten years I have obtained 5 PhD (2 FI -Catalan Government-, 2 FPU -Spanish Ministry of Education-, and one FPI -Spanish Ministry of Science-), 5 postdoctoral fellowships (4 within the Juan de la Cierva call -Spanish Ministry of Science- and 2 within the Beatriu de Pinós call -Catalan government-) and one technician (PTA call -Spanish Ministry of Science-). Some of my former students have been granted with postdoctoral fellowships abroad, and others have become heritage management technicians in Heritage institutions, and collaborate in some of the projects I lead. I have also served as an evaluator to various funding agencies in Spain (State Research Agency and AGAUR), France (Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation, and CNRS), and the USA (National Geographic Society). I have been a reviewer for both national (*Complutum*, *Pyrenae*, *Revista d'Arqueologia de Ponent*, *Saguntum*, *Trabajos de Prehistoria* or *Lucentum*) and international journals (*Archaeological Dialogues*, *Archaeological and Anthropological Sciences*, *JAS Reports*, *Journal of Mediterranean Archaeology* or *African Archaeological Review*).

C. RELEVANT MERITS

C.1. Publications

1. **Belarte M.C.**, Mateu M., Pecci A., Pescini V., Gomar Boscà A., Portillo M., Saorin C., Falcó A., Pastor Quiles M., Morer de Llorens J., Asensio D., Menéndez Molist P., Noguera J., Sabaté Balada M., Solé Parellada C., Cots Serret I. 2025: "Construcción, uso y mantenimiento de los hogares en la Csetania ibérica (ss. V-III a. C.): casos de estudio microcontextuales", *Spal*, 34.1, 134-166. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.12795/spal.2025.i34.061/16> (CA). Key: article (A)
2. **Belarte, M.C.**; Santacana, J. 2024: *Catalunya en temps dels ibers*. Dalmau Editor, Barcelona. Key: Book (B)

3. **Belarte M.C.**, Anguera M, Mateu M, Pastor Quiles M. 2024: '[Baking Bread in the Riff Area \(Morocco\): An Ethnographic Approach to the Study of Iron Age Archaeological Ovens](#)', *EXARC Journal*, 2024/4. 1/4 (CA). Key: A
4. **Belarte, M.C.**; Pastor, M.; Mateu, M.; Portillo, M.; Saorin, C.; Pecci, A.; Vila, S.; Gomar, A. 2023: "Iron Age combustion structures in the north-eastern Iberian Peninsula: an interdisciplinary experimental study", *Archaeological and Anthropological Sciences*. 15:76. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12520-023-01772-x>. 1/8. Key: A
5. **Belarte, M.C.**; Portillo, M.; Mateu, M.; Saorin, C.; Pastor, M.; Vila, S.; Pescini, V. 2023: "An interdisciplinary approach to the combustion structures of the Western Mediterranean Iron Age. The first results", *Journal of Archaeological Science Reports*, 47 (2023) 103803. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jasrep.2022.103803>. 1/7. (CA) Key: A
6. **Belarte, M.C.**, Noguera, J., Bertral, A., Armentano, N., Tomàs-Gimeno, X., Prada, J.L., Euba, I., Sala, R., Bergadà, M., Jimeno, D., López, D. 2022: "El ritual funerario en las necrópolis ibéricas a partir de nuevas aproximaciones metodológicas: Les Esquarterades (Uldecona, Tarragona)", *Trabajos de Prehistoria*, vol. 79(1), 141-158. <https://doi.org/10.3989/tp.2022.12292>. 1/11 (CA). Key: A.
7. **Belarte, M.C.**, Canela, J., Morer, J., Cuscó, O., Ocaña, M., Euba, I., Valenzuela- Lamas, S. 2021: "Rural Settlement in Iron Age Cessetania (Northeastern Iberian Peninsula): Characteristics and Socioeconomic Role", *Journal of Mediterranean Archaeology* 34.2, 228-254. 1/7 (CA). Key: A.
8. **Belarte, M.C.**, Noguera, J., Plana-Mallart, R., Sanmartí, J. (eds.) 2020: *Urbanization in Iberia and Mediterranean Gaul in the first millennium BC*. Treballs de la Mediterrània Antiga (TRAMA), 7, Institut Català d'Arqueologia Clàssica, Tarragona. ISBN: 978-84-949747-4-8. <https://recercat.cat/handle/2072/376600> 1/4. Key: Book Editor (BE)
9. Gailledrat, E., **Belarte, M.C.** 2019: "Architecture and urbanism in the fortified settlement of Pech Maho (Sigean, France) in the third century BC: a social and economic perspective", *Oxford Journal of Archaeology*, 38.3, 271-301 doi.org/10.1111/ojoa.12173. Key: A
10. Portillo, M., **Belarte, M.C.**, Ramon, J., Kallala, N., Sanmartí, J., Albert, R.M. 2017: "An ethnoarchaeological study of livestock dung fuels from cooking installations in northern Tunisia", *Quaternary International*, 431 A, 131-144. [dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.quaint.2015.12.040](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.quaint.2015.12.040) Key: A.

C.2. Congress

1. **Main session organizer. Belarte, M.C.**, Mateu, M., Molist, M., Borgna, E., Sisa-López De Pablo, J.: "Hearths, Ovens and Cooking Spaces in the Mediterranean from the Late Prehistory to the Middle Ages", *31st EAA Annual Meeting*. Belgrade Virtual. 4/09/2025.
2. **Invited talk. Belarte, M.C.**: "La investigación sobre la arquitectura de tierra protohistórica entre el Ebro y el Hérault: aproximaciones metodológicas y estado de la cuestión", *ARAR. La arquitectura de tierra en el Mediterráneo antiguo: perspectivas, estrategias y metodologías. VI Simposio Internacional de Arqueología del IAM*. 21-24/02/2024. Guareña, Spain.
3. **Oral communication. Belarte, M.C.**; Mateu, M.; Portillo, M.; Saorin, C.; Pecci, A.; Gomar, A.; Santos, M.; Castanyer, P.; Tremoleda, J.: "Investigating a Greek kitchen from the late archaic occupation at Emporion through interdisciplinary analyses", *29th EAA Annual Meeting*, 01/09/2023, Belfast, United Kingdom.
4. **Oral communication. Belarte, M.C.**, Portillo, M., Mateu, M., Saorin, C., Pastor, M., Pou, J., Morer, J., Castells, G., Vila, S., Pescini, V.: "From fuel to embers: experimenting on Iron Age combustion structures in the western Mediterranean", *28th EAA Annual Meeting*. 03/09/2022, Budapest, Hungary.
5. **Invited talk. Belarte, M.C.** "De la construction à l'utilisation de l'espace: les maisons des Ibères dans le contexte de l'Âge du Fer en Méditerranée (c. 600-200 av. J.-C.)". *Ile Colloque international Les savoir-faire autochtones dans le Maghreb et en Méditerranée occidentale de l'Antiquité aux époques modernes: originalité, mutations* 25-28/11/2021, Tunis, Tunisia.
6. **Main session organizer. Belarte, M.C.**, Mateu, M., Portillo, M. Molist, M.: "Iron Age Combustion Features in Mediterranean Late Prehistory: Multidisciplinary Approaches to Their Uses and Functions". *27th EAA Annual Meeting*. 10/09/2021. Kiel, Germany (Virtual).
7. **Oral communication. Belarte, M.C.**, Pastor, M., Saorin, C., Pou, J., Castells, G., Portillo, M., Morer, J., Fernández, J., Mateu, M., Vila, S., Pescini, V. Pecci, A.: "An experimental

approach to the study of Iron Age combustion structures in northeastern Iberia: the TRANSCOMB Project” XIX^e Congrès Mondial UISPP. 6/9/2021, Meknès, Morocco (Virtual).

8. **Invited talk. Belarte, M.C.**, Noguera, J.; Sanmartí, J.; Ramon, J. “Entre autochtones et allochtones en Ibérie: la formation d’une société urbaine dans un contexte non colonial” *Colloque international Etre autochtone, devenir autochtone: définitions, représentations*, 24-26 October 2019, Gammarth, Tunisia.
9. **Invited talk. Belarte, M.C.** “Forme, fonction et signification des foyers à l’Âge du Fer dans l’aire ibérique (s. 700 – 200 av. J.-C.)”. *Autour du foyer: pratiques rituelles et modes de commensalité dans la Méditerranée de l’Âge du fer, de l’Égée à la péninsule ibérique*. 7 June 2019, Paris, France.
10. **Session organizer.** Sanmartí, J., **Belarte, M.C.**, Noguera, J., Plana, R.: “Urbanization in Iberia and Mediterranean Gaul in the first millennium BC”. 24th *European Association of Archaeology (EAA) Annual Meeting*. 6/9/2018, Barcelona, Spain.

C.3. Research projects

1. 2026: **Principal investigator (PI) of the project** *En busca de los orígenes de la civilización nùmda: excavaciones y prospecciones en Sidi Saïd (Sìliana, Túnez)* **Funding Agency (FA)** Fundación Palarq / 8.000€
2. 2025: **Principal investigator (PI) of the project** *En busca de los orígenes de la civilización nùmda: excavaciones y prospecciones en Sidi Saïd (Sìliana, Túnez)* **Funding Agency (FA)** Fundación Palarq / 7.000€
3. 2023-2027: **PI of the project:** Estudio transdisciplinar, experimental y etnoarqueológico de estructuras de combustión de la Edad del Hierro en el Mediterráneo occidental (PID2022-137999NB-I00). **FA:** Ministerio de Ciencia e Innovación / 106.250,00 € + PhD contract (111.758,00 €).
4. 2022-2024 - **PI of the project:** MIRMED-GIAC (2021 SGR 00790) **FA:** AGAUR – Generalitat de Catalunya / 60.000,00€
5. 2022-2025 - **PI of the project:** El territori de Cessetània occidental al primer mil·lenni aC: del bronze final a la romanització (CLT009/22/00012) / **Funding Agency (FA):** Departament de Cultura (Generalitat de Catalunya) - Town Council of La Secuita, Provincial Council of Conca de Barberà, Fundación PALARQ / 78.460€
6. 2020-2023 - **PI of the project:** Estudio transdisciplinar y experimental de estructuras de combustión en el Mediterráneo occidental durante la protohistoria (1er milenio a.C.) (PID2019-104661GB-I00) / **Funding Agency (FA):** Ministerio de Ciencia e Innovación / 42.350,00
7. 2018-2021 - **PI of the project:** Formes d’ocupació del territori i evolució del poblament a la Cessetània occidental durant la protohistòria (CLT009/18/00095). / **FA:** Departament de Cultura (Generalitat de Catalunya) - Town Councils of La Secuita, Nulles and Salou - ICAC / 56.388,80€
8. 2016-2019 - **PI of the project:** Caracterización de los asentamientos urbanos en la costa de la Iberia septentrional (Siglos VI-III a.C.): teledetección, documentación y restitución de estructuras constructivas (I+D HAR2015-67946-C2-2-P) / **FA:** Ministerio de Economía y Competitividad / 35.574€
9. 2017 – **PI of the dissemination project:** The socialization of research in the digital age: the case of the Iberian archaeology – DIGIBERS. SUMA Programme. / **FA:** CERCA (Centres de Recerca de Catalunya) / 15.000€
10. 2013-2016: **PI of the project:** Urbanization y desarrollo urbano en los márgenes del territorio de Cartago. La ciudad nùmdo-romana de Althiburos (HAR2012-39189-C02-02) / **FA:** Ministerio de Economía y Competitividad / 40.950€