

# *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 15<sup>th</sup> 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*

### **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 Rudenc 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, Rovena, and Rudenc Ruka. "Raport Mbi Vëzhgimin Arkeologjik Në Zonën Kodrinore Të Shqipërisë Veriperëndimore (Lezhë-Shkodër, Viti 2017)." *Candavia* 7 (2018): 139–72.
24. Kurti, Rovena, 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, Rovena, 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. 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.
32. 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>.
33. 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>.
34. 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>.

### **Conferences and workshops**

23 February 2006

**Seminar series organised by Albanian Rescue Archaeology Unit**

**Title of Presentation:** *A revisit of the interpretation of the Neolithic terracotta figurines from Albania*

20-21<sup>st</sup> December 2006 (international workshop)

**Title of workshop:** Reconfiguring prehistoric figurines: perspectives from the Balkans and Japan

**Organized by:** Sainsbury Institute for the Study of Japanese Arts and Cultures (SISJAC) and the International Centre for Albanian Archaeology (ICAA)

**Title of Presentation:** *Neolithic figurines in Albania: Past and Future*

19 June 2010

**Study Day:** Unearthed

Organised by: Sainsbury Institute for the Study of Japanese Arts and Cultures

**Title of Presentation:** *Neolithic figurines from Albania*

25-28 November 2012

**Title of workshop:** Last Glacial Palaeogeography and Archaeology of the Eastern Mediterranean and of the Eastern European Loess Belt

**Organized by:** Collaborative Research Center 806, Chair of Physical Geography and Geoecology at the Department of Geography, RWTH Aachen, Institute of Prehistoric Archaeology, University of Cologne

**Title of Presentation:** An overview of the present state of the Palaeolithic research for the last glacial period in Albania

02-06 Prill, 2013

J. Richter, T. Hauck, I. Gjipali, R. Ruka, New Palaeolithic Research in Albania, Poster presented in Hugo Obermaier Society for Quaternary Research and Archaeology of the Stone Age/Hugo Obermaier-Gesellschaft für Erforschung des Eiszeitalters und der Steinzeit e.V, Wien, Austria.

20 Janar 2015

Ilir Gjipali and Rudenc Ruka. Kërkime për paleolitin në Shqipëri, (sezoni 2014), bashkëpunim i Institutit të Arkeologjisë me Institutin e Prehistorisë të Universitetit të Këlnit-Gjermani. Viti arkeologjik 2014. Qendra e Studimeve Albanologjike dhe Instituti i Arkeologjisë.

20-23 Maj 2015

The early prehistoric evidences from the area of Korça basin (Southeast Albania). VIe Colloque international sur l'Illyrie émrionale et l'Epire dans l'antiquité, Tirana.

20 Maj 2015

Forsén, Björn; Shkodra Rrugia, Brikena; Korhonen, Kalle; Shehi, Eduard; Ruka, Rudenc dhe Esko Tikkala. Dyrrachium Hinterland Project: First Preliminary Report. VIe Colloque international sur l'Illyrie Méridionale et l'Epire dans l'Antiquité, 20-23 mai 2015. Université Lyon 2, HISOMA (UMR 5189) and Instituti i Arkeologjisë, Tiranë.

29 Janar 2016

Ilir Gjipali, Rudenc Ruka. Kërkime për paleolitin dhe mezolitin në Shqipëri, 2015. Viti arkeologjik, 2015, Instituti i Arkeologjisë, Tiranë.

29 Mars-2 Prill 2016

Johanna Dreier, Thomas Hauck, Jürgen Richter, Ilir Gjipali dhe R. Ruka. Poster: Blaz Cave, an in situ Epigravettian site in Albania. Hugo Obermaier Society for Quaternary Research and Archaeology of the Stone Age; 58th Annual Meeting in Budapest, March 29th – April 2nd 2016. Hugo Obermaier Society for Quaternary Research and Archaeology of the Stone Age and Institute of Archaeological Sciences Eötvös Loránd, University, Faculty of Humanities.

19 Maj 2016

Michael Galaty, Rudenc Ruka. The position of Albania in Mediterranean obsidian exchange spheres. 16th International Aegean Conference Εσπερος/Hesperos. The Aegean seen from the West, Ioannina 18-21 May 2016. Institute for Aegean Prehistory and University of Ioannina.

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", Institute of Archaeology/Academy of Albanological Studies, Tirana.

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", Institute of Archaeology/Academy of Albanological Studies, Tirana.

30-31 January 2017

R. Ruka, Z. Perhoc, First systematic observations on the chert sources in Albania. "New archaeological discoveries in the Albanian Regions", Institute of Archaeology/Academy of Albanological Studies, Tirana.

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. Muzeu i Bankës së Shqipërisë.

22 January 2018

R. Kurti, R. Ruka, Vëzhgime përnjohëse në zonën kodrinore të Shqipërisë veri-perëndimore (Lezhë-Shkodër). Viti arkeologjik 2017 në Shqipëri, Instituti i Arkeologjisë/Akademia e Studimeve Albanologjike, Tirana.

12-13 November 2018

R. Ruka, M. Galaty, Time for an absolute chronology in Albanian prehistory. Kërkime në fushën e Arkeologjisë Prehistorike, Institute of Archaeology, Maliq (Korçë).

18 February 2019

R. Kurti, R. Ruka, Rezultate të sërveit në zonën kodrinore të Shqipërisë veri-perëndimore (Lezhë-Shkodër), viti 2018, Viti arkeologjik 2018 në Shqipëri, Institut of Archaeology, Tirana.

11-12 April 2019

R. Ruka, Rock art in Abania, Albanian Heritage Week, Escola Superior de Conservación e Restauración de Bens Culturais de Galicia, Pontevedra, Spain.

4-7 September 2019

T. Krapf, I. Gjipali, M. Gori, T. Hauck, The Bronze and Iron Age occupation of the Blazi, Neziri And Këputa Caves in the Mati Region of Northern Albania. Beyond paradigms, Annual Meeting of the European Association of Archaeology, Bern.

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

31 January 2020

R. Ruka, F. Carrera, Shpella e Shkruar e Lepenicës, Vlorë: Sezoni i parë i dokumentimit dhe vëzhgimeve arkeologjike. Viti arkeologjik 2019, Institute of Archaeology, Tirana.

## **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 dhe 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, Albania. (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<sup>st</sup>-15 September 2005

Pogradeci project, Albania (Institute of Archaeology, Tirana), survey 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 at tumulus of Lofkend, Albania. (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” 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 the Cave Zezë (Pëllumbas) Tirana and survey in the region of Tepelena. University of Southampton (UK) and Institute of Archaeology (Tirana).

4-16 April 2013

Fieldwork in the Cave of Hile (Lekël) Tepelenë and survey in the Holta canyon in Gramsh. 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 Millsap College (USA) and University of Tirana. Specialist of the lithic materials.

12-18 June 2013

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

2014

Albanian-American project: PASH (projekti arkeologjik Shkodra) Universiteti i Tiranës-Millsap College.

2014

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

2014

Albanian-German project GAP: excavation in Rrëza e Kanalit and Blazi Cave, Instituti i Arkeologjisë-University of Cologne.

2014

Albanian-American project: Neolithic in southern Albania, Instituti i Arkeologjisë-University of Cincinnati.

2014

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

28 August–8 October 2015

Albanian-German project 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

Albanian-Italian project, Suevey and sampling in Lengarica (Përmet) and Kamenica (Korça), Università di Ferrara (Italy)-Institute of Archaeology, (Tirana).

Tetor 2017

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

8-21 Tetor 2018

R. Kurti, R. Ruka, 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, Insitute of Archaeology in Tirana and Escola Superior de Conservación e Restauración de Bens Culturais de Galicia.

**Permanent job:**

February 2006-January 2008

Researcher in the Archaeological museum of Durrës. Institute of Archaeology.

January 2008-November 2010

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

November 2010-

Archaeologist in the Department of Prehistory in the Institute of Archaeology

**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.