

Curriculum Vitae

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Short biographic reference

Kaloyan Pramatarov is a Bulgarian museum specialist and archaeologist born on October 12, 1984 in Sofia. He has scientific interests in the field of the provincial Roman culture during the Principate (1st – 3rd c. AD) and the burial practices in Thrace during the 1st Millenium BC and the Roman Period.

Education and training

2018 – 2012. Ph.D. in Archaeology, Department of Archaeology in Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski. Defended PhD thesis “Extra-urban necropolises in Province of Thrace (1st – 3rd c. AD)” (under the scientific guidance of Assoc. Prof. Rumyana Georgieva), in field 2.2. History and Archaeology (Thracian archaeology).

2014. Specialization on doctoral program Erasmus Mundus Bazileus IV. Balkans Academic Scheme for the Internationalisation of Learning in Cooperation with EU Universities) in Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje, Macedonia, with the study “Burial rites between the rivers Vardar and Mesta, 12th – 8th c. BC (under the scientific guidance of Prof. Ph.D. Dragi Mitrevski).

2011 – 2007. Master degree in Archaeology, Faculty of History, Department Archaeology, University St. Kliment Ohridski University, Sofia, Bulgaria. Defended master degree “Burial rites in Southwestern Thrace, Peonia, Pelagonia, Central and Eastern Macedonia in the period 12th – 8th c. BC (under the scientific guidance of Prof. Dr. Totko Stoyanov), in field 2.2. History and Archaeology (Thracian archaeology).

2007 – 2003. Bachelor in Archaeology in Faculty of History, Department Archaeology, University St. Kliment Ohridski, Sofia, Bulgaria, in field 2.2. History and Archaeology (Thracian archaeology).

2003 – 1997. Secondary education in French and English language at 33rd Language School St. Sofia

Foreign languages

English, French

Scientific interests

The scientific interests of the author are concentrated in the field of burial practices during the Early Iron Age (1st Millennium BC) and the Roman Period (1st – 4th c. AD). Main goal of the research is the summary of the empiric material from the interdisciplinary programs in the last several decades, including field surveys and archaeological excavations on the territory of Central and Eastern Balkans. The territorial scope, topography, and spatial organization of the necropolises have been studied as their reflection of the social reality, and their attribution to the settlement pattern. The investigations accentuate the study of the mounds as complex facilities for funerals and various ritual practices, the location, the organization, and the typology of the burial facilities and the additional facilities in the necropolises, the characteristics and the regularities in the application of inhumation and cremation, the presentation, the systematization and the analysis of the burial inventory, the continuity and the innovations in the field of the burial customs.

Professional skills

Since 2022. Assistant Professor at Exhibitions Department of NAIM-BAS, specialists in “Culture of Province of Thrace during the Principate (1st – 3rd c. AD)”.

Since 2020. Museum curator, Exhibitions Department, NAIM-BAS.

Since 2023. Co-organizer and presenter of the Academic Seminar of NAIM-BAS.

Since 2020. Editing and translations from Bulgarian in English for the publications and the catalogs of NAIM-BAS.

Since 2021. Organizer and presenter of specialized museum training “Socialization of cultural-historical heritage and museum practices,” “Touristic guides services,” and

“Museum PR,” including within the frame of Erasmus +, EU's program to support education, training, youth, and sport in Europe.

Since 2020. Organizer and co-organizer of specialized programs for work with kids and students of NAIM-BAS: “The Games and the Toys in the Ancient Times”, “Archaeology of Kids”, “Adventures in the Museum. Summer School for Kids and Students”. Organization and coordinating activities related to the participation of NAIM-BAS at Sofia Game Night.

Since 2020. Organizer and presenter of NAIM-BAS' participation at the international initiatives “European Museum Night”, “European Archaeology Days”, “European Researcher’s Night”, and „European Heritage Days”.

Since 2020. Support, overall renovating, and copyrighting for the official site of NAIMBAS (naim.bg), and the social networks of NAIM-BAS on the platforms Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and YouTube.

2024. Creation, support, and copyright for the site of the 7th International Conference on the Roman Danubian Provinces, Sofia-Vidin, September 23rd – 28th, 2024, <https://danubianprovinces7.naim.bg/>

2024 – 2022. – Responsible for the Antiquity Collection of NAIM-BAS, pursuant of Order № I 507/05.05.2022 (NAIM-BAS).

2023. Holding the license for practicing the profession “Touristic guide” in English and French, with identification number E-01611 in the National Touristic Register, Republic of Bulgaria.

2020 – 2018. Acting the position of a tourist guide in English and French in the Department of Public Relations, National History Museum.

2018 – 2007. Translator from French into Bulgarian, editor, PR House – presentation and media advertising of literature publications in SONM Publishing.

Scientific projects as a supervisor or part of the organizational team – international and national, scientific and applied exhibitions

2025 – 2023. Participation in the National Scientific Program “Development and Recognition of the Bulgarian Studies Abroad” (NSP Bulgarian Studies) (Bulgarian Academy of Sciences) (2022 – 2025) with the creation and organization of temporary poster exhibitions intended for the international public.

2024. Participation in the organizational team of the temporary poster exhibition “The Invisible Traces of Murfatlar”, presented in the National Palace of Culture within the International Forum of Cyrillic Writings “Alphabet, Language, Identity“, organized with the support of the Ministry of the Science and Education and the National Scientific Program “Recognition of the Bulgarian Studies Abroad” (NSP Bulgarian Studies) (2022 – 2025), June 26 – 27, 2024, later presented also at the National Archaeological Museum (August 1 – September 22, 2024).

2024. Participation in organizing the temporary “Bulgarian Archaeology 2023” exhibition at the National Archaeological Museum (February 14 – April 31, 2024).

2024 – 2023. Participation in organizing the temporary exhibition “Silver Thrace”, a joint effort of NAIMBAS and the Archaeological Museum of the Republic North Macedonia, Skopje (November 14, 2023 – April 7, 2024).

2024 – 2023. Participation in organizing the international exhibition “Trebenishte. 105 years from the discovery of the necropolis, 1918 – 1923“, at the National Archaeological Museum (October 19, 2023 – March 30, 2024).

2024 – 2023. Participation in organizing the poster exhibition „Behind the Mask“, presented in the Central Hall of the National Archaeological Museum (October 9, 2023 – March 30, 2024).

2023. Participation in organizing the temporary exhibition “The Vessel as Receptacle – In Defense of Time”, a joint effort of NAIM-BAS, the National Gallery, and the Union of the Bulgarian Artists (August 19 – December 17, 2023).

2023. Participation in the building of conception and organizing of the traveling poster exhibition “The Panoply of the Thracians” presented at the Cultural Center – Tsaribrod, Serbia, a joint effort with the National Library “Detko Petrov”, Dimitrovgrad, Serbia (September 25 – November 31, 2023).

2023. Participation in organizing of the temporary exhibition “Bulgarian Archaeology 2022” at the National Archaeological Museum (February 15 – May 21, 2024).

2023 – 2022. Participation in organizing the temporary exhibition “130 Years National Archaeological Museum” at the National Archaeological Museum (October 26, 2022 – February 5, 2023).

2022. Participation in the national project “Bulgarian Museum Collection at Risk. Digitization and prevention”, funded by the American Government, with leading partner Commission Fullbright, and partners NAIM-BAS, RHM-Pazardjik, National Police Service, and Balkan Heritage Foundation.

2022. Participation in the national project “Education through Science 2” of the Ministry of Education and Science and the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (BAS), according to contract ДСД-4, 2021–2022, related to specialized work with kids and the creation of scenarios for educational movies.

2022. Participation in organizing the temporary exhibition “The Panoply of the Thracian Warriors” at National Archaeological Museum (April 4 – October 10, 2022)

2022. Participation in organizing the visiting temporary exhibition “PARTY in 21 Century” (June 9 – October 10, 2022), a joint effort of NAIM-BAS and the Embassy of the Republic of Slovakia in Bulgaria.

2022. Participation in organizing the temporary exhibition “The Decline and the Fall of the Roman Empire” in Rheinisches Landesmuseum, Trier, Germany (June 25 – November 27, 2022).

2022 – 2021. Mentor in museum training of post-graduate students within the project BG05M2OP001–2.013-0001 of the Ministry of Education and Science “Student practices – Phase 2” in partnership with Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski (2021–2022).

2022 – 2021. Participation in organizing the temporary exhibition “Time, Matter, Spirit. The Restoration and Conservation in National Archaeological Institute with Museum at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (October 14 – January 1, 2022).

2021. Participation in the project “Education with Science II” by the Ministry of Education and Science and the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (BAS), according to Contract ДСД-4, 2021-2022, related to specialized work with kids and writing of a scenario for short educational movies dedicated to the Roman Period.

2021. Participation in organizing the temporary exhibition “Bulgarian Archaeology 2020” in the National Archaeological Museum (April 11 – September 30, 2021).

2021 – 2020. Participation in organizing the temporary exhibition “Stream through Time: Rescue Archaeological Investigations along the Expansion of the Gas Transmission Infrastructure of Bulgartransgaz EAD” at the National Archaeological Museum (December 10 – April 15, 2021).

2020. Participating in the project “Education in the Museum” of the Ministry of Education and Science, creating adapted multi-media content representing the permanent collection of the National Archaeological Museum, the Archaeology, and the cultural-historical heritage of the Bulgarian lands.

2020. Participation in organizing the temporary exhibition “Vladinya and Letnitsa, New Archaeological Research in Lovech Region at RHM-Lovech, a joint initiative of RHM-Lovech and NAIM-BAS.

- Fieldwork Activities

2024. Deputy head in rescue archaeological research of new-found site 9b, within the segment between km 65 +250 to km 65+400, railway section Orizovo – Mihailovo, on the land of village Svoboda, Chirpan Municipality, within the project “Rehabilitation of railway line Plovdiv – Burgas, Phase 2 (April 1 – June 14, 2024)”, under the guidance of Assoc. Professor Krasimir Nikov (NAIM-BAS) and Velina Budakova.

2023. Participation in an archaeological excavation on site “Roman Road and Road Station CILLAE, the village of Cherna Gora, Chirpan Municipality (November 11 – December 15, 2023), under the guidance of Assoc. Prof. Zdravko Dimitrov (NAIM-BAS).

2023. Head of archaeological monitoring concerning the supply of the site: “External electric supply of a building in Public Property 57491.508.85/Regulated Public Property XVI-2826, sq. 210, within Zone A of “Antique town Ulpia Anchialo-Paleokastro,” Pomorie, Burgas Region (NAIM-BAS).

2022. Head of archaeological monitoring concerning excavation works for lying of a cable 1kV for supplying of “Building of a villa, located in the town of Pomorie, Public Property 016174, Crotiria locality”, within the “Antique necropolis Ulpia Anchialo, Crotiria locality on the land of town of Pomorie, Pomorie locality, Burgas Region (NAIM-BAS).

2022. Participation in archaeological surveys on the territory of Sofia-city, under the guidance of Ph.D. Alexander Stanev (RHM-Sofia) and Assist, Prof. Metodi Zlatkov (NAIM-BAS).

2022. Participation in archaeological research of the site “Skritata mogila in Vdan Korja locality, Village of Poroi, Pomorie Municipality, under the guidance of Ph.D. Margarita Popova, National Museum of History.

2021. Deputy head of archaeological monitoring related to the construction works of deconstruction of the old covering and building of a new covering above the strengthened and exhibited structure of the burial mound “Eastern Mound (1st c. AD), on the land of Karanovo village, Nova Zagora Municipality, Sliven Region, under the guidance of Ph.D. Veselin Ignatov (RHM-Sliven).

2019. Participation in archaeological excavations of infrastructure site A 13, village of Orlovo, Haskovo Region, under Krasimir Nikov's (NAIM-BAS) guidance.

2019. Participated in archaeological research on the site “Hidden mound”, Vdan Koria locality, Poroi village, Pomorie Municipality, under the guidance of a Ph.D. Margarita Popova (National History Museum).

2016 – 2013. Participated in archaeological research on an “Eastern mound” near Karanovo village, Nova Zagora Municipality, under the guidance of a Ph.D. Veselin Ignatov (RHM-Nova Zagora).

2008. Participated in an archaeological excavation of an antique settlement near Halai, Locris, Greece, under the guidance of Prof. John Colman, Cornell University, USA.

2005. Participated in an archaeological excavation of a mound necropolis from the Roman period near the village Krumovo Gradishte, Karnobat Municipality, under the guidance of a Ph.D. Daniela Agre (NAIM-BAS).

2005. Participation in archaeological research of megalithic monuments (dolmens) (7 – 5th c. BC) and burial mounds (4th – 3rd c. BC) on the land of Belevren village, Sredets Municipality, under the guidance of Ph.d. Daniela Agre (NAIM-BAS).

2004. Participation in archaeological research on antique necropolis Apollonia Pontica (6th – 4th c. BC) within the frame of a project under the guidance of Prof. Krastina Panayotova (NAIM-BAS) and Prof. Antoan Ermari (Aix Marseille University, France).

2004. Participated in archaeological excavations of Neolithic settlement in Slatina neighborhood, Sofia, under the guidance of Acad. Prof. Vasil Nikolov (BAS).

Участие в научни форуми

2024. Participated in the international scientific conference “Persisting with Change. 30th European Archaeology Association Annual Meeting in Rome, Italy (August 28 – 31, 2024)”, with the report “*National Archaeological Institute with Museum at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences. Socialization of Archaeological Heritage: Current Methods and Perspectives*” and “*Cultural Heritage and Educational Archaeology in Present-day Bulgaria. Trends and methods*”.

2024. Participated in the 9th national conference “Travel to Bulgaria” on History, Archaeology and Cultural Tourism “Historical Reconstructions – traditions and innovations,” Shumen, June 4 – 5, 2024, with a report “*Educational programs for kids and students of the National Archaeological Institute with Museum at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences. Methods and Perspectives*” (in Bulgarian).

2024. Participated in 18th International Colloquium on Provincial Roman Art, Belgrade/Viminacium, May 20. – May 25, 2024, organized by the Archaeological Institute – Belgrade, Serbia, with a poster “*Silver Vessels from Rich Graves in the Province of Thrace (1st – 3rd c. AD)*”.

2024. Participated in European Archaeology Days Forum – Madrid 2024, organized by the Ministry of Education, France, and the Institute for Non-destructive Archaeological Investigations (INRAP) at the National Archaeological Museum (MAN), Madrid, Spain, with the report “*European Archaeology Days in National Archaeological Institute with Museum at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences*”.

2024. Participated in the “First National Meeting of the Museum Pedagogues”, Sofia, March 1–2, 2024, organized and hosted by the National Museum of Natural Sciences, with a report on Education programs for kids and students in the National Archaeological Institute with Museum, within Panel 1: The Role of the Museums for Ensuring of Modern Educational Environment within the Context of Informal Education.

2023. Participated in “24 European Archaeology Heritage Symposium: New Challenges: Archaeological Heritage Management and the Archaeology of the 18th to 20th centuries“, LVR – Landesmuseum Bonn, Germany (March 22 – 25, 2023), with report „Museum Management and Archaeology of the Ottoman Period (15th – 19th c.). Sofia, Bulgaria (case study)“, held on March 24.03.2023 within the context of panel “Significance, Values, and Emerging Themes”, and within the frame of the Annual Meeting of the European Archaeological Council (European Archaeological Consillium – EAC).

2022. Participated in Eight International Scientific Conferences “Cultural-historical heritage: Preservation, Presentation, Digitalization (KIN 2022), Veliko Tarnovo, Bulgaria (April 12 – 14, 2022), with the report “The Site Eastern Mound Karanovo, Nova Zagora Region. Problems in Preservation, Conservation, and Socialization of the cultural-historical Heritage in the Republic of Bulgaria

2022. Participated in National Scientific Conference “The benefit of the History. 300 Years Anniversary on the occasion of the birth of Paisius of Hilendar. 260 years from the writing of Istoriya Slavyanobolgarskaya, Plovdiv, September 23 – 25, 2022, organized by the Plovdiv University “Paisius of Hilendar”, with the report „Philosophy of the Archaeological Narrative “.

2022. Participated in the National Scientific Conference “Places of Memory and Cultural Heritage,” Regional Museum of History – Ruse, November 24 – 25, 2022, with the report “NAIM-BAS. Public Socialization of Museum Collections.”

2022. Participated in the international conference Colloquia Anatolica et Aegea Congressus Internationales Smyrnenses XII. Ancient Greek, Roman, and Byzantine Fibulae. An International E-conference in honor of Dr. Maurizio Buora, May 12 – 13, 2022/Izmir, Turkey, with the report „Roman fibulae at the collection of National Archaeological Institute with Museum at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences. “

2019. Participated in the international conference “ROMECC XX (Roman Military Equipment Conference). Weapons in Ritual Context“, Cologne, Germany, with the report Military Equipment in Mound Burials from the Roman Province of Thrace (1st – 3rd centuries AD) (a joint report with Ph. D. Veselin Ignatov and Marcus Scholtz, Goethe University Frankfurt).

2016. Participated in the international Ph.D. conference “Filov’s Readings” dedicated to the “Balkan Archaeology”, Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski, Sofia (November 17 – 20, 2016), with the report “Extra-urban Necropolises in Province of Thrace (1st – 3rd centuries AD): the Problem of Their Settlement Attribution”.

2015. Participated in the International PhD conference Sapiens Ubique Civis III – Szeged 2015, organized by the Department of Classical Studies and Neo-Latin Research, Szeged University, Hungary (August 26 – 29, 2015).

2013. Participated in the scientific conference “Thrace and Rome. Contacts and interactions”, organized by the Institute for Balkan Studies with the Center of Thracology (BAS) (March 21 – 22, 2013), with the report “Rich Graves in Province of Thrace (1st – 3rd c. AD).

Membership in Scientific Organizations

Since 2019. Full member of the Association of the Bulgarian Archaeologists

Since 2022. Full member of the European Association of Archaeologists

Since 2023. Full member of ICOM (International Council of Museums)

Since 2023. Full member of the Bulgarian History Teacher’s Association

Publications

- Articles

Pramatarov, K. Archaeology of the Ottoman Period (15th – 19th centuries) and Museum Management, Sofia, Bulgaria. – Internet Archaeology, 66, 2024. <https://doi.org/10.11141/ia.66.21>. <https://naim.academia.edu/KaloyanPramatarov>

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Pramatarov, K. The Funeral of the Thracian Aristocrats. – In: H. Popov, K. Pramatarov, N. Ivanova; Y. Dimitrova, N. Sharankov, M. Stamberova (eds.) Silver Thrace. National Archaeological Museum, Catalogues, XXXV. Sofia, 2023, 98-109. <https://naim.academia.edu/KaloyanPramatarov>

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Pramatarov, K. and others (eds.). Trebenishte. 105 Years Since the Discovery of the Necropolis at Trebenishte 1918 – 2023. National Archaeological Museum Catalogues, XXXIV. Sofia, 2023. 109 <https://naim.academia.edu/KaloyanPramatarov>

Праматаров, К. и др. (съст.). 130 избрани експоната от колекцията на Националния археологически музей. – В: К. Бояджиев, М. Стамберова, Ж. Василева, Т. Стефанова (ред.). Национален археологически музей Каталогзи, XXV, Второ преработено издание). София, 2023.

Праматаров, К. Традиции в погребалните практики на извънградските некрополи в провинция Тракия (I-III в.). - In: Ников, К., Илиева, П. (ред./съст.). Сборник в чест на

Румяна Георгиева. ...ἐκ Θρήκης ἐριβώλακος εἰληλούθει. София, 2022, 130-137
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Праматаров, К. Римската епоха в Ловешкия край. – В: Х. Попов, Кр. Чуклев, К. Праматаров, Ст. Танева (ред.). Археологически проучвания в Ловешко: минало и настояще. Национален археологически музей – каталози, XIX. София, 2020, 152-167. <https://naim.academia.edu/KaloyanPramatarov>

Праматаров, К. Въоръжение в могилни гробни комплекси от провинция Тракия (I – III в.). – Известия на Национален исторически музей-София, XXXII, 2020, 106 – 125. <https://uni-sofia.academia.edu/KaloyanPramatarov>

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Праматаров, К. Богати гробове в провинция Тракия (I – III в.). Поява, същност и обща характеристика. – Thracia, XXII, 2017, 313 – 330.
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- Review

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