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Panel Discussion & Presentation: "Mediterranean contributions to table and display ceramics, during the Middle Ages, in Southern Portugal"

Rosa VARELA GOMES, Professor at the Universidade Nova de Lisboa (Portugal)

BIOGRAPHY

Rosa Varela Gomes is a prominent archaeologist and Associate Professor with Aggregation at the Faculty of Social and Human Sciences, NOVA University of Lisbon. She holds a degree in History, a Masters in Art History and a PhD in History with a specialisation in Archaeology. At NOVA, she has been instrumental in setting up the undergraduate and graduate programmes in Archaeology. She is also the Director of the Institute of Archaeology and Palaeosciences at NOVA University of Lisbon, where over thirty researchers conduct studies ranging from prehistory to contemporary archaeology.

Throughout her career, Rosa Varela Gomes has directed and co-directed numerous archaeological excavations, focusing on medieval and modern sites. Her notable projects include excavations in Lisbon (Convento de Santana), Silves (Castelo, where she discovered Portugal's oldest sugar mill), Portimão (Belinho Castle), Aljezur (Ribât da Arrifana, Carrapateira Village, Odeceixe Tower), Funchal (João Esmeraldo House) and the Khor Kalba Fortress in Sharjah, UAE.

She has been an active member of over a dozen scientific committees for national and international congresses and has presented papers at nearly a hundred scientific meetings. In addition, she has curated about twenty exhibitions, including the most recent "Identity and Culture - Archaeological Heritage of Sharjah (UAE)" at the National Museum of Archaeology in Lisbon in 2020.

Rosa Varela Gomes has led numerous research projects, including two international projects, funded by prestigious organisations such as FCT, IPA/IGESPAR, Fundação Calouste

Gulbenkian and the Max van Berchem Foundation. She has also been a collaborator in seven international projects, including the ForSEAdiscovery project on forest resources for the Iberian Empires and the Portuguese Archaeological Mission at Khor Kalba in the United Arab Emirates, in collaboration with the Sharjah Archaeology Authority.