Federica Scicolone - Report of research activity

I am a Postdoctoral Researcher in Classics at the University of Cyprus, where I work on an edition with commentary of the epigrams of Gregory of Nazianzus from the 8th book of the Greek Anthology.

My current research activity at the ICS consists in developing and revising a manuscript for the monograph "The Language of Objects: *Deixis* in Descriptive Greek Epigrams", which is based on my PhD dissertation (2018, King's College London). This work aims to be the first monographic publication on the language of *deixis* in inscribed and literary epigrams that describe their (real or imaginary) monumental supports and material contexts of display. The collected texts cover a wide geographical and chronological range (Greece, Italy, Egypt, Asia Minor, from the pre-Hellenistic to the Late Antique period) to highlight the diachronic development of the different strategies for construing the epigrams' extra-linguistic contexts of display. Through a strongly interdisciplinary approach, I investigate how different deictics reflect the various ways in which ancient audiences interpreted the materiality of text.

In order to undertake this project and complete the revision of the manuscript, which will be submitted in 2022 with a view to the publication in 2023, I am using the excellent facilities of the Joint Library of the Hellenic and Roman Societies and the Institute of Classical Studies Library on a daily basis. More specifically, using epigraphic corpora and archaeological reports, I add critical apparatuses for the epigraphic texts and provide additional information on the archaeological contexts of the inscribed monuments and supports that are among my inscriptional case studies.