



We would be happy to get to know something about your academic career and it would be nice if you could describe your academic work in a few words.

My name is Rocío Da Riva (Madrid, 1972), I studied Ancient History at the Autonomie University of Madrid, and Assyriology in Belgium and Germany. I have worked on the cuneiform collections of the British Museum, the Vorderasiatisches Museum (Berlin) and of the University Museums of Yale, Chicago and Pennsylvania. My Dissertation, a research on the early Neo-Babylonian administrative archive of Sippar (British Museum), was submitted at the University of Würzburg in 2001. I have specialized in Neo-Babylonian economic and legal texts and royal inscriptions, and have published several articles and books on these topics. I obtained a “Ramón y Cajal” research contract at the University of Barcelona (2003-2007), where I work now as Profesora Agregada “Serra Hunter” since 2007. I have lead several archaeological field projects in Lebanon and have participated in many international projects, collaborating with the best specialists in the field. I am currently editing the corpus of the Neo-Babylonian royal inscriptions (626-539 BC) and I am also working on the formative aspects of the Neo-Babylonian Empire. My main research interest are Neo-Babylonian royal inscriptions, Archaeology of Iron Age Levant, and political and economic History of Babylonia and the Near East in the I millennium BC.

How do you see yourself in your role as a citizen of the EU?

I have had Erasmus grants in Belgium and Germany and DAAD grant in Germany, I have studied and conducted research in Italy, Belgium, UK, Austria, Spain and Germany. I see myself as a European citizen, not just as an Spanish, but a member of a huge cultural and historical entity.

What is your personal opinion regarding the most important challenges and reasons regarding a participation in the European Union as a nation?

Most important reason: cultural unity. Challenge: historical diversity of the nations of the EU. In my opinion this particular point should be analysed in order to avoid misunderstandings and problems between the member states and improve relations between the different European nations.

What do you think about the importance of Almuni in terms of the cultural, academic and economical exchange?

I think Alumni will contribute to reinforcement of synergy, in particular through exchange of information and experience.