

Silvia Chiodi was born in 1959. She graduated in Philosophy (Laurea, *summa cum laude*) with a dissertation in The History of Religions at the Università di Roma, "La Sapienza" in 1984. In 1993 She received her Ph.D. in Ancient Near Eastern Studies at the Istituto Universitario Orientale di Napoli. In 1995 She won a fellowship for post-doctoral study at the Istituto Universitario Orientale di Napoli. In 2007 She received the certification of Project Manager (74/100) at the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore (Milan).

In 1996 She received a long term research fellowship at the Istituto per la Civiltà Fenicia e Punica "Sabatino Moscati" of the National Research Council (CNR) at Montelibretti (Rome). In 2001 She promoted to "Senior Researcher (a permanent position)" in Near Eastern studies at the Istituto di Studi sulla Civiltà Italica e del Mediterraneo Antico at the CNR in Montelibretti (Rome), and in 2010 She became a "Research Director" at the Istituto per il Lessico Intellettuale Europeo e Storia delle Idee (ILIESI) at the CNR, Rome. From September 2012 to September 2014, still within the CNR she was transferred to the FLC CGIL, Lombardy for reasons of trade union leadership with the task of "Regional Head for the Structure of the Research Department," and from October 29, 2013, until the congress of the CGIL, with the task of "Regional Secretariat" with responsibility for research. In 2004, at the initiative of the President of the Republic, She was honored with the Order of Merit of the Republic of Italy. Since 2014, She has been an Academic Correspondent of the Real Academia de Historia of Madrid (Spain).

The majority of her scholarly work falls within the category of the history of religions and ideas, with special emphasis on the Ancient Near East, in particular, Mesopotamia. From 1980 to the 1990s She was an active collaborator in research studies for the chair of the History of Religions at the Università di Roma, La Sapienza,"and during the 1990s and until 2009 for the chair of Ancient Near Eastern Studies (Assyriology) at the same university. In regard to the latter, She also held the role of coordinator and co-director for various epigraphic projects, both national and international. In 1988 under the title of curator, along with the archaeologist, S. Bracco, She was responsible for the projected Byblos Museum. As such, She presented plans for the Museum, which were devised by her along with Professor Bracco, to the then President of the Republic, Luigi Scalfaro. From 2001 until 2005 She was responsible for a research line at the CNR and from 2005 to 2008 entrusted with the project called "Safeguarding, Knowledge and the Evaluation of the National Heritage of the Iraq Museum." She was also entrusted with oversight for the conservation, cataloging, and study of the epigraphic material. The project included plans for a virtual reality museum called "Project Iraq: The Virtual Baghdad Museum," of which She was a coordinator, and in charge of the Italian part of the technical work on the project. She acted as chief of the Italian mission for the archeological survey at Nassiriya in 2006, with the objective to turn into reality the projected virtual Baghdad Museum. The mission led among other things, to two extremely important archaeological discoveries.

From 2010 to 2011 (the year of the death of Professor Giovanni Pettinato), She was co-director of a project for the Unione Nazionale Accademica, entitled "Sumerian and Assyro-Babylonian Dictionaries", conceived in 1974 by Professor Pettinato and supported by the International Union of Academies. Currently the project is under review for submission at the next meeting of the International Union of Academies, to be held next spring. At the present time (since 2010), She also working on the "commessa"/Project called: "Storia del Pensiero filosofico-scientifico e della terminologia di cultura nelle civiltà del mondo antico e tardo antico" the director of which is Dr. Francesca Alesse. From 2009 to 2013 She was a member of the the local research unit PRIN 2009, under the directorship of Riccardo Pozzo, for a project called "*Translatio studiorum* e formazione dell'identità intellettuale europea". From 2012 until the present, She has been a member of the local research units PRIN 2012 (Scientific Director, Riccardo Pozzo) with the title "L'universalità e i suoi limiti: meccanismi di inclusione ed esclusione nella storia della filosofia e nei dibattiti filosofici contemporanei" of which the national coordinator is Prof. Loris Sturlese. In 2013, as part of the celebrations for the ninetieth anniversary of the CNR, She conceived and organized, as a member of the Organizing Committee, the conference: "Beni culturali e conflitti armati, catastrofi naturali e disastri ambientali le sfide e i progetti tra guerra, terrorismo, genocidi, criminalità organizzata" where She also presented an introductory report. She is the author of numerous scholarly and semi-popular books and articles.