



VIRTUAL PANEL DISCUSSION  
JANUARY 18<sup>th</sup> • 6 p.m. CET



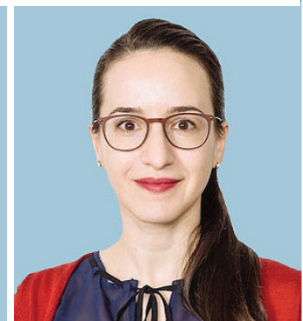
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Marcia  
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Lilian Genaro  
Motti Ader

# WOMEN IN SCIENCE



Marie Curie Alumni Association Brazil Chapter, 2021  
Chair Gledson Emidio

The Brazil Chapter is an official component of the MCAA. We aim to promote Europe-Brazil interactions, highlight the benefits of the Marie Curie Actions in Brazil and improve the Brazilian participation.

All MCAA members residing in Brazil, or Brazilian nationals residing elsewhere, are welcome to become members of the Brazil Chapter.

Membership of the Chapter is free, and can be done in the link below.  
<https://www.mariecuriealumni.eu/groups/brazil-chapter>



## WELCOME

January  
15-17

The Brazil Chapter of the Marie Curie Alumni Association invites all to a virtual screening of the documentary “Picture a Scientist”.

“Picture a Scientist aims to amplify the voices of women & people of color in science, to effect change in the culture of science”.

We are excited to offer access to this important film to our community as a part of our science policy initiatives for a kinder and better research culture. We hope this film screening acts as a catalyst for reflection, discussion, and change.

Register for the “Picture a Scientist” screening online in

[www.mcaa.org/picture-a-scientist](http://www.mcaa.org/picture-a-scientist)

A link to the film will be sent the day before the screening via email.

There will be a 72-hour window to watch the film.

**Watch anytime between Friday 15th and Sunday 17th**

January  
18

In addition to the virtual screening of the movie, Brazil Chapter is will be hosting a virtual Panel Discussion in the day following the screening.

We are bringing scientists at different career stages to talk about their experiences and to reflect upon the film message.

The session will be moderated by Dr Magda Theodoridou, chair of the MCAA GEDI Working group.

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### AGENDA

18:00

#### Welcome & Short MCAA Intro

Gledson EMIDIO

Organiser - Chair MCAA Brazil Chapter  
Brazilian Agricultural Research Cooperation

18:05

#### Introduction to speakers & film

Magda THEODORIDOU

Moderator

18:15

#### Short introductions

Marcia BARBOSA

Christina MAKOUNDOU

Lilian MOTTI ADER

18:30

#### Q&A and discussions

19:15

#### Closing remarks

19:20

#### End of the Panel



## MODERATOR

Academic Track (NUAcT) Fellow  
Newcastle University

Chair of the Genders, Equity, Diversity &  
Inclusion (GEDI) MCAA Working Group

## Magda THEODORIDOU

Dr Theodoridou holds a PhD in Science for Conservation (University of Bologna, Marie Curie Actions) and a diploma in Civil Engineering (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki). Magda has worked as a research and teaching fellow in Italy, Hungary and Cyprus, with scientific contributions to the design and development of novel construction materials and the innovative application of micro/non-destructive techniques. In 2018, she was awarded an MSC individual fellowship and moved to the UK to work at Cardiff University on self-healing geological materials and structures. Her MSCA-IF included secondments at the National Research Council of Italy (Institute for the Conservation and Valorization of Cultural Heritage) and the University of Florence (Department of Biology).

Since March 2020, she has joined the Hub for Biotechnology in the Built Environment as a Newcastle University Academic Track (NUAcT) Fellow, leading research on novel biotechnological processes and applications for sustainable building and smart heritage conservation. She is the Chair of the Marie Curie Alumni Association (MCAA) Genders, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion-GEDI Working Group (2018-present) advocating for Equity Diversity and Inclusion and bringing GEDI closer to its goals of promoting a responsible and ethical research environment.



Full Professor of Physics  
Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil

Director of the Brazilian Academy of Sciences

## Marcia BARBOSA

Márcia Cristina Bernardes Barbosa is a Brazilian physicist. After getting her PhD she spent two years as a postdoc at the research group of Michael Fisher at the University of Maryland. Back in Brazil she got a permanent position at the UFRGS where she is working until today, as Full Professor of Physics.

A molecule of water – two parts hydrogen, one part oxygen – seems simple enough, but the properties of this mysterious substance have baffled scientists for generations. Throughout her career, Barbosa has sought to unlock the secrets of water's anomalies, initially from a theoretical perspective and then by focusing her insights on practical applications for medicine and the life sciences

In 1998 she became involved with the gender issue in physics. She worked as chair of the International Union of Pure and Applied Physics Working Group on Women in Physics. This group organized a number of conferences on women in physics. In 2008 she became vice-president of the Union of Pure and Applied Physics and director of the Instituto de Física da UFRGS. For her activities on gender issues she was awarded with the 2009 Nicholson Medal given by the American Physical Society.

Barbosa was named 2013 L'Oréal-UNESCO For Women in Science Awards Laureate for Latin America.



Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellow  
University of Bologna

## Christina MAKOUNDOU

Christina Makoundou is a French Early Stage Researcher, working in Italy in collaboration with Swedish institutions. Freshly graduated from Sorbonne University (Material Chemistry) in 2018, she joined the University of Bologna as part of the Horizon 2020 – Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions “SAFERUP” project (Sustainable, Accessible, Safe, Resilient and Smart Urban Pavements).

In addition to science, she is extremely passionate about sport, either as a player or instructor. Besides, she likes to live her passion in the framework of international or young exchanges and volunteering projects around the world.

Short and general-public-adapted speech is the form of communication she likes to use while sharing her research's work. Proud of her multidisciplinary background (chemistry, sport...), she is currently working on the following question: Can roads be made of recycled materials and save lives at the same time? Her project encompasses various aspects like reactions or materials, people and their safety, along with the future of our environmental issues.

Her work aims to find solutions to tackle today's problems and make the future better for all.



Lecturer in Interaction Design  
University of Limerick, Ireland

## Lilian Genaro MOTTI ADER

Dr Motti Ader is a lecturer in Interaction Design, in the Department of Computer Science and Information Systems, at University of Limerick, Ireland. Her research is on the area of health technologies, movement studies and interaction human-computer.

During her postdoctoral as Marie Sklodowska-Curie fellow, she worked to improve quality of data captured in health technologies, applied to gait analysis and digital health interventions.

Her PhD research investigated how the movements of older adults affect their interaction with touchscreen devices. She holds a master's degree in Arts and Digital Media from the University of Paris 1 and a bachelor's in Communication, Image and Sound from the Federal University of Sao Carlos, Brazil.

She was a member of Women in STEM group at UCD and a member of the Self-Assessment Team for the Athena Swan Bronze Award application for the UCD School of Public Health, Physiotherapy and Sports Science.





**BRAZIL  
CHAPTER**

MCAA Brazil Chapter is happy to host a session of the Picture a Scientist documentary.

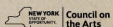
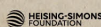
**VIRTUAL FILM SCREENING  
JANUARY 15 - 17**



PICTURE A  
**SCIENTIST**



AN UPRISING PRODUCTION | IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE WONDER COLLABORATIVE | A FILM BY SHARON SHATTUCK AND IAN CHENEY - PICTURE A SCIENTIST  
EXECUTIVE PRODUCER AMY BRAND | EDITED BY NATASHA BEDU | CO-PRODUCERS IRENE YADAO AND OLUWASEUN BABALOLA  
PRODUCED BY MANETTE POTTLE, IAN CHENEY, SHARON SHATTUCK | DIRECTED BY IAN CHENEY AND SHARON SHATTUCK



CHICKEN & EGG PICTURES



“Picture a Scientist” is a feature-length documentary film chronicling researchers writing a new chapter for women scientists, leading viewers on a journey into their own experiences in the sciences, and overcoming harassment, discrimination, and years of slights to revolutionize the culture of science. These scientific luminaries provide new perspectives on how to make science itself more diverse, equitable, and open to all.



## QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

How did you feel after watching the film?

Has the film changed your perspective on diversity in science?

What new ideas do you have about ways to make science more equitable for everyone?

How can institutions change mentorship or management structure to better protect people from potential harassment and inequity?

**Tell us your impressions or  
Send your questions to the Panelists!**

**1 ACCESS** [www.slido.com](http://www.slido.com)

**2 ENTER** event code #G249

**3 TYPE** your question

Before or during the event.  
Anonymous questions allowed.

