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RESEARCH PROFILE

Research Focus

My research begins with unresolved historical questions, contradictions, or gaps in the documentation.

Following an in-depth examination of the sources, I analyse previous interpretations in order to identify their limitations and recognise aspects of the documentation that may have been overlooked as a result of a partial perspective, thereby affecting the overall understanding of historical events.

The re-examination of the sources aims to recover elements whose interpretive potential has not yet been fully considered. Bringing these elements together makes it possible to develop a new perspective, from which connections emerge that provide a coherent historical account capable of contextualising earlier documentary contradictions.

The Individual and Their Cultural Context

At the centre of my research is the reconstruction of the relationship between the individual and the family, social, cultural, and professional environment in which their experience unfolds.

These relationships contribute to shaping the individual's perspective, influencing how they interpret circumstances and shape their decisions and actions.

Military History as a Process of Transformation

My research investigates the relationship between individual trajectories and processes of transformation in military history, with particular attention to the conditions brought about by war.

Conflicts put established conceptions, structures, and practices to the test, altering the conditions in which individuals and institutions are called upon to act. Within this framework, I analyse how individual contributions affect historical developments.

A central aspect of this inquiry concerns the dynamic relationship between individual capabilities and external conditions: qualities and approaches that are effective in a given context may lose their effectiveness or become sources of vulnerability when operational, cultural, and institutional circumstances change.

Cultural Contribution

My work restores to historical actors the perspective of their time.

I examine their decisions by reconstructing their motivations and internal logic, without subjecting them to retrospective judgements.

The research provides readers with tools to understand the past through categories appropriate to its historical context and to develop a critical understanding of the present.