



Professional summary

Geotechnical engineer with nearly 20 years experience in research and industry in the UK and abroad. Fellow of the Institution of Civil Engineers, Dr Gasparre specialises in the mechanical and geotechnical characterisation of soils and laboratory testing, including the small strain behaviour of soils. Her expertise includes site investigations, shallow and deep foundation design, including the re-use of existing foundations, deep excavations, basement design, retaining wall design, ground movement impact assessments, slope stability and hydrogeological assessments. She provides expert opinion in legal cases.

Education and Career

Since 2006: GCG, London
2006-12: Visiting Researcher, Imperial College London
2002-05: Research Assistant and PhD, Imperial College London
1994-2001: Laurea in Civil Engineering (Final mark 110/110 cum laude), Technical University of Bari, Italy
1989-94: Diploma Liceo Classico D. Morea (Final mark 60/60), Conversano, Bari, Italy

Professional Qualifications and Memberships

Since 2020: Fellow of the Institution of Civil Engineers, FICE (Member 2010-2020)
Since 2000: Member of the British Geotechnical Association

Scholarships / Awards

2014: BGA Medal, British Geotechnical Association
2007: Geotechnical Research Medal, Institution of Civil Engineers
2001: Leonardo Project, sponsored by the European Union
1999-2000: Erasmus-Socrates, sponsored by the European Union

Experience with GCG

Dr Gasparre joined GCG in January 2006, becoming a Senior Partner in 2021. She has a wide experience in geotechnical engineering that ranges from soil characterisation to design of foundations.

The work conducted during her PhD has allowed her to develop an expertise on sampling, soil characterisation and advanced laboratory testing, including the use of high-resolution instrumentation, which she has applied on a variety of onshore and offshore projects in the UK and abroad. She has designed, supervised and interpreted a number of site investigations and field and laboratory tests to derive soil parameters for the numerical modelling and the design of foundations and slopes in high profile projects, including Crossrail and HS2.

She has a vast experience on redevelopments in urbanised areas also including the re-use of existing foundations. She has carried out assessments of ground movements associated with construction projects and their potential for damage on buildings and tunnels; she has designed and back-analysed piles and retaining walls and has carried out slope stability analyses, acting as designer and Category III checker for a series of railway embankment redevelopments. She has conducted numerous hydrogeological studies and has been involved in a research project on erosion and softening of stiff clays due to water flow, for which she carried out experiment studies and advanced laboratory tests. She has worked on award winning projects in London and in Italy, involving a construction above a London Underground station and a deep basement for a tower building.

She has been retained as an expert witness in various cases related to ground characterisation, groundwater leakage, construction of basements, design of working platforms, stability of slopes and marine engineering.

She is also acting as reviewer of technical papers for international journals.

1989-94: Annual awards for best student in literature and classical studies

Service on technical / professional bodies

Since 2021: Member of the Steering Group of the CIRIA Piling Guide

Since 2020: Member of the CIRIA (Construction Industry Research and Information association) Geotechnical Engineering Advisory Panel

Since 2010: Member of the ISSMGE Technical Committee TC101 (Laboratory Testing)

2016-20: Member of the editorial panel of the ICE journal Geotechnical Engineering

Countries worked

UK, Italy, Ukraine, Norway, and South Korea

Languages (other than English)

Italian

Given her expertise on London Clay, she provides CPD courses for industry and young researchers. The results of her study are widely used in industry and in research.

Previous experience

Dr Gasparre has been Visiting Researcher at Imperial College between 2006 and 2012.

Between March 2002 and December 2005 Dr Gasparre worked as Research Assistant in the Department of Soil Mechanics at Imperial College, where, after completing her PhD, she became responsible for the management of the soil mechanics laboratory. Throughout her time at Imperial College she carried out research studies and laboratory tutorials. She supervised several projects and dissertations of undergraduate and MSc students. Her laboratory experience also includes testing of sands and transitional soils. Based on her experience as a Research Assistant, Dr Gasparre has published a number of technical papers on advanced laboratory testing techniques at very small strains and on the behaviour of London Clay at large and small strains in correlation to its lithology.

In 2001 Dr Gasparre carried out an internship at GCG. During this time she was involved in the interpretation of the results of a parametric study on the interaction between parallel tunnels performed using numerical analyses. This was part of a major project for the London Underground Engineering work (Infracore JNP).

Between November 1994 and April 2001 Dr Gasparre carried out her undergraduate studies in Civil Engineering at the Technical University of Bari, Italy, where she graduated with honours. For her dissertation thesis on "Creep in crushable sands" she spent nine months in the Geotechnical Engineering Research Centre of City University, London under the auspices of the Erasmus project sponsored by the European Union.