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## **And so it all began: Personal memories of the man behind the scientist**

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At the time I began my scientific career as a PhD student under Prof Claudio Spitaleri's supervision, the Trojan Horse Method was still in its infancy.

Like with any new-born idea, it took time and effort and passion to plant the early seeds that would eventually develop into a now well-established method in nuclear astrophysics research. In this talk I will offer my own recollection of those early years as a personal tribute to Claudio's unique mix of human traits that shaped our professional relationship for decades to come.

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