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EXPERIENCE

Senior Software Developer

**Data and Service Center for the Humanities (DaSCH),
University of Basel**

📅 February 2014 – ongoing 📍 Basel, Switzerland

- Lead developer of Knora (<https://www.knora.org/>), Switzerland's flagship system for editing, storing, searching, and reusing humanities research data. Design and implementation from scratch in Scala.

Post-doctoral Research Fellow

Middle East Institute, National University of Singapore

📅 August 2012 – July 2013 📍 Singapore

Visiting Assistant Professor and Associate Director

Middle East Studies Center, American University in Cairo

📅 August 2011 – June 2012 📍 Cairo, Egypt

Software Architect

Misys International Banking Systems (now Finastra)

📅 August 2000 – May 2005 📍 London, UK

- Led a team of 6 to write Meridian (now Fusion Total Messaging), a Java middleware program used by banks worldwide to connect back-office applications with the SWIFT payments network.

Software Developer

Think New Ideas

📅 1998 – 1999 📍 New York, USA

- Developed a Java-based content management system, including the FreeMarker template engine (<https://freemarker.apache.org>).

LANGUAGES

Fluent: English French Arabic

Intermediate: German Italian

EDUCATION

PhD in Middle East Studies

SOAS, University of London

📅 September 2008 – January 2012

M.A. in Middle East Studies

SOAS, University of London

📅 September 2007 – September 2008

B.A. in Arabic

Université de Provence, Aix-Marseille I

📅 September 2005 – September 2006

M.A. in French

University of Florida (USA)

📅 January 1993 – August 1995

B.A. in Liberal Arts

Hampshire College (USA)

📅 September 1986 – January 1991

PUBLICATIONS

📄 Articles

- Schweizer, Tobias and Benjamin Geer (2021). "Gravsearch: Transforming SPARQL to query humanities data". In: *Semantic Web 12.2*, pp. 379–400. DOI: 10.3233/SW-200386.
- Geer, Benjamin (2015). "Yousry Nasrallah: The Pursuit of Autonomy in the Arab and European Film Markets". In: *Ten Arab Filmmakers: Political Dissent and Social Critique*. Ed. by Josef Gugler. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, pp. 143–164. ISBN: 978-0-253-01652-2. URL: <https://edoc.unibas.ch/61090/>.
- – (2013). "Autonomy and Symbolic Capital in an Academic Social Movement: The March 9 Group in Egypt". In: *European Journal of Turkish Studies* 17. ISSN: 1773-0546. DOI: 10.4000/ejts.4780.