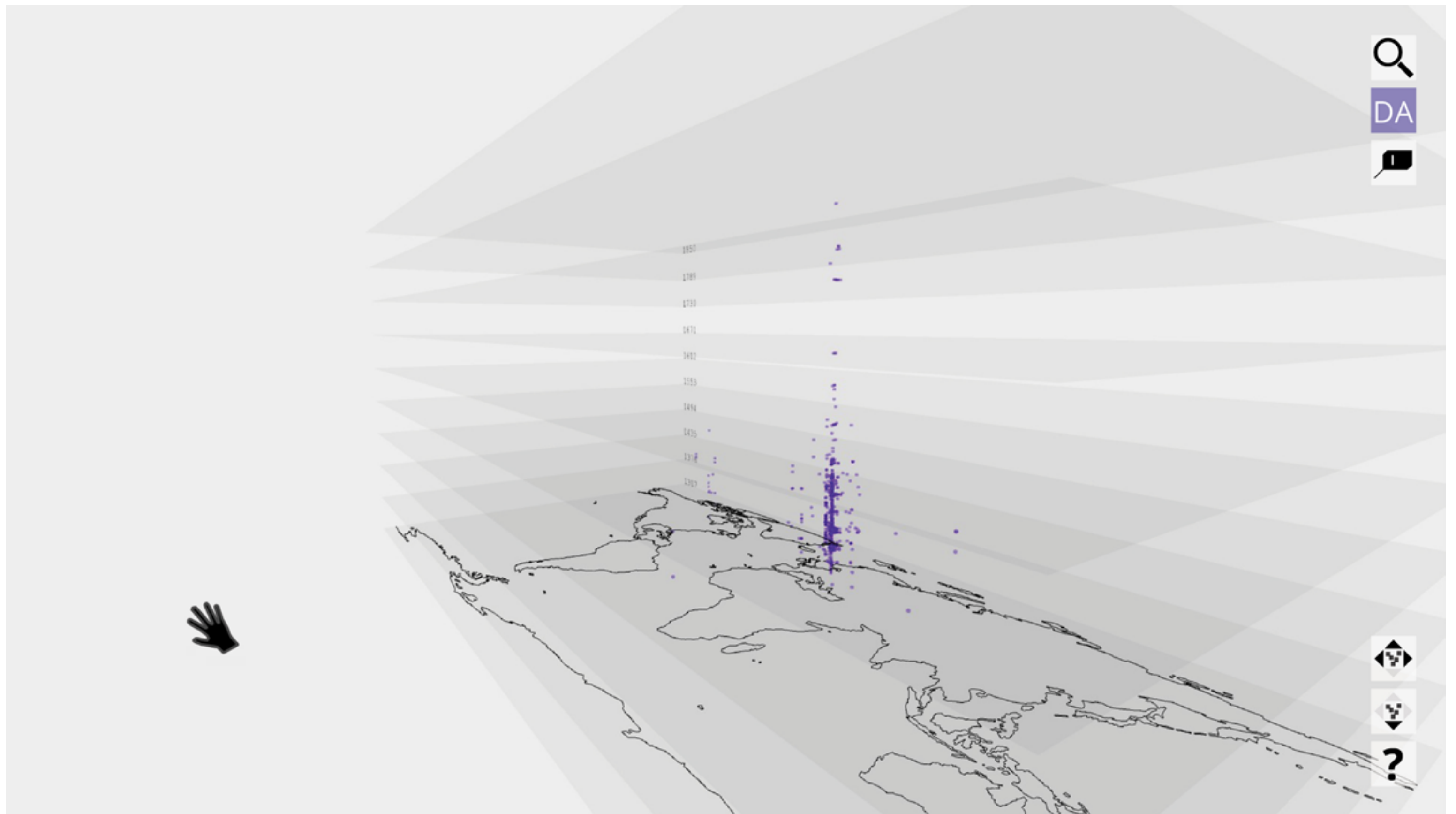


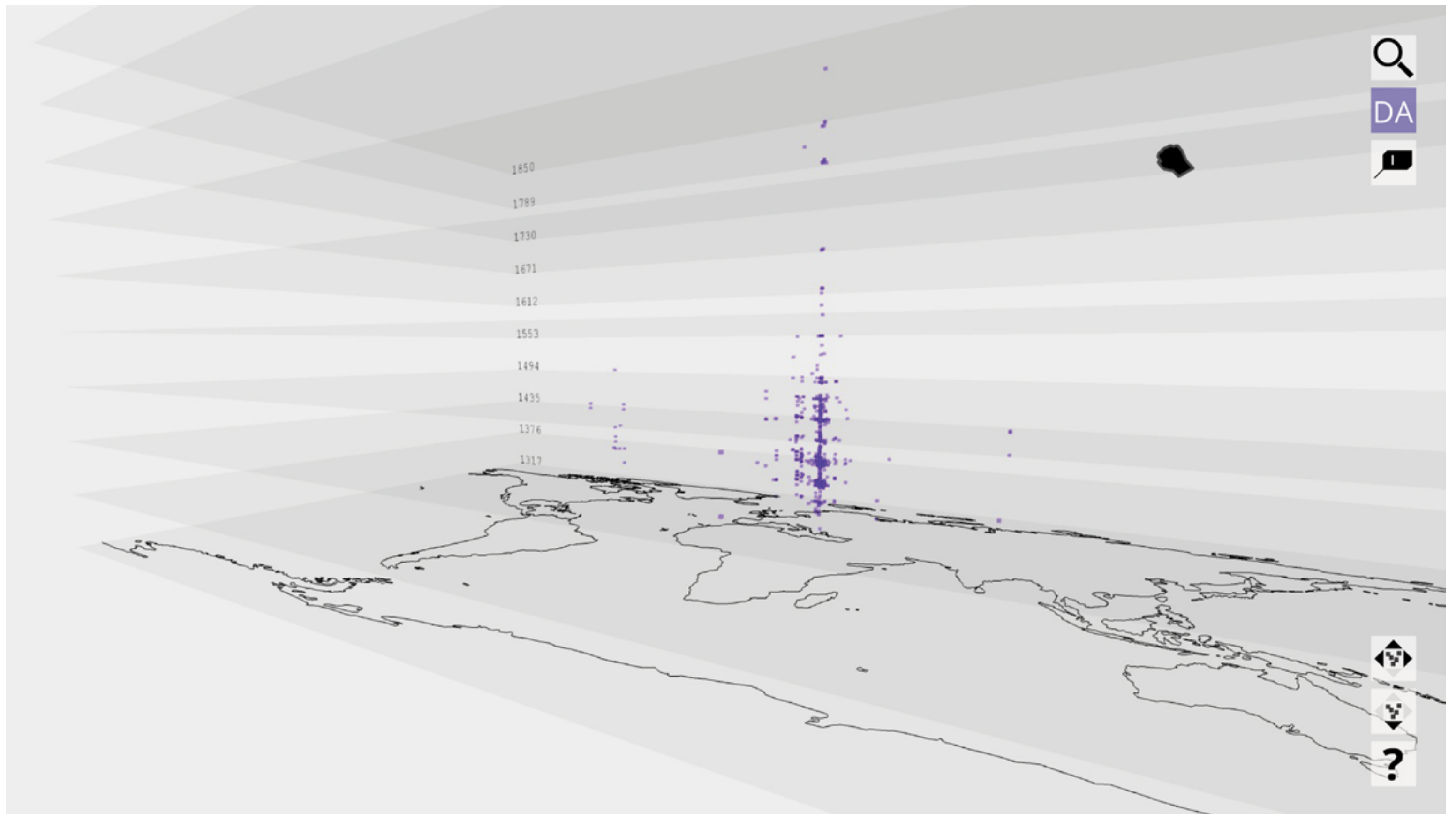
The Book Biography Machine

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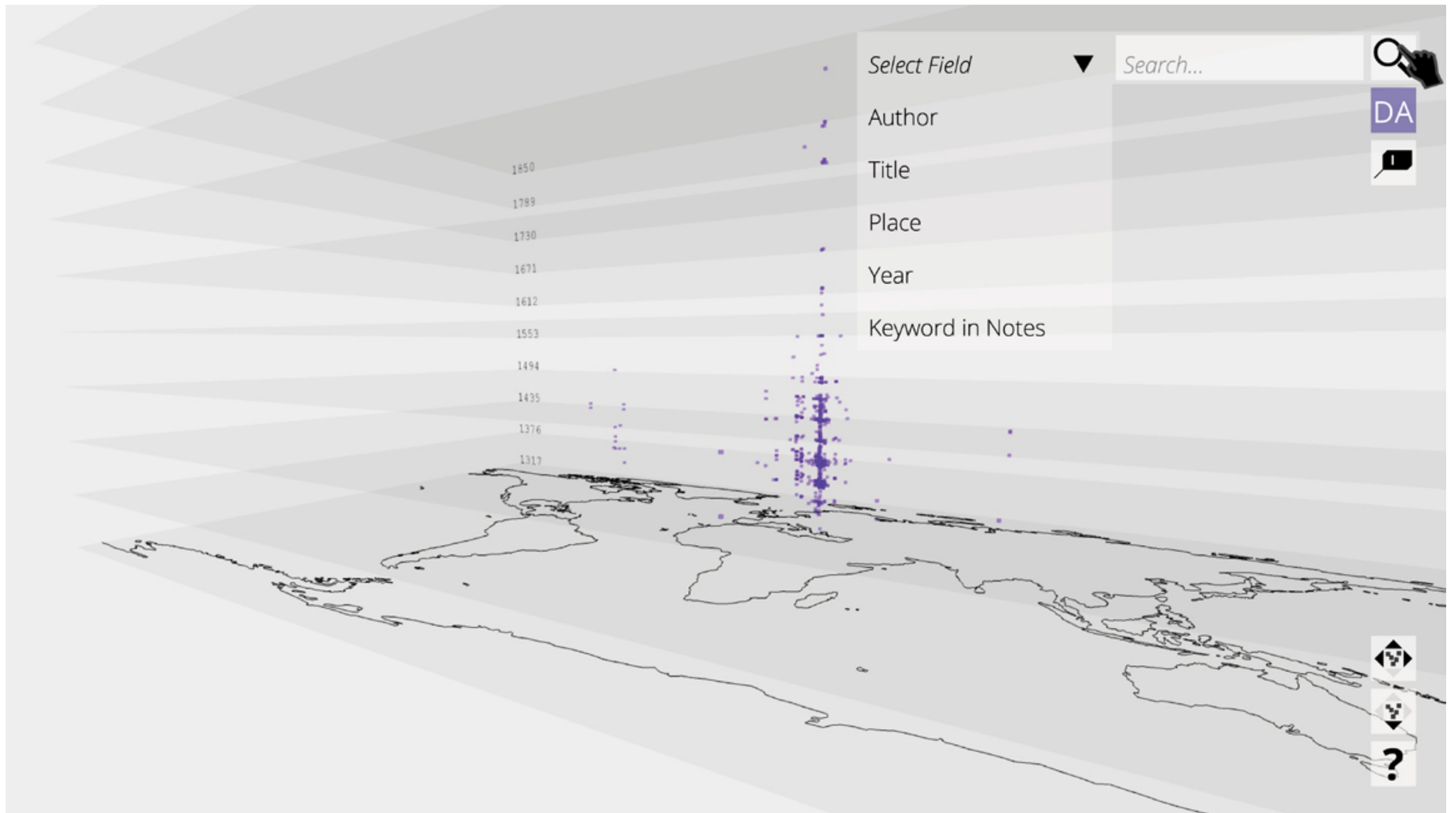




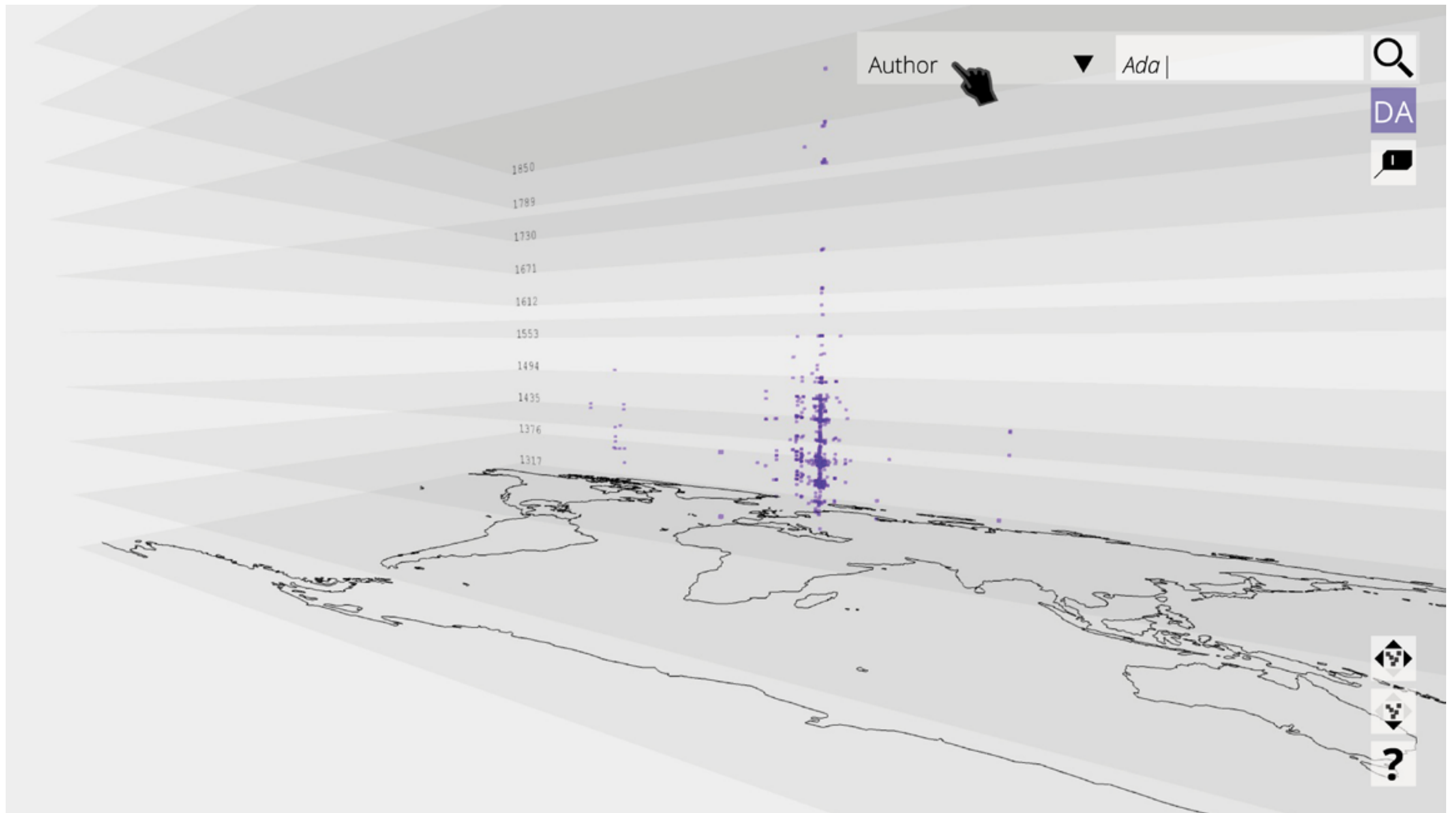
While writing an article on the history of political satire, Susan had recently used the Book Biography Machine to examine the diffusion of Dante Alighieri's *Divine Comedy* in order to see where its incisive humor had traveled while still in manuscript form, and where it hadn't.



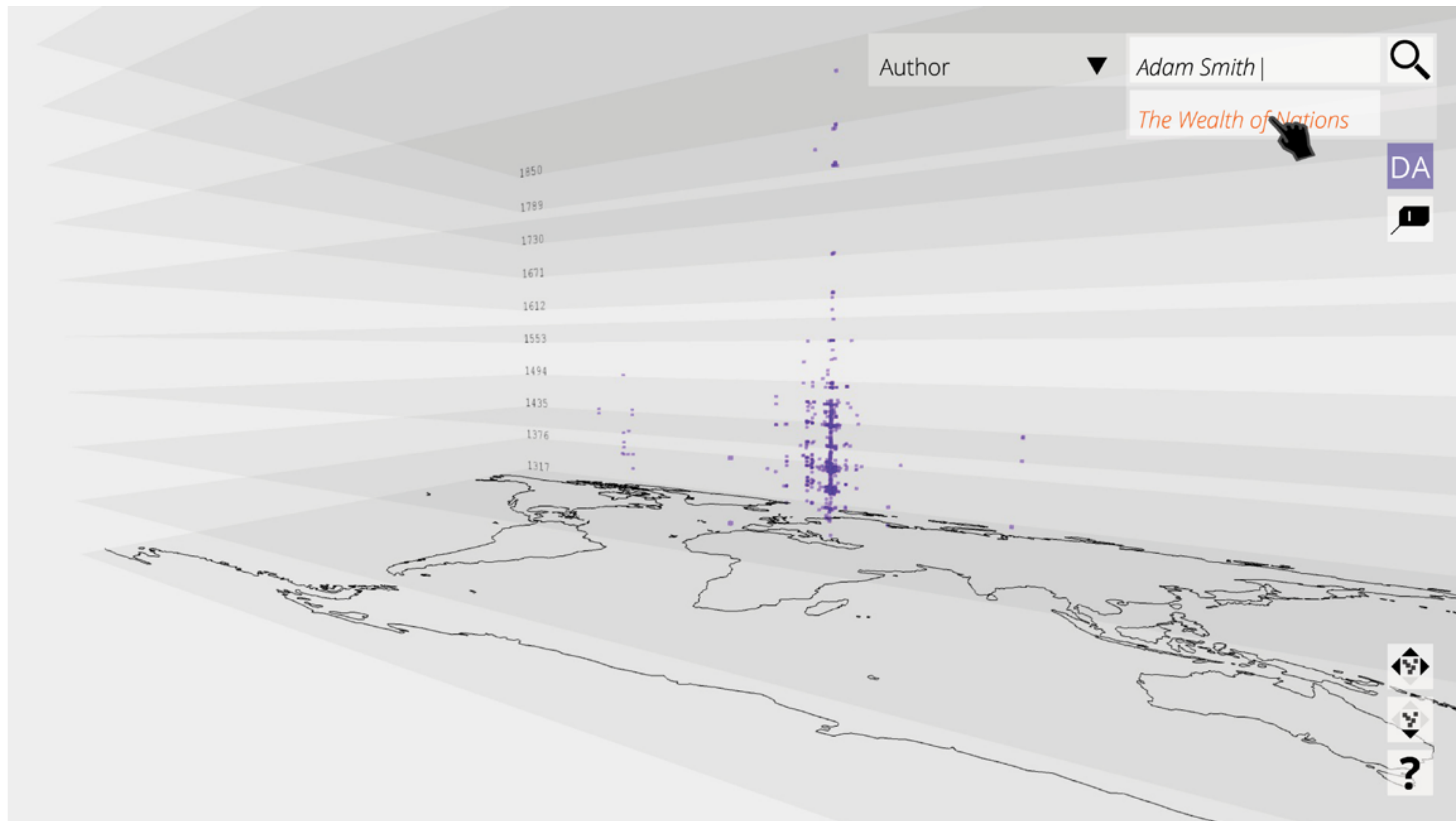
The article is being reviewed by her editor, and in the meantime she's launching into a critical essay on the history of capitalism and its impact on quality-of-life from different geopolitical perspectives.



She searches her memory for possible frames of reference...



... And remembers Adam Smith's *The Wealth of Nations*, which she had read long ago, when she was a student.



Multiple book repositories are searched based on her query.

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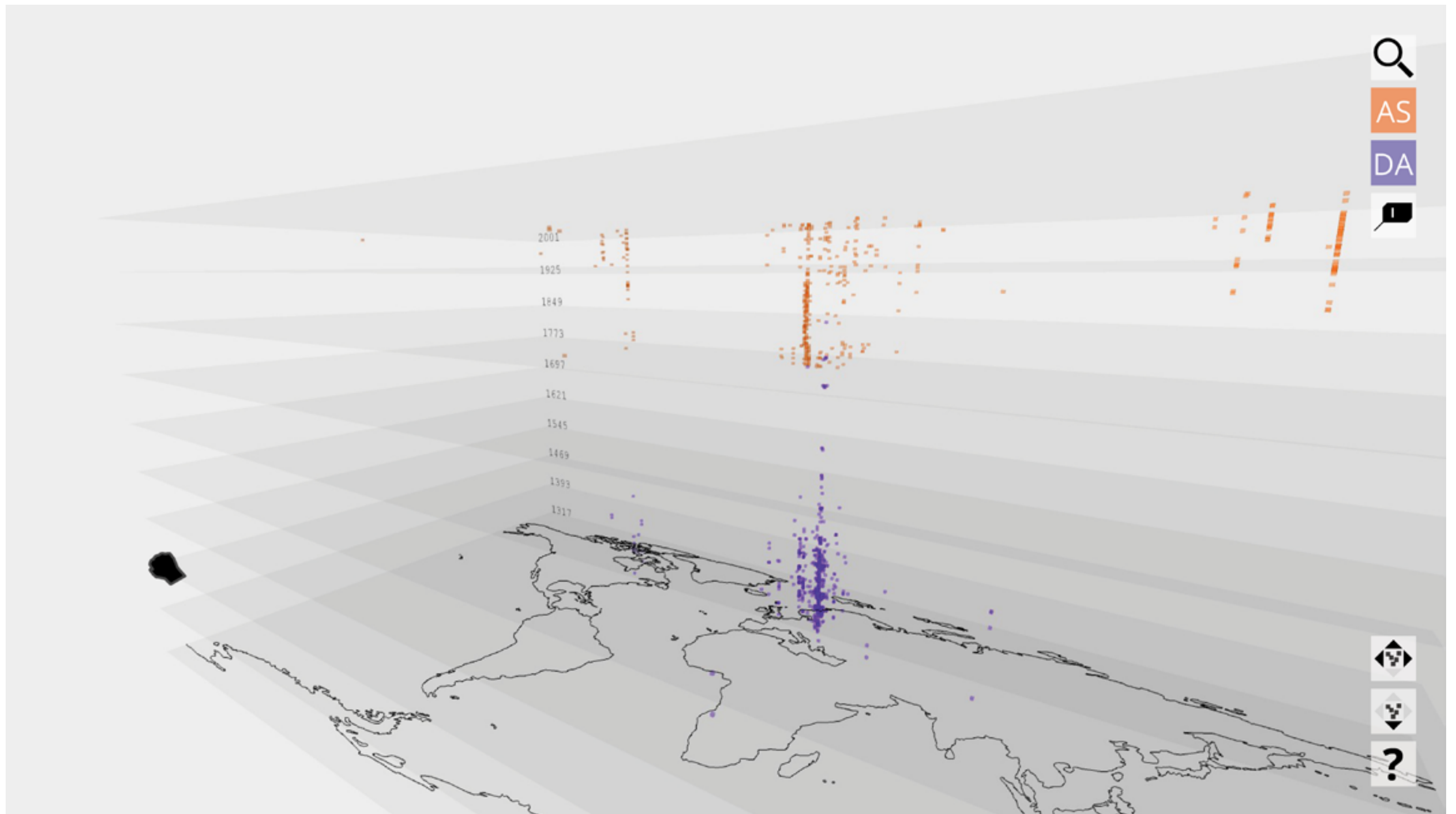
So many editions from Europe... She decides to hide a few instances of the books diffusion at that location to cut down on noise.

Smith, Adam

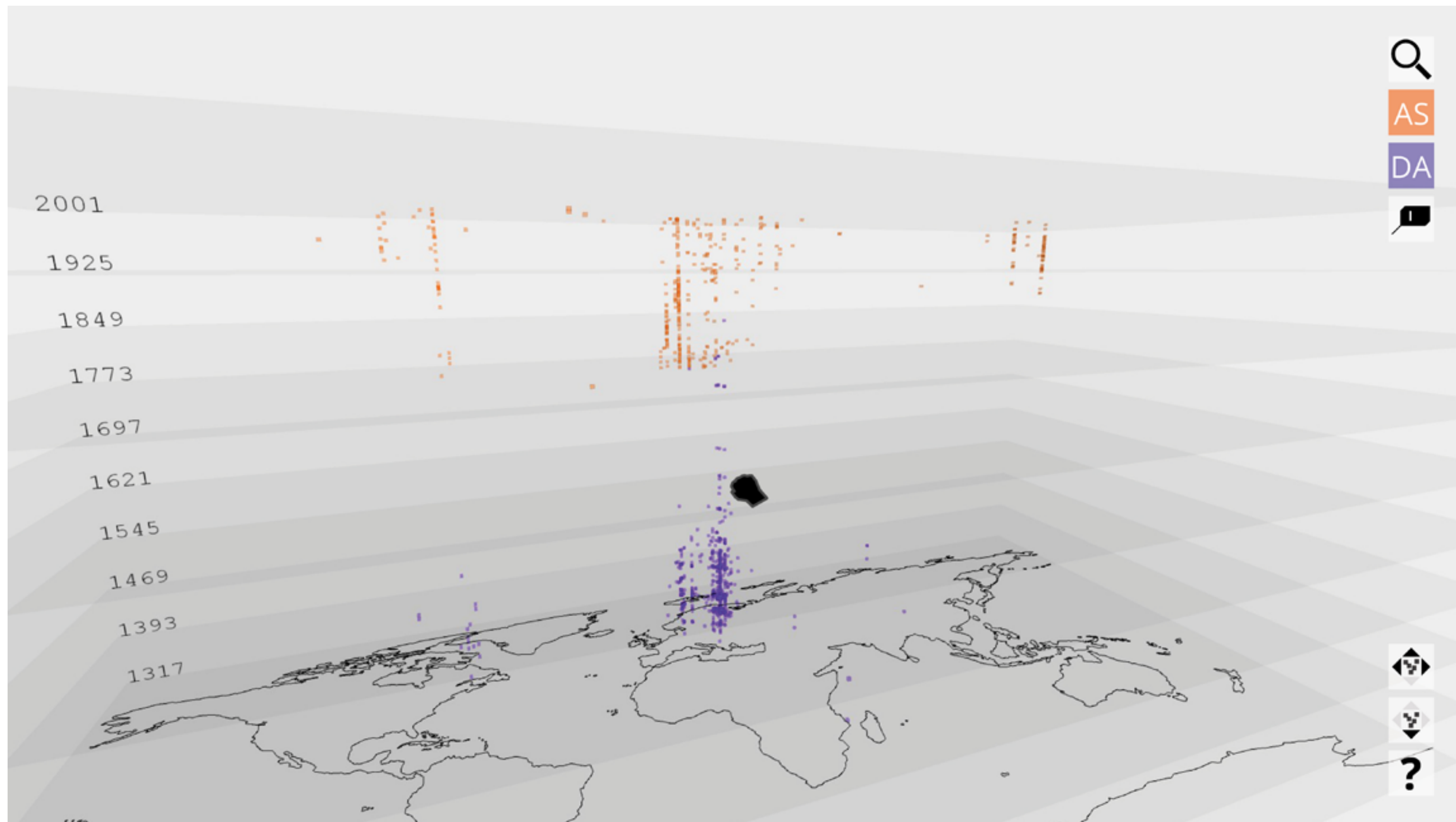
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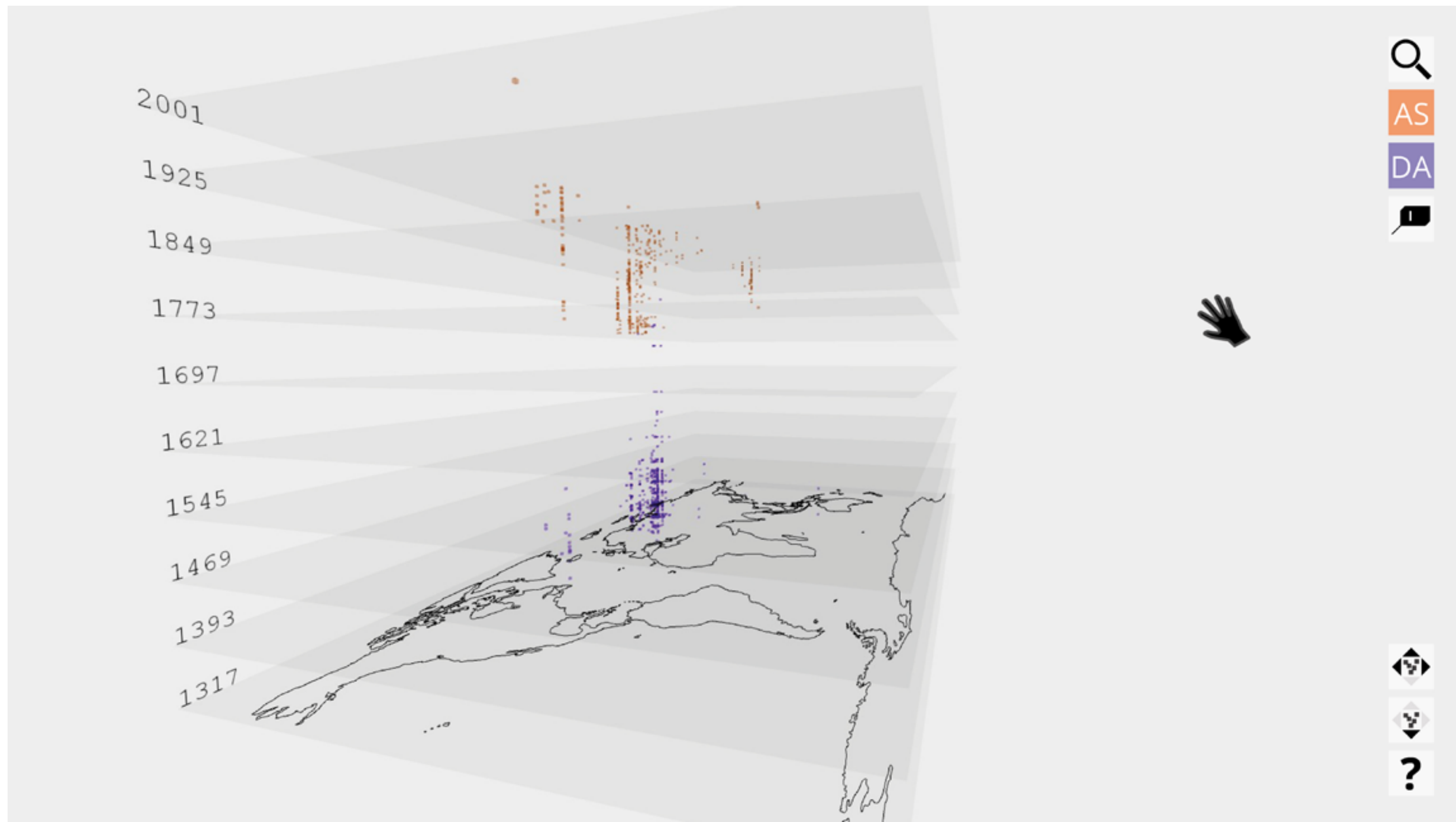
She adds the remaining editions of the book to the Machine's map.



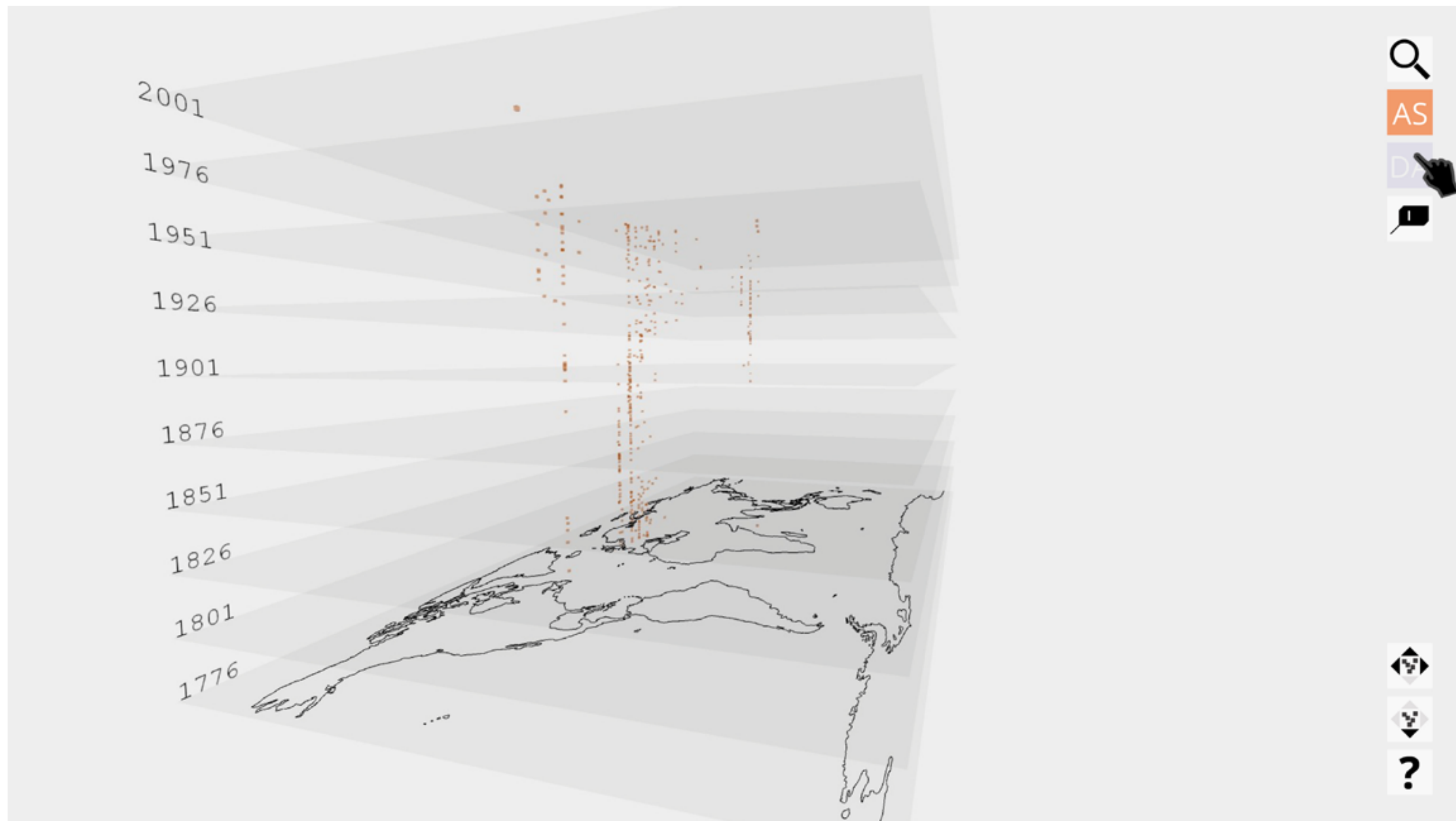
She notices that Smith's and Dante's diffusion patterns have a lot in common in a strictly geographic sense...



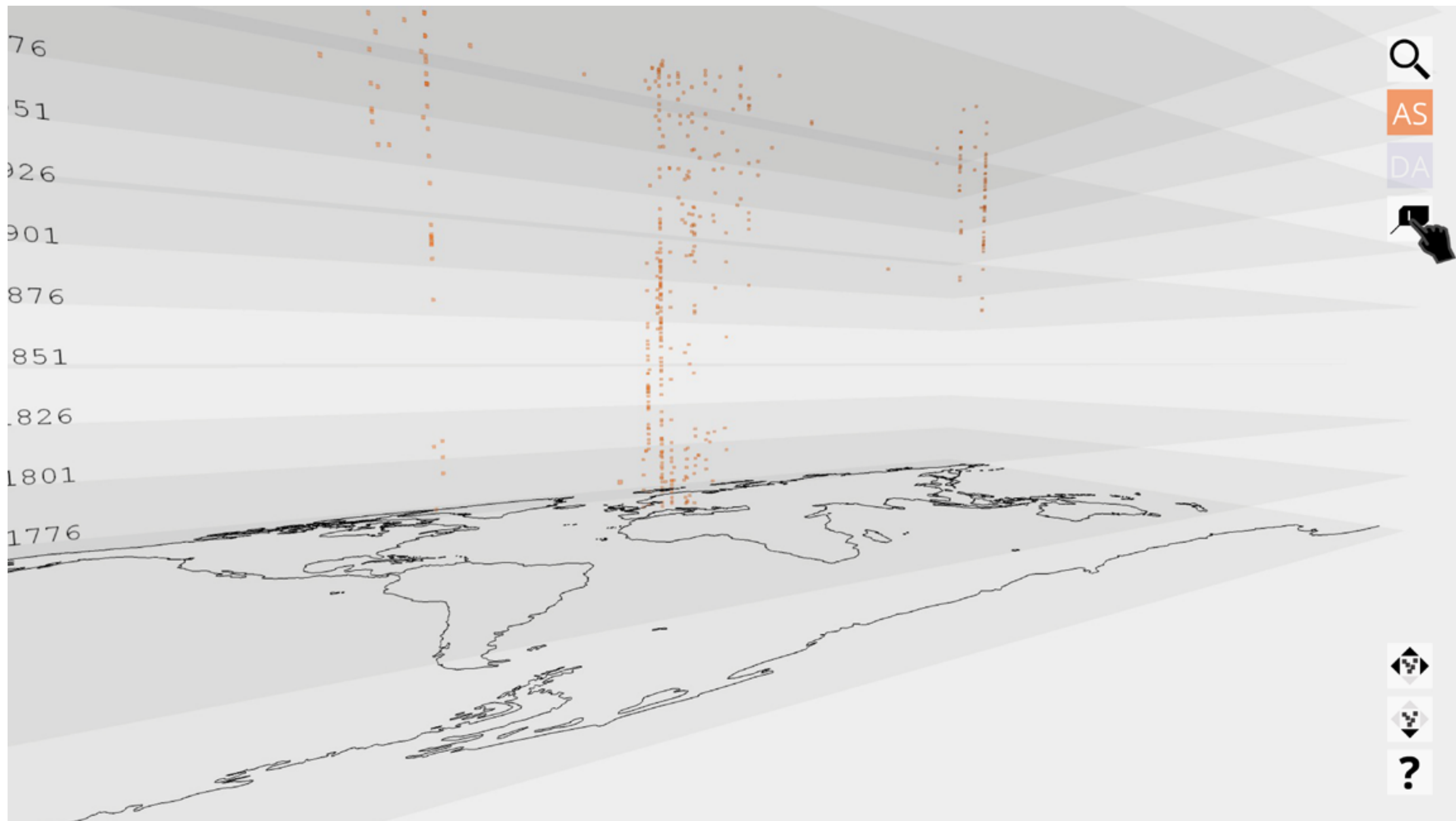
... But in a temporal sense they're inversions of each other, due to differing physical mediums.



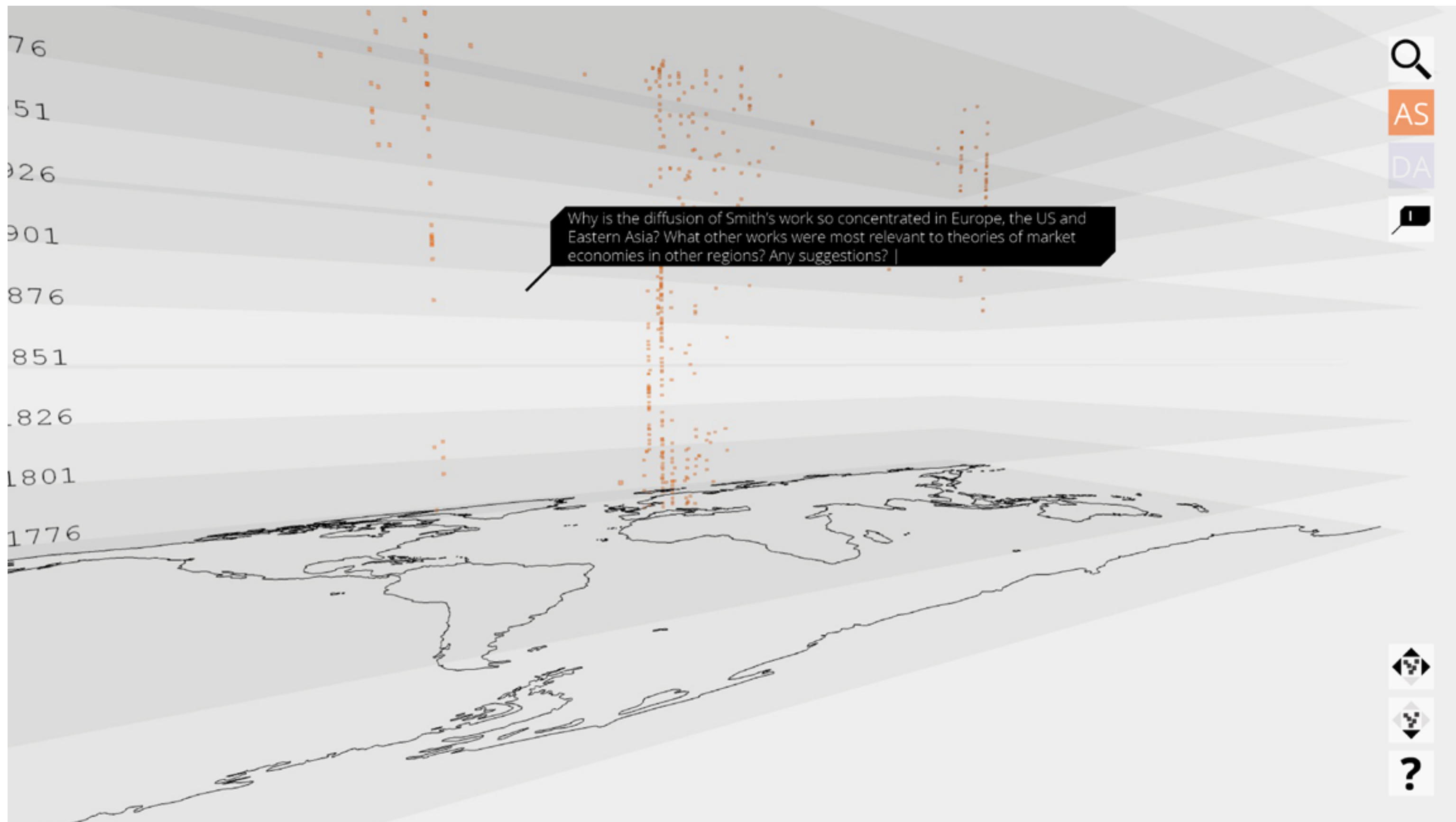
That said, those instances of Dante that are showing up in America at such an early date are likely due to an artifact of record keeping: the marked locations are where they're currently shelved, not their point of creation.



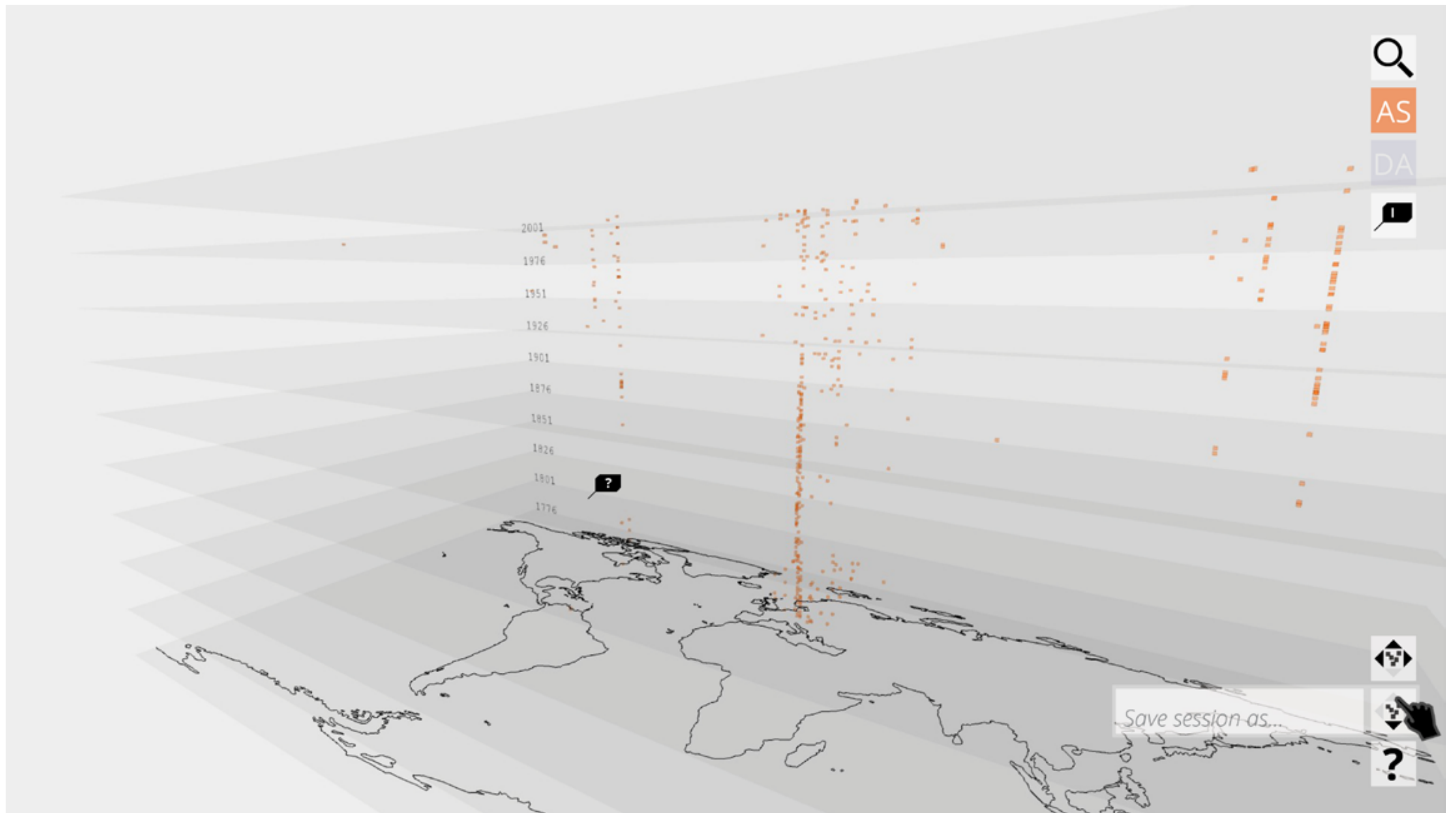
Either way, she's focusing on Smith right now, so she deactivates Dante's book diffusion.



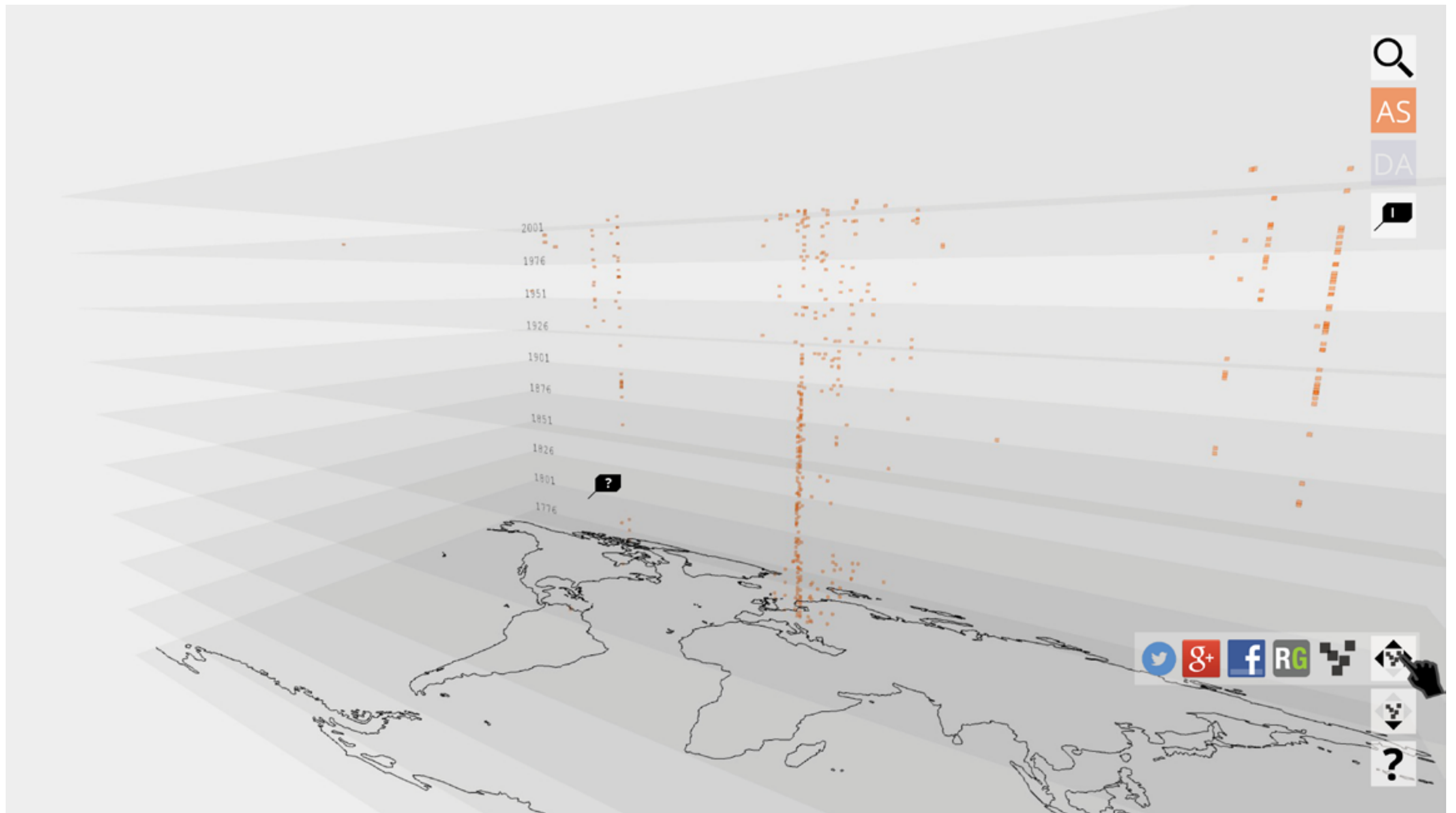
Smith's diffusion appears to be almost entirely in the northern hemisphere, even late in history.



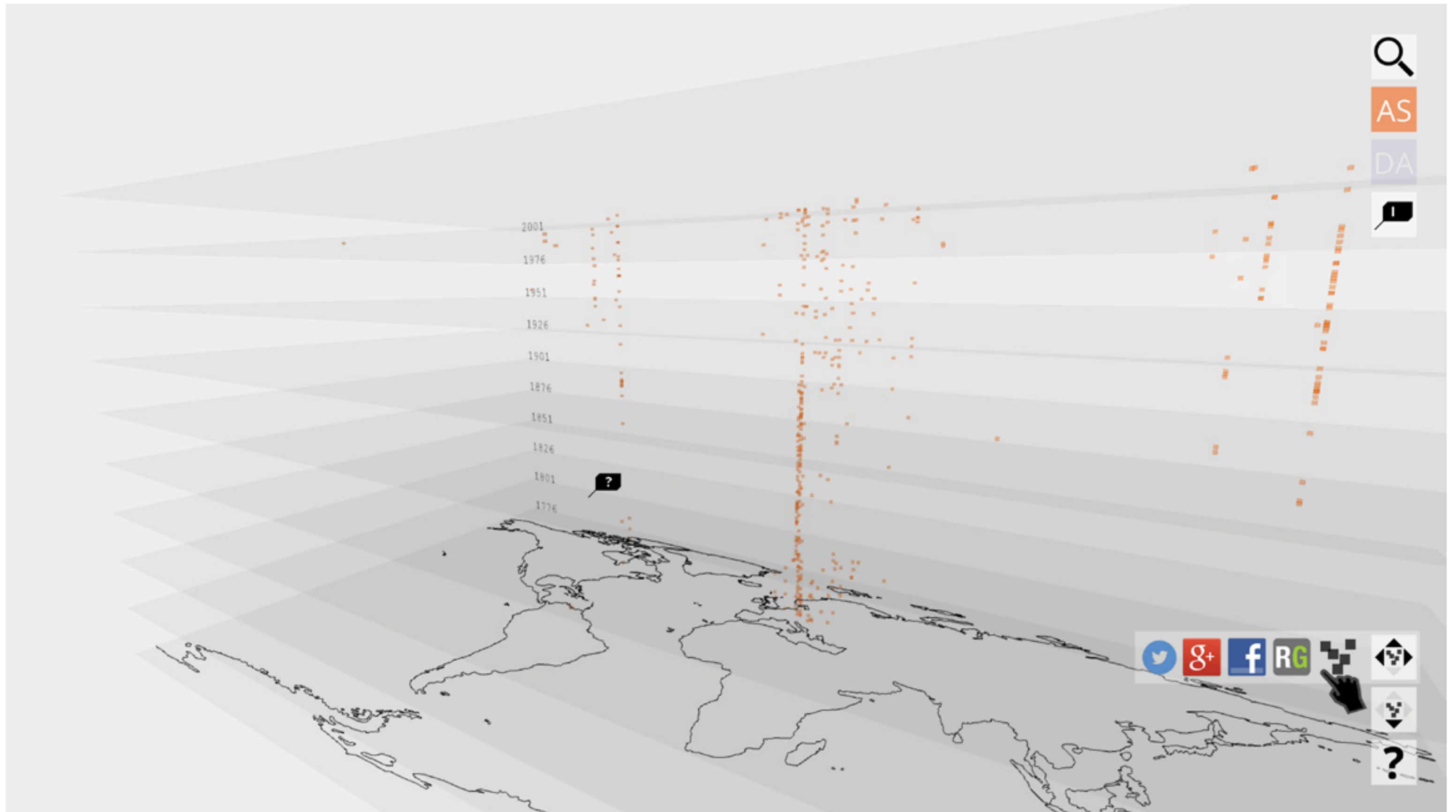
Obviously market economies have take many different forms around the world, and Smith's view on their nature can only be one of countless others. Susan tags the southern hemisphere of the map with a question for other users: which written works were relevant to the development of market economy theories in other regions of the world?



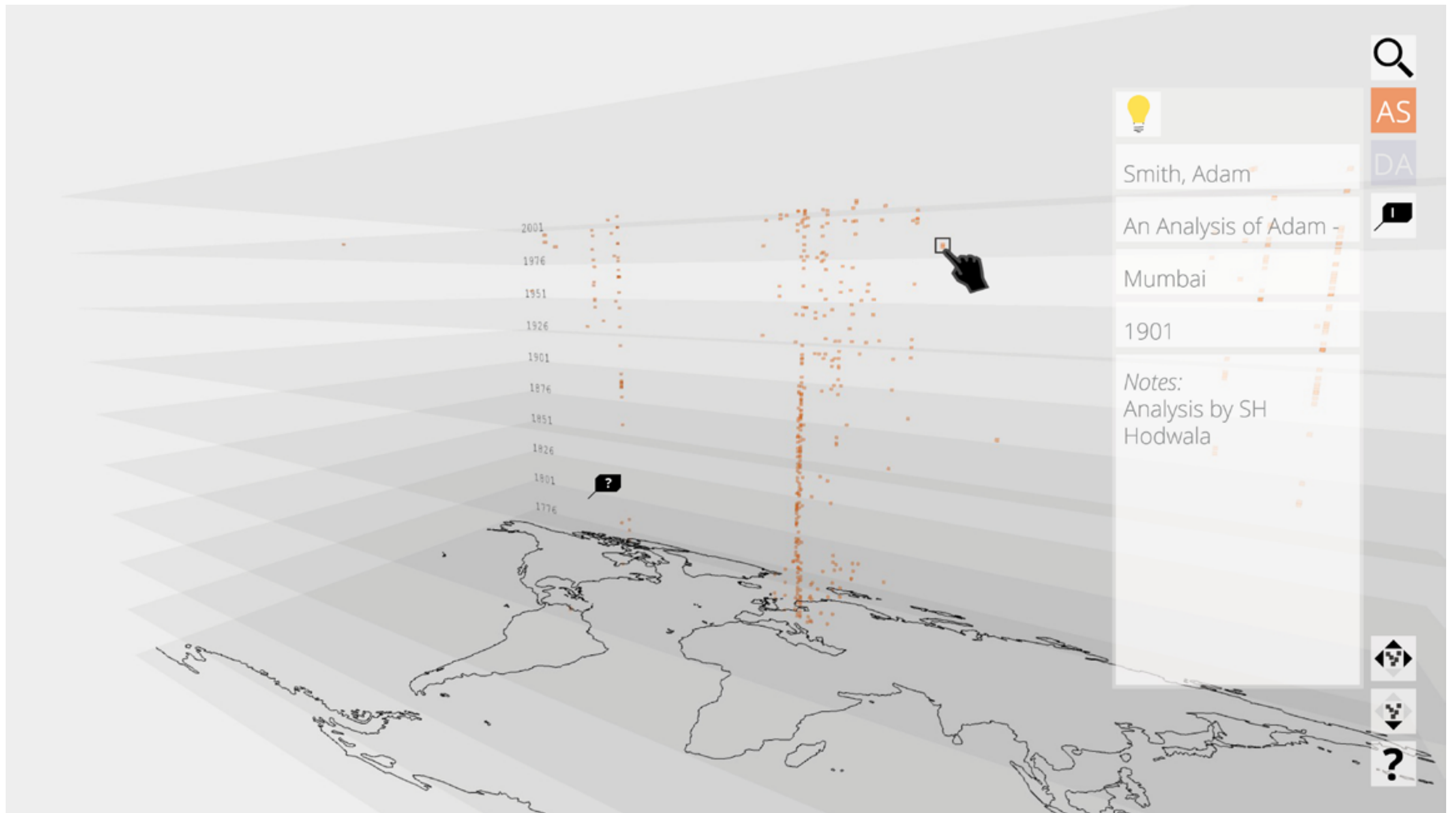
She takes a moment to save her session so that she can have a “clean copy” to go back to later.



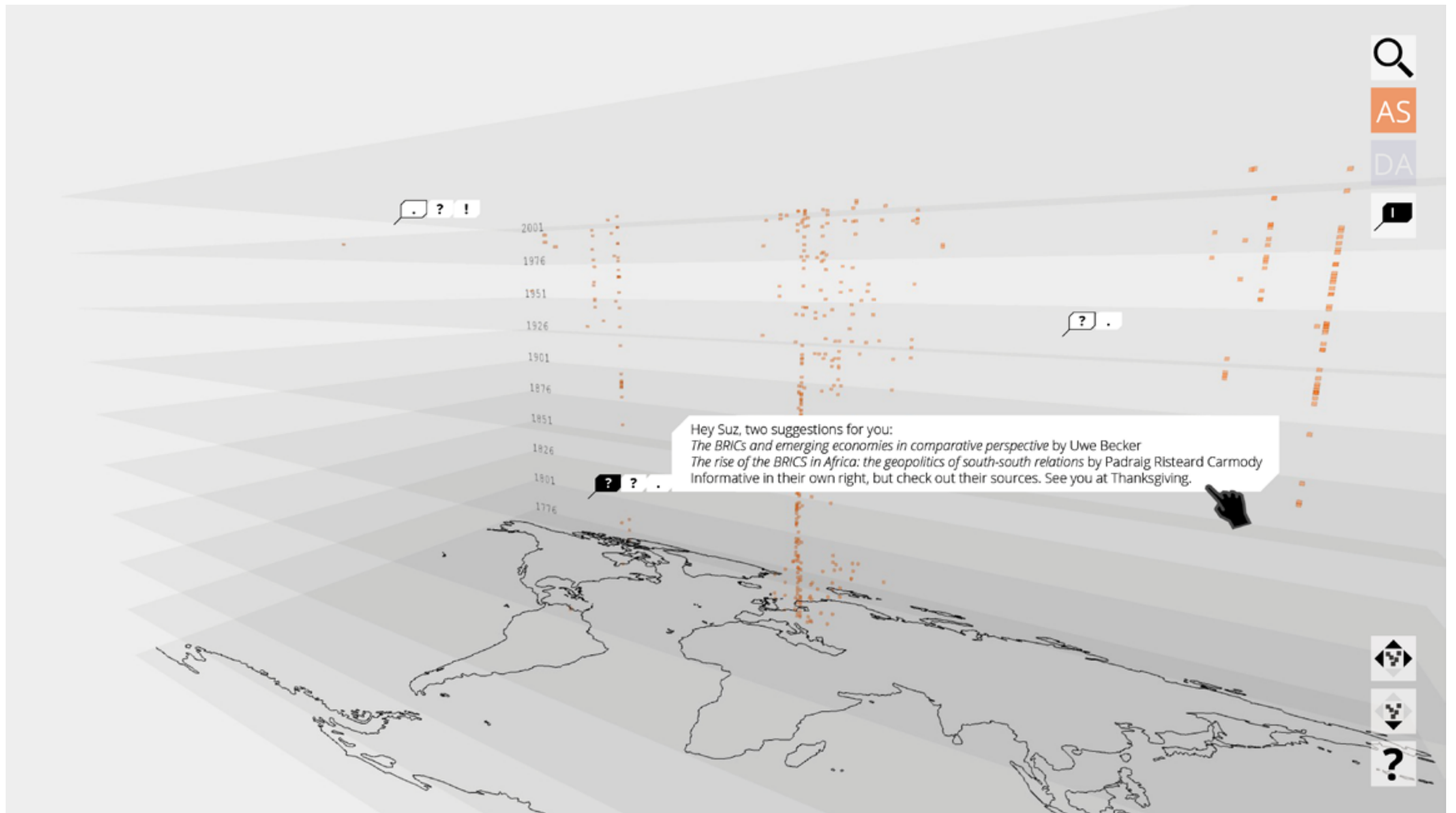
And then shares her map and related query...



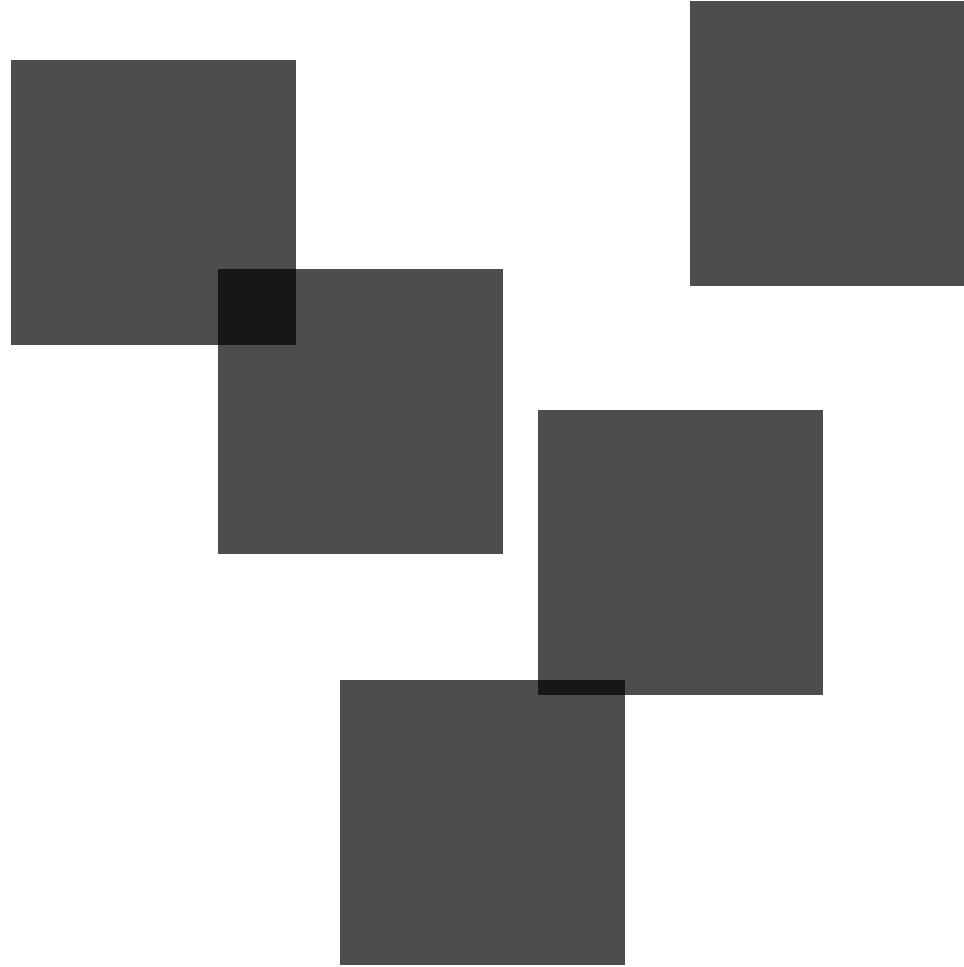
... First to the Book Biography Machine forum, but then to her cousin's Facebook wall - he happens to be working toward a PhD in economics at the moment.



She also examines the few editions that are within the regions in question. Perhaps the authors who had contributed to their content would have their own books on the subject, with their own sources, that she in turn could look for?



A day later, Susan logs onto the Book Biography Machine and finds responses to her query, including one from her cousin: He recommends two books pertaining specifically to the formation and historical contexts of the BRIC economies. There are several other responses that point her to possible sources for her essay's survey of multinational perspectives on market economies. She's got her work cut out for her!



Thank you for reviewing our proposal!

