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EDUCATION

PhD in Near and Middle Eastern Studies

Near and Middle Eastern Studies Department -
University of Basel [↗](#)

02/2021 - Present

Basel, Switzerland

Project

- From Jabal 'Amil to South Lebanon: the making of a periphery at the dawn of the Lebanese Republic (1920-1948)

Visiting Student Research Collaborator

Princeton University History Department [↗](#)

09/2024 - 12/2024

Princeton, NJ, USA

MA in Middle East Studies

Global Studies Institute - University of Geneva
Geneva [↗](#)

09/2016 - 08/2018

Courses

- Master's dissertation on the Lebanese army and the confessional structure with honours.
- Research paper on "The Confessional Challenge in Lebanon".

BA in Multilingual Communication

Faculty of Translation and Interpreting -
University of Geneva [↗](#)

09/2013 - 06/2016

Courses

- Exchange semester at Cardiff University (Spring 2015)

LANGUAGES

Arabic	● ● ● ● ●
French	● ● ● ● ●
English	● ● ● ● ●
Spanish	● ● ● ● ○
German	● ● ● ○ ○
Greek	● ● ○ ○ ○
Persian	● ○ ○ ○ ○

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

An Introduction to Modern Lebanon

Universität Basel [↗](#)

02/2023 - 05/2023

Basel, Switzerland

Content

- Familiarizing students with the broad outlines of modern and contemporary Lebanon, addressing the late Ottoman period, the formation of Great Lebanon leading up to the Lebanese Republic.

Guest Speaker - Tutorat 'Politik und aktuelle Debatten im Nahen Osten'

Universität Basel

11/2023

Basel, Switzerland

Tasks

- Assessing the situation in Lebanon in times of conflict and answering a round of question from students of different departments

PUBLICATIONS

Master Thesis

Nationalisme, confessionnalisme et armée au Liban L'armée nationale et la structure confessionnelle [↗](#)

Author(s)

Fares Damien

2018

University of Geneva/ Mémoires électroniques; 100 / 72 p.

This work analyses through a chronological, historical and social approach the interactions between nationalism, the sectarian structure in Lebanon and its national army. The work is completed by images analysis and interviews of officers of the Lebanese army.

Book Chapter

Archives, the Digital Turn, Movement, and Postcolonial Peripheries [↗](#)

Editors

Denise Bertschi, Julien Lafontaine Carboni, Nitin Bathla

02/2023

EPFL Press English Imprint

Book title: Unearthing traces Dismantling imperialist entanglements of archives, landscapes, and the built environment

SKILLS

Critical Thinking

Languages and Communication

Interpersonal Skills

Public Speaking

Organization

CONFERENCES & COURSES

Middle East Studies Association Annual Conference (11/2023)

(Re-)Drawing the Margin(s) - *Investigating marginality in Jordan, Lebanon and North and East Syria*

- Paper presentation "Jabal 'Amel, the making of a new Mediterranean space"
- The panel was cancelled with other panels on that afternoon by the organisers

Researching Archives: Experiences & Perspectives

(12/2022) ↗

Co-organised with Jasmine Benhaida

- [Program and details available here](#)

1922 : In the Wake of the Death of an Empire Political Transitions and Minority Strategies of Entrenchment in the Eastern Mediterranean (06/2022) ↗

*Institut d'histoire moderne et contemporaine CNRS - EFA - Koç
Üniversitesi*

- Paper presentation "Jabal 'Amel, a hybrid Mediterranean space. Between entrenchment and trans-regionality at the dawn of Greater Lebanon"

MUBIT Colloquium (04/2022)

Inter-University Doctoral Cooperation in Near and Middle Eastern Studies

- Presentation "Between Jabal 'Amel and Najaf: Space, mobility and alterity at the beginning of the 20th century"

FoKI (Forschungskolloquium Islamwissenschaft Schweiz) (03/2022)

Forschungskolloquium Islamwissenschaft Schweiz

- Presentation "Memory, identity and space at the beginning of the 20th century in South Iraq and South Lebanon"

INTERESTS

Social History

Lebanon

Oral History

Nationalism

Diaspora

East Mediterranean

Borders

Languages

Music

Dance

CERTIFICATES

Geographical Information Systems (07/2020 - Present)

Part 1 of an online non-credit course authorized by Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne and offered through Coursera

Certified Project Management Associate

(12/2020 - 12/2025)

IPMA Level D Issued - Issuing authority VZPM - Association for the Certification of Persons in Management

HONOURS - AWARDS

Prix d'Excellence (2018)

University of Geneva - Global Studies Institute

- Excellency Award for the Master Degree grades and thesis