

Abstract

Name: **David HABERLAH**

Date of birth: 16/04/1975

Nationality: German

University graduation: German University  
**Diploma Degree in Geography (1.1)**  
(view [Diploma](#),  
[English transcript](#),  
[M.Sc. equivalency](#))

Main subject: **Geography**

Subsidiary subjects: **Geology, Soil Science, Water Management**  
(until Intermediate Diploma ≈ B.Sc.)  
**Geology, Islamic Studies**  
(until Diploma Degree ≈ M.Sc.)

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University  
Studies

[Philipps-University Marburg](#) (1<sup>st</sup> year)  
[Christian-Albrechts-University Kiel](#) (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year)  
[Free University Berlin](#) (until Diploma Degree)

Undergraduate study period leading to an  
**Intermediate Diploma in Geography:** **4 terms**

**final marks:**

Physical Geography: 1.0  
Human Geography: 1.0  
Techniques, Methods and Fundamentals: 1.0  
Geology: 1.0  
Soil Science: 1.0  
Water Management: 1.3

**Final score** of Intermediate Diploma (≈ Bachelor of Science):  
(view [copy](#)) **1.0 (excellent)**

Advanced study period leading to a  
**Diploma Degree in Geography:** ('Dipl. Geograph'): **8 terms**  
(+2 abroad)

**final marks:**

[Diploma Thesis](#) (view [English abstract](#)): 1.0  
Physical Geography (Dr. B. Wuennemann – FU Berlin): 1.0  
Physical Geography (Prof. Dr. H.-J. Pachur – FU Berlin): 1.3  
Spatial Planing and Geo-Information  
(Prof. Dr. B. Meissner – TFH Berlin): 1.3  
Geology (Prof. Dr. H. Oberhaensli – GFZ Potsdam): 1.3  
Islamic Studies (Prof. Dr. G. Kraemer – FU Berlin): 1.3

**Final score** of Diploma Degree (≈ Master of Science):  
(view copies of [German Diploma](#), [Official Engl. transcript](#),  
[M.Sc. equivalency statement/ ECTS](#)) **1.1 (excellent)**

Languages	<b>German</b> (native speaker) <b>English</b> ('very good user' – IELTS overall band score 8, view <a href="#">test report form</a> ) <b>Arabic</b> (proficient in Modern Standard Arabic, 'Arabicum') <b>French</b> (five years at High School) <b>Ivriith</b> (conversational)
IT-Literacy	<b>Remote Sensing</b> applications (ENVI, Erdas Imagine, Geomatica, ER Mapper) <b>GIS</b> applications (ArcInfo, ArcView, TTQV) <b>Image Processing</b> applications (Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator, Macromedia FreeHand, GIMP) <b>Statistical</b> applications (SPSS, Surfer) <b>Programming languages</b> (Java, SQL) <b>Web design</b> (html, Wiki)
Occupational Experience	<b>Leading researcher</b> Independent project in association with the <b>Humboldt-University Nubian Expedition (H.U.N.E.)</b> , financed by the German Department of Foreign Affairs tasks: Geographical and ethnographical survey, interviewing, mapping, publishing (view <a href="http://www.daralmanasir.com">www.daralmanasir.com</a> ) location: Dar al-Manasir; <b>Sudan/ Germany</b> duration: 01/2005 until 07/2005  <b>Research assistant</b> <b>Collaborative Research Centre 389 (ACACIA – Arid Climate, Adaptation and Cultural Innovation in Africa)</b> , University of Cologne tasks: Remote sensing, cartography, participation in geo-scientific and archaeological surveys location: Cologne/ Berlin; <b>Germany</b> duration: 05/2002 until 12/2003  <b>Intern</b> <b>Geological Research Authority of the Sudan (GRAS)</b> , Ministry of Energy and Mining tasks: Geological analysis of remote sensing data, field research, workflow improvement between GIS and Remote Sensing Units, conducting software training courses (view <a href="#">letter of reference</a> ) location: Khartoum/ Red Sea Hills; <b>Sudan</b> duration: 10/2002 until 02/2003  <b>Intern</b> <b>Aga Khan Rural Support Program (AKRSP)</b> tasks: Acquisition of geo-data, mapping, development of html-based GIS (view <a href="#">report</a> , <a href="#">letter of reference</a> ) location: Gilgit; <b>Pakistan</b> duration: 02/1999 until 03/1999  <b>Social work</b> <a href="#">Beit Uri</a> tasks: Supervision of physically and mentally disabled persons, management of wood workshop ( <a href="#">letter of reference</a> ) location: Afula; <b>Israel</b> duration: 11/1995 until 03/1997

Participation in  
Scientific  
Expeditions

**Archaeological/  
ethnographical  
expedition**

conducted by **Humboldt-University Nubian Expedition (H.U.N.E.)** and headed by **Prof. Dr. C. Näser**

tasks: Independent research, conducting interviews in Arabic, digital photography, geographical and ethnographical survey, mapping, implementation of GIS

area: **Dar al-Manasir; Sudan**

duration: 01/2005 until 04/2005

**Archaeological/  
palaeogeographical  
expedition**

conducted by **CRC 389 (ACACIA)** and headed by **Dr. M. Lange**

tasks: Geomorphological and archaeological survey resulting in my **Diploma Thesis 'A Geo-archaeological Survey on the Region of Abu Tabari - Northwest Sudan. Development and Implementation of a Satellite-based Navigation-Information-System'** (view [Engl. abstract](#))

area: Lower Wadi Howar; **Sudan**

duration: 10/2003 until 12/2003

**Geological  
expedition**

conducted by the **University of Applied Sciences Berlin (TFH Berlin)** in cooperation with **CRC 389**, headed by **Prof. Dr. B. Meissner**

tasks: Organising, geological survey, development of a Navigation Information System (view [description](#))

area: Wadi Howar/ Maidob Hills; **Sudan**

duration: three weeks in 03/2003

**Archaeological/  
palaeoecological  
expedition**

by **CRC 389 (ACACIA)** and headed by **Dr. F. Jesse**

tasks: Navigation, geo-scientific and archaeological survey, archaeological excavation

area: Lower Wadi Howar; **Sudan**

duration: 11/2002 until 12/2002

**Geographical  
expedition**

conducted by the **Free University of Berlin** and headed by **Prof. Dr. H.-J. Pachur**

tasks: Sampling of sediments for C14/ TL dating, differential GPS, further assignments in the fields of GIS and remote sensing (view [description](#))

area: Gebel 'Uwainat/ Kufra; **Libya**

duration: 12/2001 until 01/2002

Academic  
Publications

HABERLAH, D. 2006. *Social Geography of Dar al-Manasir*. In: NÄSER, C & M. LANGE eds. Proceedings of the Second International Conference on the Archaeology of the Fourth Nile Cataract, Berlin 2005 (in press for 2006, approximately 25 pages).

HABERLAH, D. 2005. *Satellite Worksheet Series 1:250.000 of Sudan*. In: GRAS Annual Report 2004, Geological Research Authority of the Sudan, Ministry of Energy and Mining.

HABERLAH, D. & J. V.D. BUSSCHE 2005. *Das Dorf Atoyah auf der Insel Sherari. Wandel der Siedlungsstruktur im Dar al Manasir*. Der Antike Sudan. Mitteilungen der Sudanarchäologischen Gesellschaft zu Berlin, Heft **16**, 11-21 (two additional colour maps).

HABERLAH, D. (2004): *"GPS-Onscreen-Navigation" als Möglichkeit der Datenerhebung und qualitativen Analyse im Gelände - Ein Erfahrungsbericht*. In: Zentralblatt für Geologie und Paläontologie, Teil 1, Heft **5/6**, 401-410.

Personal  
statement

Throughout my advanced studies, I have actively participated in courses and research in the fields of Quaternary geology and climatology as well as sedimentology and geomorphology with a regional emphasis on arid and semi-arid environments.

These studies made it possible for me to take part in various expeditions and lead to prolonged stays in the Middle East. For this reason, I decided to learn Arabic and acquire a broad understanding of the culture, religion, architecture, history and current political situation of the region.

Apart from studying and participating in research projects at six of Germany's most prestigious universities, I managed to gain occupational experience by working for two NGOs, a government institution and a collaborative research centre. These internships and assignments helped me to acquire practical skills in conducting field surveys, taking samples, processing various sets of geo-data, analysing a wide range of remote sensing imagery, mapping, writing reports and academic papers and holding lectures and software training courses.

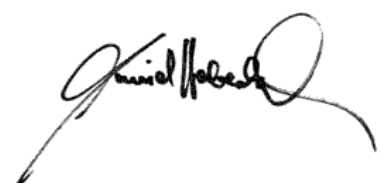
I have also learned to collaborate with different organisations and work as a team with fellow researchers.

Besides writing academic print articles, I have initiated and supplemented many online articles on [Wikipedia](#) and [Wikisource](#) and set up an extensive academic [internet presence](#) related to my latest research project.

I am fond of collecting Arab and Indian classical and folk music and I enjoy taking documentary and portrait photographs. Recently, I have created one of the most active photo submission groups on the digital photo sharing site [Flickr](#) with the name '[Highly Competitive – Flickr's 100 Best](#)' which is already counting several hundred members and is now managed with the help of other appointed co-administrators.

In 2006, I have been awarded with the highly competitive EIPRS scholarship by The [University of Adelaide](#) to conduct 3 years of PhD research in Geology. The topic of my research project is 'Influence of loess accumulation on landscape evolution in Australia'.

Adelaide, 01/08/2006



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