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## INTRODUCTORY BIOGRAPHY

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David Munir Nabti works to support high impact innovation & entrepreneurship, and youth/alternative media. He is co-founder of DevIneMedia/Hibr ([www.hibr.me](http://www.hibr.me)), a youth-powered alternative media outlet in Lebanon (that works online, in print, and in person), and is currently focusing on launching AltCity.me, a high-impact media/tech/social impact collaboration space in Beirut (slated Q3/2011 launch), along with a media/tech/social venture startup accelerator program. He is conducting research on barriers and opportunities for MENA entrepreneurship (especially social entrepreneurship). He grew up between Silicon Valley and Beirut, studied at UC Berkeley (political economy), worked at Stanford University (Communication Dept), UC Berkeley (Education Dept), and Google, interned at Cisco Systems HQ and KQED (SF public media), and moved back to Lebanon in 2004. In the MENA/WANA region he worked as a freelance journalist (radio, print, TV), co-founded Mideastwire.com (media monitoring & translation service), worked as a research/communications consultant for the UN/FAO (supporting a policy reform/applied economics research center in Damascus), and conducted (brief) research and consulting in Egypt on the relation between regime interests, the education system, and economic development.

## KEY WORK EXPERIENCE

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### **AltCity Social Venture (August 2010-present; Beirut, Lebanon; [www.altcity.me](http://www.altcity.me))**

Title: Co-Founder / CEO (Chief Entrepreneur & Organizer)

- Establishing a new social venture in Lebanon to support alternative/new media innovation and entrepreneurship, with substantial focus on social impact entrepreneurship & open source tech
- Launching a media/tech/social impact collaboration space in Beirut (Q3-2011), including a media/tech cafe, various work/meeting/collaboration spaces, and startup business supports
- Developing various programs for social entrepreneurship support (launching Q3/Q4-2011)

### **DevIneMedia (Development In eMedia) & Hibr.me/حبر لبناني (May 2009-present; Beirut, Lebanon)**

Title: Co-Founder / Executive Director / Editor

- Alternative youth/citizen media outlet in Lebanon. In print, online, in person. [www.hibr.me](http://www.hibr.me)
- Conducting trainings across Lebanon on citizen journalism, new media, tech, video, etc
- Supporting impact innovation with a focus on media/tech, and citizen journalism initiatives

### **RootSpace (Sep 2007-2010; Beirut, Lebanon)**

Title: Co-Founder / Executive Director

- Established RootSpace as a non-profit organization that fosters sustainable development in Lebanon and the region through innovation, technology, collaboration, and incubation.

### **UN-FAO Food and Agriculture Organization (Jan-Jul 2006, Sep 2007-July 2008; Damascus, Syria)**

Title: Resident International Consultant, Research Assistant, Communications Trainer

- One of two permanent resident consultants on project to develop the *National Agricultural Policy Center*, a joint ministerial national research center on policy reform and applied economics research for the Syrian government.
- Editor/trainer for internal/external communications for applied economic research and analysis, and broader administrative and policy reform issues.

### **Stanford University, Department of Communication (Aug 2003-June 2004; Stanford, California)**

Title: Program Administrator, *Graduate Program in Journalism*

- Responsible for financial management, accounting, contact database, website.
- Assisted with broadcast journalism course and production of a weekly news/discussion show.

### **Google (Jan-May 2004; Mountain View, California)**

- Policy Compliance Consultant

### **KQED Public Media Outlet (Aug 2003-Jan 2004; San Francisco, California)**

- Radio and web content intern for political issues at the largest public media outlet in the US

### **University of California, Berkeley, Graduate School of Education (Jan 2000–Jan 2004; California)**

Title: Communications Coordinator, *Service-Learning Research and Development Center*

- Produced monthly newsletter and educational videos; managed website; coordinated events.

### **Political Campaign Staff (Jun 2000–Dec 2000; Sep 2001–Mar 2002; California)**

Title: Office Manager, Political Outreach (campaigns: one congressional, one CA statewide)

- Created/managed database to inform communications, tracking for key contacts, and outreach; designed advertisements/outreach materials; prepared political communications.

### **Cisco Systems, Inc. (May 2001–Aug 2001; San Jose, CA)**

Title: Intern, *Office of Government Affairs*

- Conducted tech policy research & web content development.

## **EDUCATION**

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### **American University of Beirut (Sep 2006–Jun 2007)**

- Upper-division master's courses in Middle Eastern Studies, education, regional media, and political & economic development

### **University of California, Berkeley (Aug 1998–Dec 2002; Berkeley, CA)**

- B.A. in Political Science (focus: international political economy and political transitions)

### **High school education**

- **American Community School:** Beirut, Lebanon; 1992-1994
- **Henry M. Gunn High School:** Palo Alto, California; 1994-1997

## **EVENTS, CONSULTATIONS, SHORT-TERM ACTIVITIES**

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- Guest speaker, World Bank private seminar, regional development & transitions, Cairo, May 2011
- Invited speaker, Economist Lebanon Business Roundtable (Beirut, June 2010)
- Lebanon Delegate to the Presidential Summit on Entrepreneurship (Washington, DC, May 2010)
- World Bank Innovation in Conflict/Fragile Zones Conference (South Africa, May 2010)
- 4SITE Forum: Investing in Sustainability, Innovation, Tech & Entrep (Organizer, Beirut, 2009)
- Ma'an Foundation (Cairo): Project and curriculum planner/consultant for skill development and social entrepreneurship program (February-April 2007).
- Berkeley Art Museum & Pacific Film Archive Board of Trustees: Member (2001-2003; member of Audience Development & New Building Committees; chair of Student Committee).
- Chair, National Youth Action Council (1999-2000); organizer of 2000 National Youth Conventions held in parallel with Republican (Philadelphia) & Democratic (LA) National Conventions.

## **COMPUTER & TECHNOLOGY SKILLS**

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- Extensive Computer Experience, including: MS Office/OpenOffice, graphics/layout (Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign), database management (Access, FileMaker Pro), and financial/business software (Quicken, Oracle, FrontAccounting).
- Web/Internet Experience: Utilizing the Internet for research; basic HTML/CSS, Drupal/Wordpress CMS, Google Apps, collaboration & other developer tools; social network management; basic mapping site applications (Ushahidi).
- Other: Digital video production/editing (Adobe Premiere, Final Cut Pro); basic sound editing.

## **LANGUAGE / INTERNATIONAL**

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- Native English; mid-level fluency in reading/speaking Arabic (formal/colloquial)
- Travel in 20+ countries; extended periods living in Lebanon, Syria, Australia, US.
- Dual-citizen (USA + Lebanon).