



# PCC WikiData Pilot Project

Fun 'n' Learning : a Report

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# The Project: Middle East Photograph Archive

Aka: MEPA

Goals:

1. Learn how Wikidata might help UChicago's collection metadata
2. Expand the reach of the archive's metadata to a new dimension
3. Enhance LCNAF entries with WikiData Q items for referencing
4. Learn about the WikiData community and how to propose properties
5. Whatever other unstated educational goals

# Middle East Photograph Archive (MEPA)

## Middle East Photograph Archive

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The Middle East Photograph Archive consists of over 400 photographic prints dating primarily to the second half of the nineteenth century. At this time, the spread of the art of photography and the influx of Europeans into the lands of the Middle East led to the creation of a large number of photographs produced by professional photographers. During these decades, the versatility of photography was enhanced through the development of a variety of chemical techniques, enabling photographers to produce images in relatively large numbers, intended chiefly to satisfy the tourism trade burgeoning in the Middle East and the European thirst for images of the Orient. The archive is particularly strong in photographs of nineteenth-century Cairo. Europeans were attracted to Egypt by its Pharaonic monuments, but once there, visitors came to appreciate Cairo as the largest and best-preserved medieval metropolis in the world. The scores of Islamic monuments built between the ninth and fifteenth centuries in and around Cairo provided a huge number of subjects for photography.

# A Few Examples...



Abdullah Frères (Turkis...  
ca. 1878  
Istanbul  
Grand Porte of the Sera...  
🔍 Related (2)



Abdullah Frères (Turkis...  
ca. 1878  
Bosphorus  
Entrance of the Bosphor...  
🔍 Related (2)



Abdullah Frères (Turkis...  
ca. 1878  
Bosphorus  
Entrance of the Bosphor...  
🔍 Related (2)



Adelphoi Zangaki (Alger...  
ca. 1865  
Giza  
Vue générale des Pyrami...  
🔍 Related (2)



Adelphoi Zangaki (Alger...  
ca. 1865  
Cairo  
Vue générale des Pyrami...  
🔍 Related (2)



Adelphoi Zangaki (Alger...  
ca. 1865  
Cairo  
View of Cairo  
🔍 Related (2)



Adelphoi Zangaki (Alger...  
ca. 1865  
Cairo  
View of Cairo  
🔍 Related (2)



Abdullah Frères (Turkis...  
ca. 1878  
Istanbul  
Therapia on the Bosphor...  
🔍 Related (2)



Abdullah Frères (Turkis...  
ca. 1878  
Istanbul  
Two Dogs  
🔍 Related (2)



Adelphoi Zangaki (Alger...  
ca. 1865



Adelphoi Zangaki (Alger...  
ca. 1865

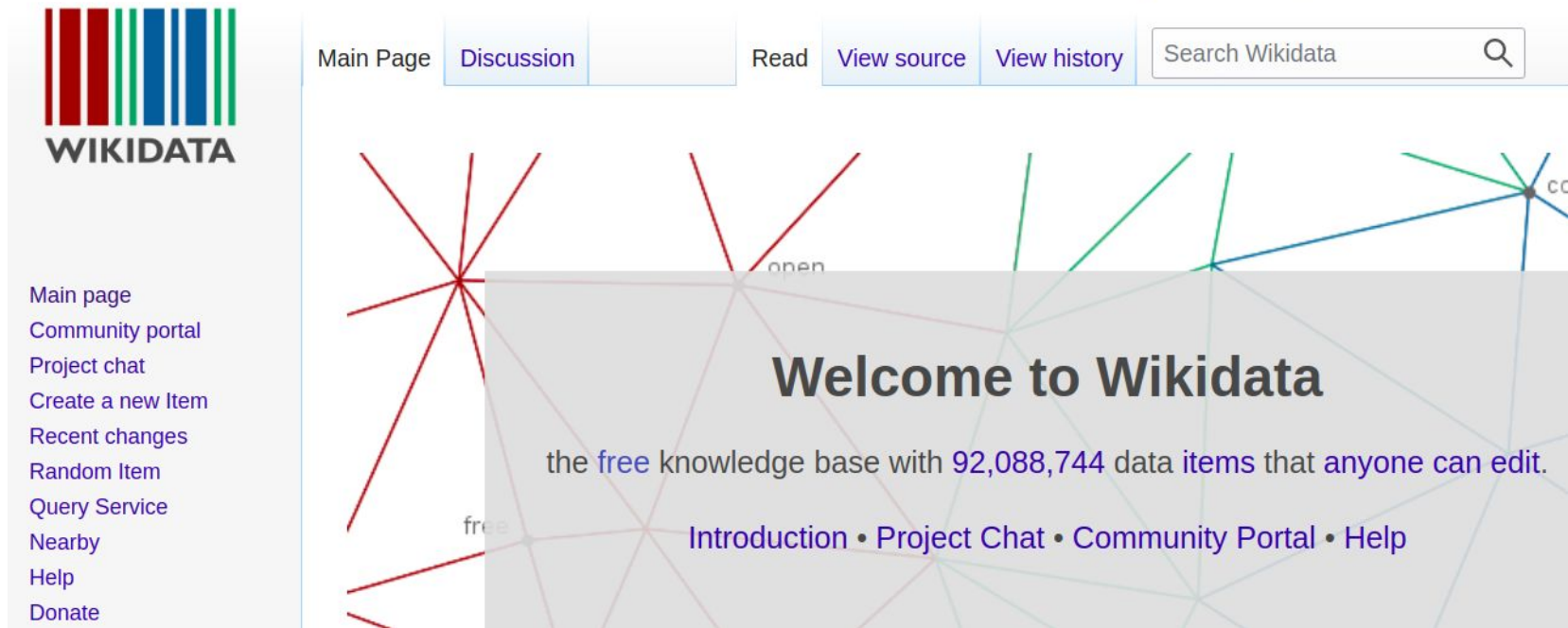


Adelphoi Zangaki (Alger...  
ca. 1865



Adelphoi Zangaki (Alger...  
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# WikiData (yeah, yeah)



The image is a screenshot of the Wikidata main page. At the top right, there is a language selector set to 'English', a user status 'Not logged in', and links for 'Talk' and 'Contributions'. Below this is a navigation bar with 'Main Page', 'Discussion', 'Read', 'View source', and 'View history'. A search bar labeled 'Search Wikidata' is on the right. On the left side, there is a sidebar with the Wikidata logo (a series of vertical bars in red, green, and blue) and the word 'WIKIDATA' below it. The sidebar contains links: 'Main page', 'Community portal', 'Project chat', 'Create a new Item', 'Recent changes', 'Random Item', 'Query Service', 'Nearby', 'Help', and 'Donate'. The main content area features a large, semi-transparent gray box with the text 'Welcome to Wikidata' in bold. Below this, it says 'the free knowledge base with 92,088,744 data items that anyone can edit.' and a list of links: 'Introduction • Project Chat • Community Portal • Help'. The background of the main content area is a network graph with nodes and edges in red, green, and blue.

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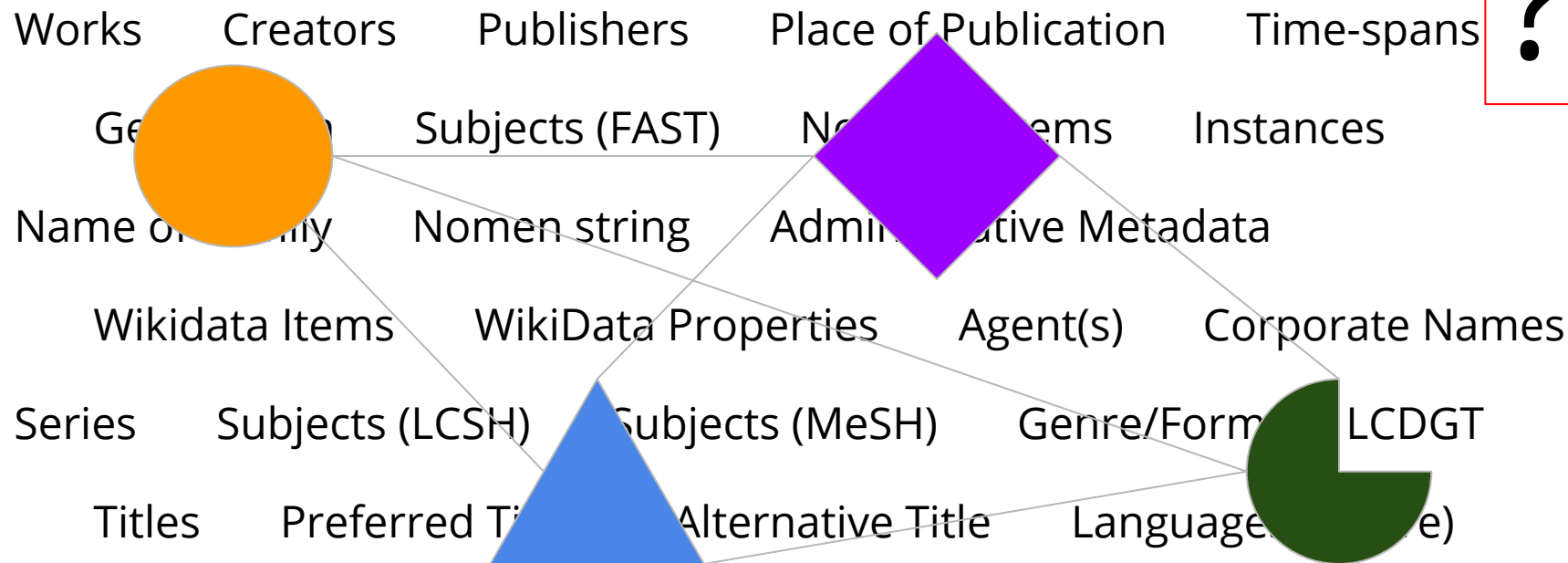
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# Leveraging Entity Based Description (s)



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# Creating and Editing **Q** Items

Working with names of photographers  
and photography studios (plenty o' names)

Name	Item in Wikidata
A. Marques	Q101237407
Abdullah Frères	Q317616
Adelphoi Zangaki	Q3089480
Adrien Bonfils	Q101238847
Andreas Reiser	Q1081961
D.S. George	Q101231397
MEPA Collection	Q101167684
Félix Bonfils	Q2915801
	Q39046433
G. Lékégian	
Gamianoset Sarolides	Q101206221
Gulmez freres	Q101207055
[J. Pascal Sébah	Q20741684
Ludwig Steiner	Q101207553
Maison Bonfils	Q55670092
Mihran Iranian	Q102398879
P. Dittrich	Q12056424
P. Peridis	Q83287063
Pascal Sébah	Q704918

# One example . . .

## Félix Bonfils (Q2915801)

French commercial photographer active in the middle east (1831-1885)

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[Felix Bonfils](#) | [Paul Félix Bonfils](#) | [Paul-Felix Bonfils](#) | [Paul-Félix Bonfils](#) | [Paul Felix Bonfils](#)

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Language	Label	Description	Also known as
English	Félix Bonfils	French commercial photographer active in the middle east (1831-1885)	Felix Bonfils Paul Félix Bonfils Paul-Felix Bonfils Paul-Félix Bonfils Paul Felix Bonfils
Spanish	Félix Bonfils	fotógrafo francés	Felix Bonfils
Traditional Chinese	No label defined	No description defined	
Chinese	No label defined	No description defined	



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<div>+ add value</div>	

part of	<div><div></div>Maison Bonfils<div>edit</div></div> <div>▶ 1 reference</div>
<div>+ add value</div>	

image	<div><div></div><div>edit</div></div>
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sex or gender



male

 edit

▶ 2 references

+ add value

country of citizenship



France

 edit

▶ 2 references

+ add value

name in native language



Félix Bonfils (French)













 edit

▼ 0 references

+ add reference

+ add value

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Deutsche Biographie ID	<div> </div> 12306175X <div>▼ 0 references</div>	<div> edit</div> <div>+ add reference</div> <div>+ add value</div>
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Union List of Artist Names ID	<div> </div> 500016696 <div>▼ 0 references</div>	<div> edit</div> <div>+ add reference</div> <div>+ add value</div>
Library of Congress authority ID	<div> </div> n87127847 <div>▶ 3 references</div>	<div> edit</div> <div>+ add value</div>

# The Flip-Direction...

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040			DLC #b eng #c DLC #d NjP #e rda #d ICU
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046			#f 1831 #g 1885 #2 edtf
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374			Photographers #2 lcsh
670			nuc87-93697: His Remembrances of the Near ... c1980 #b (hdg. on NRGD rept.: Bonfils, Félix, 1831-1885)
670			Souvenirs d'Orient, 1878: #b t.p. (Félix Bonfils, auteur et éditeur des Voyages d'Égypte, de Syrie, de Grèce et de Constantinople; photographer, writer)
670			Wikidata page, viewed 9 December 2020: #b (LC Authority n87127847) #u <a href="https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q2915801">https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q2915801</a>

# New Property in Wikidata

Not 100% about approval...


We wanted to propose a  
new property anyway...

[https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Wikidata:Property\\_proposal/photographer\\_of](https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Wikidata:Property_proposal/photographer_of)

## Wikidata:Property proposal/photographer of

[< Wikidata:Property proposal](#)

### photographer of [\[ edit \]](#)

 Under discussion

<b>Description</b>	is photographer of, has taken a photograph of, known for photograph of, known for photographs of
<b>Data type</b>	<a href="#">Item</a>
<b>Domain</b>	photographer ( <a href="#">Q33231</a> )
<b>Allowed values</b>	physical object ( <a href="#">Q223557</a> ), geographical location ( <a href="#">Q2221906</a> ), building ( <a href="#">Q41176</a> ), human ( <a href="#">Q5</a> ), occurrence ( <a href="#">Q5076734</a> )
<b>Example 1</b>	Félix Bonfils ( <a href="#">Q2915801</a> ) <photographer of> Temple of Bacchus ( <a href="#">Q1991217</a> )
<b>Example 2</b>	Sébah & Joaillier ( <a href="#">Q46941849</a> ) <photographer of> Bosphorus ( <a href="#">Q35958</a> )
<b>Example 3</b>	Philippe Halsman ( <a href="#">Q704572</a> ) <photographer of> Marilyn Monroe ( <a href="#">Q4616</a> )
<b>Example 4</b>	Walter Chandoha ( <a href="#">Q60691543</a> ) <photographer of> house cat ( <a href="#">Q146</a> )
<b>Example 5</b>	Mathew Brady ( <a href="#">Q187850</a> ) <photographer of> American Civil War ( <a href="#">Q8676</a> )

Now, contemplating next WikiData **Project**...

**Thank you much**

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