

# CV Christa Ackermann, founder of dataFAIRy GmbH



With a theoretical background and practical experience in IT, archival science and history, I am well-equipped to communicate across disciplinary boundaries. My strengths are that I am a good listener, ask lots of questions and quickly identify the bigger picture. Through dataFAIRy GmbH, I have been offering consultancy since 2025 on digital preservation and data storage in accordance with the FAIR principles.

I believe it is important to see simplicity, even when dealing with complex problems. This means, understanding problems in their entire complexity and breaking them down into simple solutions.

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## Work Experience

- 07/2025- today Founding of dataFAIRy GmbH. Consulting in digital preservation.
- 11/2017- 07/2025 Swiss Federal Archives, Bern, Switzerland
- 08/2024-07/2025 Digital Preservation Specialist
  - 09/2022- 07/2024 Co-Head of Service Data Archiving
  - 01/2020- 08/2022 Digital Preservation Specialist
  - 12/2017- 06/2020 project team member for developing the Online-Access of SFA
- 10/2016-11/2017 internship and substitute in Information Management at Burgergemeinde Bern in Bern, Switzerland
- 09/2015-08/2016 internship Documentation and Publications at Amnesty International, Swiss section in Bern, Switzerland
- 10/2014-07/2015 tutor at Studienkreis in Sömmerda and Erfurt, Germany, in maths, Latin, English and German
- 10/2010-06/2013 project work for the edition of Nikolaus Lankmann of Falkenstein's *Historia desponsationis et coronationis*
- 04/2011-02/2013 teaching history to undergrads at the historical institute at Friedrich Schiller University Jena, Germany

## Continued Education

- 2020-today online and in-person attendance of various digital preservation conferences and webinars, i.e. DLM-Forum, iPres, AuDS, docuteam day, etc.
- 09/2024 1 week Linux Administration (SuSE & RHEL)
- 2019-2024 various online and in-person French classes at levels B2 / C1
- 2022-2023 The Modern Python 3 Bootcamp (Udemy)
- 12/2022 2 days MariaDB DBA Essentials workshop
- 05/2021 4 days Archivematica Bootcamp and Camp (virtual)
- 03/2021 2 days information security advanced course
- 02/2018 2 days HERMES 5 Foundation – project management

## Education

- 10/2016-07/2018 Master of Advanced Studies in Archival, Library and Information Sciences at the University of Bern / University of Lausanne, Switzerland
- 10/2010-01/2015 Doctor of Philosophy in Medieval History at the Friedrich Schiller University of Jena, Germany
- 10/2009-09/2010 Master of Arts in Medieval Studies (History, Art History, Archaeology and English Literature) at the University of York, England
- 10/2006-07/2009 Bachelor of Arts in History (major) and Information Sciences (minor) at the University of Konstanz, Germany
- 06/2006 A-Levels at Harrogate, England after homeschooling
- 1993-2000 primary and secondary school in Switzerland and the USA.

## IT Skills

working knowledge in SQL, Python, XML and HTML/CSS

During my work, I was at various times the technical responsible / application owner for:

- Preservica (digital preservation system)
- Transferplattform (developed by SFA)
- Online Access to the Swiss Federal Archives (developed by SFA)
- CMI Axioma (records management system)
- Plone 5 (content management system)

experience using various open and closed source preservation tools

ease in grasping new technical concepts, using new software and learning programming languages

## Language Skills

German (primary language)  
English (C2)  
French (B2)  
Latin (B1)  
Slovene, Italian (A1)

## Hobbies: swing dances

active member of Swingmaschine Bern since 2016  
organizing of dance events, i.e. Leapin' Lindy 2022-2025  
teaching Collegiate Shag in Biel and Bern, Switzerland, since 2022  
teaching Lindy Hop in Jena, Germany (2012-2014)

## human rights

active member of the Bern regional group of Amnesty International since 2016

## local politics

active member of the Social Democratic Party in Schüpfen since 2021