

THE TONGUE OF THE DESERT

*Jean Jacques Hess' Studies on Language, Customs,
and Beliefs of the Bedouins of Central Arabia*

Jean Jacques Hess (1866–1949) was the first professor of Egyptology at the University of Fribourg and the first professor of Islamic Studies at the University of Zurich. This workshop and exhibition explore J.J. Hess' diverse interests in languages like Demotic and material cultures.

Workshop 1st and 2nd September 2023

Exhibition 1st September – 6th October 2023

Organized by Johannes Thomann, Saeedeh Setayesh, Institute and Library of Asian and Oriental Studies.

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Here is the program of the two days workshop:

1st September RAA-G-01 (AOI) at 18:00

Opening and Keynote Lecture

Welcome Address

Prof. Dr. Rebecca Sauer, UZH

Introduction to the Workshop

Saeedeh Setayesh, UZH

Jean Jacques Hess and his Bedouin Dictionary

Prof. Dr. Marcel Kurpershoek, NYU Abu Dhabi

2nd September RAA-E-27 (AOI)

09:00

Welcome

09:10

The Public and Private Life of Jean Jacques Hess

Johannes Thomann, UZH

09:50

The Tongue of Ancient Egypt: Jean Jacques Hess' Demotic Studies

Fabian Wespi, Heidelberg
University

10:30

Coffee break

11:00

Faces of the Desert: Jean Jacques Hess' Visual Observation

Saeedeh Setayesh, UZH

11:40	<i>Jean Jacques Hess and Rudolf Tschudi: Documents of an Academic Friendship</i>	Renate Würsch, UZH
12:20	Lunchbreak	
13:30	Guided tour in the library	Tobias Heinzelmann, UZH
13:50	<i>Sophie Hess-von Wyss: Artist – Mother – Ghost Writer</i>	Setayesh - Thomann
14:30	<i>Ali Bahgat and Max van Berchem: A Seedling of Arabic Archaeology in the Shade of Enduring Friendship</i>	Kotoz Ahmed, Ku Leuven
15:10	Coffee break	
15:40	<i>The Afterlife of Jean Jacques Hess</i>	Setayesh - Thomann
16:20	<i>The Estate of Jean Jacques Hess</i>	Setayesh - Thomann
17:00	Final discussion	

The workshop and exhibition take place at
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