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临近年末,有2则关于非洲考古的新闻颇为引人注目。一是,西班牙的考古团队在阿尔及利亚东北的艾因•布舍里特发现了距今240万年的切割石器以及带有切痕的动物骨骼,同样类型的切割石器在东非发现过,距今260万年,是最早人类活动的证据。研究者将这一发现发表在11月末的《科学》上,并提出阿尔及利亚的考古发现进一步支持了人类多起源说。在非洲大陆上,不仅东非,北非也是人类起源的区域之一。二是,今年10月,中国社会科学院考古研究所和埃及文物部签署了为期5年的《中埃卢克索孟图神庙联合考古项目协议》,中国成为卢克索地区第12支国际考古队,进入了长期为西方国家主导的古埃及考古发掘领域。

如果说第一则新闻进一步表明了非洲大陆是人类文明的摇篮、拥有人类和人类文明发展演进的 丰富的物质和文化遗产的话,那第二则新闻则显示,正是因为非洲在人类文明史中具有这样的核心 地位,对非洲的考古挖掘和研究才需要更国际化的、更多元的发声和参与。非洲考古,自18与19世 纪之交发端以来,一直深受殖民主义和民族主义意识形态的影响和型塑。以埃及为例,1798年,拿 破仑入侵埃及, 随军带去了一批法国学者, 对埃及的古迹遗址展开系统的调查和研究, 从此开启了 现代古埃及考古乃至非洲考古的历程。整个19世纪,法国和英国在古埃及的考古挖掘和文物攫取上 展开激烈竞争,这种竞争,实际上是在争夺对人类文明历史的知识和解释的话语权,并进而证明对 非洲、对"东方"殖民的合法性。19世纪的古埃及考古,形成了一种对人类古代文明的浪漫的想 象,并建构了一个从古埃及、古美索不达米亚到古希腊、罗马再到现代西方文明的传继链,越过了 这些古代文明最直接的继承人,即被认为是落后的现代"东方"。这样的文明史观割裂了被理想化 的古代"东方"和被污名化的现代"东方",让埃及人承受了一种文明衰落的屈辱和无力感。在这 一文明史观下,埃及人不得不一方面否定当前的自己,一方面又狂热地去寻回过去的自己。讽刺的 是,只有依托古埃及,埃及才能更贴近现代人类的文明的中心——"西方"。这就解释了为什么, 1922年,从未被盗掘过的法老图坦卡蒙墓的考古发现,催生了脱离"东方"去归属欧洲文明的埃及 民族主义思潮。独立之后的埃及,更需要古埃及作为象征资本来谋取其世界地位,民族主义对古埃 及考古和古埃及旅游的改造无法动摇殖民时代的文明史观,更多的,则是围绕古埃及文物的归属做 文章。一直以来,前来埃及旅游的外国游客,最感兴趣的依然是那个诞生于19世纪的浪漫、理想的 古埃及文明图景,而不是鲜活的埃及社会本身。如今,埃及政府鼓励古埃及考古的国际参与,固然 有振兴旅游业的考虑, 但也提供了一个反思古埃及考古发展史和古埃及文明同当代埃及社会关系的 契机。

埃及考古和非洲考古,需要更多元的声音,更需要将考古与当地社区发展系统、有机结合起来的实践。也许,这也给中国参与埃及考古提出了一个重大课题:不是重述已有的古埃及,不是构建新的古埃及,而是通过考古合作来吸引更多的国人去接触并理解当下的埃及。

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中心活动

- 1、12月,李安山的英文文章"China's Assistance to Africa and International Cooperation: Concept, History and Challenges" (中国对非援助与国际合作: 概念、历史与挑战)发表在 北京大学国际战略研究院的英文刊China International Straregy Studies 2017(《中国国际战略研究 2017》)。
- 2、12月21日,北京大学区域国别研究院兰旻和曹嘉洇访问中心,与刘海方讨论合作工作坊事宜。
 - 3、12月21日,中国原驻赞比亚大使杨优明大使携夫人、以及赞比亚朋友访问中心。





5、12月23日,廉超群参加北京外国语大学亚非学院举办的"雪隐鹭鸶:第三世界文学中的语言"工作坊,并以《阿拉伯语世界的(后)殖民性与语言象征性》为题发言。

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1. Ancient tools discovery in Algeria forces scientists to rethink human evolution (in English)

阿尔及利亚发现古代工具, 迫使科学家重新思考人类进化 (英文)

Scientists believe they might have to rewrite parts of human evolutionary history after new archaeological evidence suggested early people's ancestors first arrived in north Africa about 600,000 years earlier than previously thought.

https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/africa/human-evolution-ancient-tools-algeria-north-africa-cradle-humanity-a8660686.html

2. China has started its first-ever excavation to find ancient treasures in Egypt (in English)

中国开启首次埃及考古挖掘去发现古代珍宝(英文)

In what is being dubbed as a first, an archaeological team from China has started excavation work at the Montu Temple located in the historic southern governorate of Luxor. The temple, dedicated to the falcon-headed warrior god Montu, is currently very dilapidated and closed to tourists. The team of four Chinese experts, led by Jia Xiaobing from the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences' Institute of Archaeology, said they would first conduct a "small-scale trial excavation" to assess the damage, collect data, and figure out what will be needed for repair.

https://qz.com/africa/1480464/china-archaeologists-begin-first-excavation-work-in-luxor-egypt/

3. Morocco's Spy Agency Foils Terror Plots Targeting Germany & France (in English) 摩洛哥间谍机构挫败针对德国和法国的恐怖阴谋 (英文)

Morocco's intelligence agency has helped its German and French counterparts to thwart serious terrorist plots that were targeting the airports of Charles de Gaulle and Stuttgart, according to German ZDF TV Channel.

http://northafricapost.com/26871-moroccos-spy-agency-foils-terror-plots-targeting-germany-france.html

4. Egypt's Sisi approves two loans from African Development Bank for water treatment project (in English)

埃及总统塞西批准两笔非洲开发银行为水处理项目提供的贷款 (英文)

Egypt's President Abdel-Fattah El-Sisi issued a decree approving a loan agreement worth \$100 million between Egypt and the African Development Bank (AfDB), earmarked to finance a wastewater treatment plant at Abu Rawash, Giza.

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5. Huawei has much to be proud of after 20 years in Africa (in English) 华为在非洲20年的经营创造了多项值得骄傲的成就(英文)

Global information and communications technology (ICT) infrastructure provider and smart devices maker Huawei is celebrating 20 years of operations in Africa.

https://www.iol.co.za/the-star/news/huawei-has-much-to-be-proud-of-after-20-years-in-africa-18585721

6. Sudanese president visits Syria, signaling Arab thaw (in English) 苏丹总统访问叙利亚,标志阿拉伯国家对叙利亚关系解冻(英文)

Omar al-Bashir's trip, the first to the war-torn country by an Arab head of state since its conflict began in 2011, hints at a changing stance toward the Assad regime.

http://www.atimes.com/article/sudanese-president-visits-damascus-signaling-arab-thaw/

7. Arab and African states discuss forming a Red Sea security council (in English) 阿拉伯和非洲国家讨论成立红海安全理事会(英文)

The formation of a new political council aimed at securing the Red Sea was discussed on Wednesday in Riyadh at a gathering of foreign ministers from seven coastal Arab and African nations.

 $https://www.\ the national.\ ae/world/gcc/arab-and-african-states-discuss-forming-a-red-seasecurity-council-1.\ 801970$

8. Iran turns to BRICS nations to demolish Trump's wall of sanctions (in English) 伊朗转向金砖国家以打破特朗普的制裁封锁 (英文)

Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa all offer potential markets for Iranian oil, but all will be wary of US retaliation, notes Omid Shokri Kalehsar.

Over the past decade, the Iranian government has been trying to make more of a political impact on the African continent. The number of trips between high-ranking Iranian and African leaders has increased dramatically over the years, but it does not seem that in practice the development of Iranian relations with Africa will be lucrative for Tehran either economically or politically.

https://www.alaraby.co.uk/english/indepth/2018/12/19/iran-turns-to-brics-nations-assanctions-build



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