Abstract:

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Water Projects on the Nile in the 19th Century and Their Influence in British-French Relations

At the beginning of the 19th century, the era of building of the first modern hydraulic projects on the Nile in Egypt was launched. During the first half of the 19th century, France had a significant influence on Egypt, which was also reflected in hydraulic projects on the Nile. On the contrary, since the British occupation of Egypt in 1882 until the end of the century, the influence of London dominated. The need of water and the construction of major projects shaped the policies of France and Great Britain towards Nile basin. The aim of this thesis is to prove or refute the hypothesis, that hydraulic projects realized on the Nile during the 19th century represented a significant issue of friction between France and Great Britain. And at the same time this thesis tries to prove a change in the perception of water from the side of Egyptian authorities.