

Abstract

This bachelor thesis deals with the academic and popularize activities of Alois Musil Czech Arabist and Orientalist. The first part of thesis outline life of Alois Musil which is the key to understanding his publications, whether academic or purely towards the wider public. Biographical section aims to highlight moments and contemporary context, which led the priest originally from Hana begin the way of life of cartographer, ethnographer and ethnologist of the Middle East, parts of the Maghreb, the Horn of Africa and India, making him an indelible place in the human history and discoveries.

The main part of the thesis is the analysis of academic and popularize activities of Alois Musil with special emphasis on the period of his tenure in the Czechoslovakian Radio. This part is divided into three subsections, each of them is separately dedicated to: academic activities, further popularize activities, and lastly works for Czechoslovakian Radio. These parts are based on extensive works of Alois Musil written in Czech and English language and his own lectures recorded for Czechoslovakian Radio after 1930. The main emphasis is placed upon factual, ethnographical and ethnological contribution of Musil's work, especially the popularization texts. Overall analysis is output of the careful research conducted in the archive of the National Library of the Czech Republic, archive of the Museum of Vyskov in Moravia and archive of the Czech Radio in Prague. Subsection which is focus on works for the Czechoslovakian Radio is exclusively result of studying archives materials of the Czech Radio in 2014, and is assay of lecture of Alois Musil which have not been processed so far. The last chapter is devoted to contribution of works of Alois Musil to the academic and popularize sphere.

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