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## Preface

The title of this volume, *Hattušaš utnē išḫameški* (Praise the Land of the Hittites), could well serve as a personal motto of Piotr Taracha's scholarly journey. For more than four decades, the world of Hittite Anatolia has captured both his mind and his heart, shaping a career that not only contributed significantly to international Hittitology but also helped establish Warsaw as a recognizable center for Anatolian studies. Those of us who have had the privilege to learn from him or to work alongside him know that this fascination is not merely academic; it is deeply personal. There are scholars for whom research is a profession, and there are those for whom it is a calling. Piotr Taracha belongs firmly to the latter category.

### Early Years: Two Paths Converging

His path into ancient studies might seem, at first glance, almost accidental. After high school, he decided to undertake studies in Mediterranean archaeology nearly at the last moment. And yet, once he crossed the threshold of the Institute of Archaeology at the University of Warsaw, he never looked back. Soon afterwards, he began parallel studies at a second department – the Department of Assyriology and Hittitology at the Institute of Oriental Studies of the University of Warsaw (today the Department of the Ancient Near East at the Faculty of Asian and African Cultures). He completed his archaeological degree in 1985 with a Master's thesis entitled *The Archetype of a Lion in Anatolian Culture of the Second Millennium BC*, under the supervision of Dr. Michał Pietrzykowski. Two years later, he concluded a second – this time purely Hittitological – Master's thesis, *A Hittite Festival for the God Telipinu in Ḫanḫana and Kašša*, under the guidance of the late Professor Maciej Popko, with whom he would later collaborate closely for more than twenty years.

This early combination of archaeology and philology became a defining characteristic of his academic profile. Already at this stage, one could observe a pattern that would follow him throughout his professional life: he was never content to stay within the boundaries of a single discipline. For him, archaeology and philology are not separate domains but complementary lenses, each essential for making sense of the fragmentary world of Late Bronze Age Anatolia. From the outset, employing both these perspectives gave him a distinct

advantage in interpreting sources that often remain silent unless approached with equal sensitivity to their material and textual dimensions.

### **Professional Formation and Academic Advancement**

Before entering the university as a lecturer, he began his professional path at the Institute of Archaeology and Ethnology of the Polish Academy of Sciences, where he was employed as an assistant in 1986. There, in 1993, he defended his doctoral dissertation, *Weaponry in the Late Bronze Age Aegean*, under the supervision of Professor Bogdan Rutkowski. Soon after the defense, he joined the Department of Assyriology and Hittitology at the Institute of Oriental Studies of the University of Warsaw as an assistant professor.

His habilitation, *Ersetzen und Entsühnen: Das mittelhethitische Ersatzritual für den Großkönig Tuthalija (CTH 448.4) und verwandte Texte*, was published by Brill in 2000 and received the Prize of the Polish Minister of Science and Higher Education.

Finally, in 2010, Piotr Taracha was awarded the title of professor of the humanities by the President of the Republic of Poland. These milestones, however, mark only the formal dimensions of a career shaped above all by intellectual restlessness and curiosity.

### **Fieldwork, Method, and Early Networks**

Piotr Taracha's development as a scholar was never confined to a single institution or city. His early academic years included extensive fieldwork, which took him far beyond the libraries and seminar rooms where many Hittitologists spend most of their time. Between 1978 and 1985, he gained excavation experience in Poland at Regów, Marki, Krzywólka, and Wiszenki, as well as abroad – in Battle near Hastings in cooperation with the University of Cambridge (1979), in Gurnia on Crete (1985), and in Bad Wimpfen, Herrenberg, Heilbronn, and Esslingen in Germany (1986–1992). These experiences not only broadened his methodological toolkit but also sharpened his understanding of how archaeological and textual evidence collide, contradict, and ultimately complement each other.

### **International Recognition and Scholarly Contributions**

As a Hittitologist, his expertise was quickly recognized internationally. Already in the first years of his Hittitological career he was invited to attend the First International Congress of Hittitology in Çorum, an event which proved foundational not only for the discipline but for his own place within it. Remarkably, he is among the very few scholars – if not the only one – to have participated in all twelve editions of the Congress to this day.

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His work on the religions of Ancient Anatolia brought him international renown and remains exemplary for its methodological clarity and committed interdisciplinarity. We owe him the reconstructions of the cults of such important Hittite cities as Durmitta and Ḫanḫana. His immense knowledge of religious systems in Hittite Anatolia culminated in the repeatedly reprinted monograph *Religions of Second Millennium Anatolia* (DBH 27, Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz), published in 2009.



At Yazılıkaya, on the occasion of the 12th International Congress of Hittitology, September 2023 (photo Magdalena Kapehuś)

His interests, however, extend far beyond religious studies. Over the years, he has published on an impressively wide range of topics: magic, history and geography of Late Bronze Age Anatolia, lexicography, grammar, and the Hattian language. In all areas, he has proven himself a meticulous interpreter of the fragmentarily preserved world of the Hittites. His methodology – rooted in attentiveness to detail and a capacity to see connections where others see only gaps – has made his work relevant to researchers across fields.

This willingness to publish findings that challenge entrenched views has been a hallmark of his scholarship. His reconstructions are careful but bold, grounded but imaginative. And always, regardless of the conclusion reached, the process remains transparent: the logic of argumentation, the re-evaluation of evidence, the consideration of alternatives. It is perhaps no surprise, then,

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that his research has often led him to conclusions that run against prevailing scholarly opinion, on such matters as the number of kings named Tudḫaliya in Hittite history, the possibility of a dynastic change on the throne of Ḫattuša, or the location of Zippalanda. But if he has occasionally found himself in disagreement with colleagues, he has never been unwilling to face critique – indeed, he enjoys testing ideas through discussion, and he thrives on the intellectual friction that such exchanges generate.

### **A Scholar in Service: Institution Building and Administration**

Beyond research, Piotr Taracha has remained a deeply engaged member of the scholarly community, and his service to academia took multiple forms: administrative, editorial, advisory, translational, and mentoring. Since 2002 he has held administrative posts: first as deputy director of the Institute of Oriental Studies, then, from 2008, as deputy dean of the newly established Faculty of Oriental Studies. Between 2016 and 2024 he served two terms as Dean of the Faculty and was a member of the University Senate. He was also, between 2011 and 2018, a member of the presidential board of the Committee of Oriental Studies of the Polish Academy of Sciences, and between 2019 and 2024 its chairman.



Dean of the Faculty of Oriental Studies, University of Warsaw  
(from the archives of the faculty)

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Administrative duties never hindered his academic productivity. Even as dean, he continued publishing, translating, lecturing, and developing Warsaw as a center of Hittitological research. He also served as editor of the yearly journal *Archeologia*, exemplifying his belief that institutional responsibility is not an excuse to withdraw from scholarly life.

Throughout his career, he has translated nineteen books into Polish, thereby offering generations of students and scholars access to foundational literature.

If institutions are strengthened by individuals, then it is no exaggeration to say that Warsaw's position within the international Hittitological landscape was shaped in large part by Piotr Taracha. His collaboration with Professor Popko, and later his independent activity, has made the city a recognizable point on the map of Anatolian studies. It is thanks to him that those of us who studied here never felt isolated from the main currents of the discipline. An apt recognition of Piotr Taracha's status in the field came in 2011, when Warsaw hosted the Eighth International Congress of Hittitology.



At Šapinuwa with Maciej Popko and Massimo Poetto, September 1996  
(from the family archives of Piotr Taracha)

### **Teacher, Mentor, and Colleague**

His teaching career has taken him not only through the lecture halls of the University of Warsaw but also to Germany, specifically to Tübingen, Mainz, Berlin, and Munich. He served as a visiting professor at the Altorientalisches Seminar in Tübingen (postdoctoral fellowship, winter semester 1994/1995 and June 1996, Hittite lectures) and at the University of Mainz (summer semester 2007/2008 and summer 2025).

For his students, Piotr Taracha has always been more than a lecturer. He is a teacher who treats his students seriously, not in the sense of strictness – although he is never lenient to the point of negligence – but in the sense of respect. He assumes that those who come to his seminars are ready to learn, and he teaches by example more than by instruction. He does not lead his students by the hand; instead, he clears a path, points to the direction, and allows them to find their footing. His praise is sparing and often disguised; his students had to learn to recognize when they had done well. He teaches them to aim high, engage in discussion with scholars around the world, and resist complacency – especially the temptation to publish only for a local audience. For them, it became natural to treat scholarly work as an international endeavor.

Most memorable, however, is the environment he creates around himself: one of calm intensity. One often finds him at his desk, surrounded by volumes, immersed in texts with remarkable concentration, a cup of tea forgotten and long cold beside him. In those moments, with his head lowered over the pages, he appears most relaxed – as though wandering with the peoples and gods of ancient Anatolia brings him a sense of peace. When he lifts his gaze, one can tell that he has only just come back from one of those journeys.

This Festschrift is a modest attempt to honor a scholar whose work has shaped not only the field but also the intellectual lives of many. It is a gesture of respect for a teacher and colleague whose influence will continue through the research of those he trained and collaborated with. And, on a more personal level, it is a tribute to someone whose passion made us fall in love with a land that vanished millennia ago, but which, through his work, continues to live.

*The Editorial Board, December 2025*

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IIIR	Henry Creswicke Rawlinson, George Smith, <i>The Cuneiform Inscriptions of Western Asia III</i> , London: R. E. Bowler, 1870.
AA	<i>Archäologische Anzeiger</i> , Berlin; Mainz.
ABoT	<i>Ankara Arkeoloji Müzesinde bulunan Boğazköy Tabletleri</i> , (1: İstanbul 1948; 2: Chicago 2011).
AcOr	<i>Acta Orientalia</i> , Copenhagen.
AEPHER	<i>Annuaire de l'École Pratique des Hautes Études, Section des sciences religieuses</i> , Paris.
ADPV	Abhandlungen des Deutschen Palästina-Vereins, Wiesbaden.
AfO	<i>Archiv für Orientforschung</i> , Berlin; Graz; Wien.
AHw	Wolfram von Soden, <i>Akkadisches Handwörterbuch</i> , 3 vols., Wiesbaden 1965–1981.
AIÖN	<i>Annali del Seminario di Studi del Mondo Classico – Sez. Linguistica</i> , Istituto Universitario Orientale, Napoli, Pisa.
ALASPM	Abhandlungen zur Literatur Alt-Syrien-Palästinas und Mesopotamiens, Münster.
ANES	<i>Ancient Near Eastern Studies</i> , Louvain.
ANET	James B. Pritchard (ed.), <i>Ancient Near Eastern Texts Relating to the Old Testament</i> , 3rd ed. with Suppl., Princeton, New Jersey, 1969 <sup>3</sup> .
AnSt	<i>Anatolian Studies</i> , London.
AO	Der Alte Orient, Leipzig.
AOAT	Alter Orient und Altes Testament, Kevelaer – Neukirchen-Vluyn; Münster.
AOATS	Alter Orient und Altes Testament. Sonderreihe, Kevelaer – Neukirchen-Vluyn; Münster.
AoF	<i>Altorientalische Forschungen</i> , Berlin.
AOS	American Oriental Series, New Haven.
ArAnat	<i>Archivum Anatolicum / Anadolu Arşivleri</i> , Ankara.
ARES	Archivi Reali di Ebla. Studi, Roma.
ARET	Archivi Reali di Ebla. Testi, Roma.
ArOr	<i>Archiv Orientální</i> , Praha.
AS	Assyriological Studies, Chicago.

## Abbreviations

<i>ASJ</i>	<i>Acta Sumerologica</i> , Hiroshima.
<i>AuOr</i>	<i>Aula Orientalis</i> , Barcelona.
AUWE	Ausgrabungen in Uruk-Warka. Endberichte, Mainz.
AUWE 18	Erica Ehrenberg, <i>Uruk: Late Babylonian Seals Impressions on Eanna-Tablets</i> , (Ausgrabungen in Uruk-Warka. Endberichte 18) Mainz: Philipp von Zabern, 1999.
AVO	Altertumskunde des Vorderen Orients. Archäologische Studien zur Kultur und Geschichte des Alten Orients, Münster.
<i>BagM</i>	<i>Baghdader Mitteilungen</i> , Berlin; Mainz.
BAM	Franz Köcher <i>et al.</i> , <i>Die babylonisch-assyrische Medizin in Texten und Untersuchungen</i> , Berlin: De Gruyter, 1963ff.
BAR	British Archaeological Reports, Oxford.
<i>BASOR</i>	<i>Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research</i> , Atlanta, New Haven.
BIAA	British Institute of Archaeology at Ankara
BIN	<i>Babylonian Inscriptions in the Collection of James B. Nies</i> , Yale University, New Haven: Yale University Press, 1917ff.
<i>BiOr</i>	<i>Bibliotheca Orientalis</i> , Leiden.
BM	British Museum, London (inventory nos. of the Museum's collections).
<i>BMECCJ</i>	<i>Bulletin of the Middle Eastern Culture Center in Japan</i> , Wiesbaden.
BMO	Barcino Monographica Orientalia, Barcelona.
Bo...	Boğazköy-Ḫattuša (inventory nos.).
BoHa / BoḪa	Boğazköy-Ḫattuša. Ergebnisse der Ausgrabungen, Berlin; Mainz.
BoSt	Boghazköi-Studien, Leipzig.
BSIEL	Brill's Studies in Indo-European Languages & Linguistics, Leiden – Boston.
BT	Johann N. Strassmaier, <i>Babylonische Texte</i> , 1–12, Leipzig: Pfeiffer, 1887–1897.
<i>B-VG</i>	Bundes-Verfassungsgesetz der Republik Österreich.
<i>CAD</i>	A. Leo Oppenheim, Erica Reiner <i>et al.</i> (eds.), <i>The Assyrian Dictionary of the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago</i> , vols. 1–21, Chicago: The Oriental Institute; Glückstadt: Augustin, 1956–2010.

## Abbreviations

- CBS* Collection of the Babylonian Section, University Museum, Philadelphia.
- CDOG* Colloquien der Deutschen Orient-Gesellschaft, Saarbrücken; Wiesbaden.
- CHANE* Culture and History of the Ancient Near East, Leiden – Boston.
- CHD* Hans Gustav Güterbock, Harry A. Hoffner *et al.* (eds.), *The Hittite Dictionary of the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago*, Chicago: The Oriental Institute, 1980ff.
- CHDS* Chicago Hittite Dictionary Supplements, Chicago.
- ChS* Corpus der hurritischen Sprachdenkmäler, Roma.
- CICH* Carl F. Lehmann-Haupt, *Corpus Inscriptionum Chaldicarum*, vols. 1–2, Berlin: De Gruyter, 1928–1935.
- CLICS*<sup>3</sup> Christoph Rzymiski, Tiago Tresoldi *et al.*, *The Database of Cross-Linguistic Colexifications, reproducible analysis of cross-linguistic polysemies*, 2019. DOI: 10.1038/s41597-019-0341-x.
- CM* Cuneiform Monographs, Groningen; Leiden – Boston.
- CoS* William W. Hallo, K. Lawson Younger (eds.), *The Context of Scripture*, vols. 1–3, Leiden etc., 1997–2002; K. Lawson Younger (ed.), *Supplements*, vol. 4, Leiden – Boston 2016.
- CoS 1* William W. Hallo, K. Lawson Younger (eds.), *The Context of Scripture 1: Canonical Compositions from the Biblical World*, Leiden – New York: Brill, 1997.
- CSLI* Center for the Study of Language and Information, Stanford University.
- CT* *Cuneiform Texts from Babylonian Tablets in the British Museum*, London 1896ff.
- CT 22* Reginald Campbell Thompson, *Cuneiform Texts from Babylonian Tablets, & C., in the British Museum*, Part 22, London: Trustees of the British Museum, 1906.
- CTH* Emmanuel Laroche, *Catalogue des textes hittites*, 2nd ed., (Études et commentaires 75) Paris: Klincksieck, 1971 (with supplements in *RHA* 30, 1972: 94–133 and *RHA* 32, 1973: 68–71).
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- CTMMA Cuneiform Texts in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, 1988ff.
- CTMMA 3 Ira Spar, Eva von Dassow, *Private Archive Texts from the First Millennium B.C.*, (Cuneiform Texts in the Metropolitan Museum of Art 3) New York: Metropolitan Museum of Art; Brepols, 2000.
- CTU Mirjo Salvini, *Corpus dei Testi Urartei* (edition nos.).
- CTU I–III Mirjo Salvini, *Corpus dei Testi Urartei. Le iscrizioni su pietra e roccia*, vols. I–III, (Documenta Asiana 8/1–3), Roma: CNR – Istituto di Studi sulle Civiltà dell’Egeo e del Vicino Oriente, 2008.
- CTU IV Mirjo Salvini, *Corpus dei Testi Urartei*, vol. IV: *Iscrizioni su bronzi, argilla e altri supporti. Nuove iscrizioni su pietra. Paleografia generale*, (Documenta Asiana 8/4) Roma: CNR – Istituto di Studi sulle Civiltà dell’Egeo e del Vicino Oriente, 2012.
- CTU A Mirjo Salvini, *Corpus dei Testi Urartei*, vol. V: *Revisioni delle epigrafi e nuovi testi su pietra e roccia (CTU A); Dizionario urarteo; Schizzo grammaticale della lingua urartea*, Paris: de Boccard, 2018.
- CunMon see CM.
- CunMon 20 Cornelia Wunsch, *Das Egibi-Archiv I. Die Felder und Gärten*, 2 vols., (Cuneiform Monographs 20) Groningen: STYX, 2000.
- Cyr. Cyrus (the inscriptions); edition: Johann N. Strassmaier, *In-schriften von Cyrus, König von Babylon (538–529 v. Chr.)*, (Babylonische Texte 7) Leipzig: Eduard Pfeiffer, 1890.
- DAAM Documenta Antiqua Asiae Minoris, Wiesbaden.
- DAAM 1 Elisabeth Rieken (ed.), *Keilschrifttafeln aus Kayalıpınar 1: Textfunde aus den Jahren 1999–2017*, Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz, 2019.
- DAAM 3 Şafak Bozgun, *Boğazköy Tablets in the Museum of Anatolian Civilisations (Bo 95–Bo 3993) / Anadolu Medeniyetleri Müzesinde Bulunan Boğazköy Tabletleri (Bo 95–Bo 3993)*, Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz, 2025.
- DBH Dresdner Beiträge zur Hethitologie, Dresden; Wiesbaden.
- DBH 46 Rukiye Akdoğan, *Hethitische Texte Bo 4658–Bo 5000. Teil 1: Transkriptionen; Teil 2: Autographien*, (DBH 46/1–2) Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz, 2016.

## Abbreviations

DGAM	Directorate-General of Antiquities and Museums, Syria.
D.I.Sc.A.M.	Pubblicazioni del Dipartimento di Scienze Umanistiche dell'Università di Messina.
DMOA	Documenta et Monumenta Orientis Antiqui, Leiden.
<i>DNP</i>	Hubert Cancik, Helmuth Schneider (eds.), <i>Der Neue Pauly</i> , 1–12, Stuttgart – Weimar: Metzler, 1996–2003.
EA	El-Amarna tablets; edition: J. A. Knudtzon, <i>Die El-Amarna Tafeln</i> , (Vorderasiatische Bibliothek 2) Leipzig: Hinrichs, 1915.
eBL	The “electronic Babylonian Library” (eBL) Platform ( <a href="https://www.ebl.lmu.de/">https://www.ebl.lmu.de/</a> ).
<i>EDHIL</i>	Alwin Kloekhorst, <i>Etymological Dictionary of the Hittite Inherited Lexicon</i> , (Leiden Indo-European Etymological Dictionary Series 5) Leiden – Boston: Brill, 2008.
eDiAna	<i>The Digital Philological-Etymological Dictionary of the Minor Anatolian Corpus Languages</i> : ( <a href="https://www.ediana.gwi.uni-muenchen.de/project.php">https://www.ediana.gwi.uni-muenchen.de/project.php</a> ).
Ešh.	Eršaruğa (sumero-akkadian prayers); edition: Stefan M. Maul, <i>“Herzberuhigungsklagen”</i> : die sumerisch-akkadischen Eršarunga-Gebete, Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz, 1988.
ETCSL	Electronic Text Corpus of Sumerian Literature: <a href="https://etcsl.orinst.ox.ac.uk">https://etcsl.orinst.ox.ac.uk</a> .
<i>FGrH</i>	Felix Jacoby (ed.), <i>Die Fragmente der griechischen Historiker</i> , Berlin: Weidmann; Leiden: Brill, 1923ff.
GAG	Wolfram von Soden, <i>Grundriss der akkadischen Grammatik</i> , (Analecta Orientalia 33) Roma: Pontificio Istituto Biblico, 1952; 1969 <sup>2</sup> ; 1995 <sup>3</sup> .
<i>GG</i>	Grundgesetz der Bundesrepublik Deutschland.
GMTR	Guides to the Mesopotamian Textual Record, Münster.
HANES	History of the Ancient Near East. Studies, Padova.
<i>Hatt.</i>	Albrecht Götze, <i>Hattušiliš. Der Bericht über seine Thronbesteigung nebst den Paralleltexten</i> , (MVAeG 29/3) Leipzig: Hinrichs, 1925.
Hchl	Friedrich Wilhelm König, <i>Handbuch der chaldäischen Inschriften</i> , (AfO Beiheft 8/1–2) Graz 1955–1957.
HdO	Handbuch der Orientalistik. Erste Abteilung: Der Nahe und Mittlere Osten / Handbook of Oriental Studies. Section one: the Near and Middle East, Leiden – Boston.

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- HED* Jaan Puhvel, *Hittite Etymological Dictionary*, Berlin – New York – Amsterdam: Mouton de Gruyter, 1984ff.
- HEG* Johann Tischler, *Hethitisches etymologisches Glossar*, (IBS 20) Innsbruck: Institut für Sprachwissenschaft der Universität Innsbruck, 1983–2016.
- Hethitica* VIII René Lebrun (ed.), *Acta Anatolica E. Laroche oblata*, Colloque anatolien, Paris, 1–5 juillet 1985, (Bibliothèque des Cahiers de l’Institut de Linguistique de Louvain 37) Louvain – Paris: Peeters, 1987.
- HFR Das Corpus der hethitischen Festrutuale (Hethitologie Portal Mainz): <https://www.hethport.uni-wuerzburg.de/HFR/>.
- HHw*; *HHW*<sup>2</sup> Johann Tischler, *Hethitisches Handwörterbuch. Mit dem Wortschatz der Nachbarsprachen*, (IBS 102) Innsbruck: Institut für Sprachen und Literaturen der Universität Innsbruck, 2001; 2nd edition, Innsbruck 2008.
- HKM Sedat Alp, *Hethitische Keilschrifttafeln aus Maşat-Höyük / Maşat-Höyük’te bulunan çivi yazılı Hitit tabletleri*, (TTKY VI/34) Ankara: Atatürk Kültür, Dil ve Tarih Yüksek Kurumu, 1991.
- HL Hittite Laws.
- HPM Hethitologie-Portal Mainz: <https://www.hethport.uni-wuerzburg.de/HPM/>.
- HS* *Historische Sprachforschung / Historical Linguistics*, Göttingen.
- HSS Harvard Semitic Studies, Atlanta.
- HT *Hittite Texts in the Cuneiform Character from Tablets in the British Museum*, London: Trustees of the British Museum, 1920.
- HW*<sup>1</sup> Johannes Friedrich, *Hethitisches Wörterbuch*, (Indogermanische Bibliothek. Reihe 2: Wörterbücher) Heidelberg: Winter, 1952; Ergänzungsheft 1, 1957; 2, 1961; 3, 1966.
- HW*<sup>2</sup> Johannes Friedrich, Annelies Kammenhuber *et al.* (eds.), *Hethitisches Wörterbuch*. Zweite, völlig neubearbeitete Auflage auf der Grundlage der edierten hethitischen Texte, (Indogermanische Bibliothek. Reihe 2: Wörterbücher) Heidelberg: Winter, 1975ff.
- IBoT *İstanbul arkeoloji müzelerinde bulunan Boğazköy Tabletleri*, I–III, İstanbul 1944, 1947, 1954; IV, Ankara 1988.
- Ibr. Ibrum.

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IBS	Innsbrucker Beiträge zur Sprachwissenschaft, Innsbruck.
IF	<i>Indogermanische Forschungen</i> , Straßburg; Leipzig; Berlin.
IJDL	<i>International Journal of Diachronic Linguistics and Linguistic Reconstruction</i> , München; Wiesbaden.
IJDLS	<i>International Journal of Diachronic Linguistics</i> Supplements, München.
IL	<i>Incontri Linguistici</i> , Pisa – Roma.
IM	<i>Istanbuler Mitteilungen</i> , Tübingen.
IOS, IOSA	Israel Oriental Studies. Annual Publication of the Faculty of Humanities, Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv; Winona Lake, IN; Leiden – Boston.
ISMEO	Istituto italiano per il Medio ed Estremo Oriente.
I.Z.	Ibbi-Zikir.
JANER	<i>Journal of Ancient Near-Eastern Religions</i> , Leiden.
JAOS	<i>Journal of the American Oriental Society</i> , Baltimore.
JCS	<i>Journal of Cuneiform Studies</i> , New Haven.
JHIL	<i>Journal of the History of International Law</i> , Leiden.
JIESM	<i>Journal of Indo-European Studies</i> Monographs, Washington, DC.
JNES	<i>Journal of Near Eastern Studies</i> , Chicago.
KAL	Keilschrifttexte aus Assur literarischen Inhalts, Wiesbaden 2007ff.
KBo	<i>Keilschrifttexte aus Boghazköi</i> , vols. 1–6, Leipzig: Hinrichs, 1916–1923; vols. 7–70, Berlin: Mann, 1954–2015; vol. 71, Mainz: Akademie der Wissenschaften und der Literatur, Lieff. 1–8, 2018–2025.
KIM	Kültepe International Meetings, Turnhout: Brepols, 2015ff.
Konkordanz	Silvin Košak, <i>Konkordanz der hethitischen Keilschrifttafeln, online-Datenbank Version 2.plus</i> (= S. Košak, hethiter.net/: hetkonk (2.plus), in: Hethitologie-Portal Mainz, <a href="https://www.hethport.uni-wuerzburg.de/hetkonk/">https://www.hethport.uni-wuerzburg.de/hetkonk/</a> ).
Kp...	Kayalıpınar (inventory nos.).
KUB	<i>Keilschrifturkunden aus Boghazköi</i> , vols. 1–60, Berlin: Akademie-Verlag, 1921–1990.
KUKN	Nikolaj V. Arutjunjan, <i>Korpus urartskich klinoobraznych nadpisej</i> (= <i>Divan ovrartalan sepagir arjanagirowt 'yowwneri</i> = <i>Corpus of Urartian cuneiform inscriptions</i> ), Erevan: Izda-

## Abbreviations

- tel'stvo 'Gitutjun' Nacional'noj Akademij Nauk Respubliki Armenij, 2001.
- Kup.* Treaty of Muršili II with Kupanta <sup>d</sup>KAL.
- KuSa* Kuşaklı – Sarissa, Rhaden/Westf.
- KuSa 1/1* Gernot Wilhelm, *Keilschrifttexte aus Gebäude A*, (Kuşaklı – Sarissa, Band 1: *Keilschrifttexte*, Faszikel 1), Rahden/Westf.: Marie Leidorf, 1997.
- KuT* Kuşaklı / Sarissa Tablets (inventory nos.).
- L (+ no.)* Anatolian hieroglyphs numbered according to Emmanuel Laroche, *Les hiéroglyphes hittites*, I: *L'écriture*, Paris 1960.
- LANE* Languages of the Ancient Near East, Winona Lake, IN.
- Lg* *Language, Journal of the Linguistic Society of America*, Baltimore, Washington.
- LGPN* *A Lexicon of Greek Personal Names*, Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1987ff.
- LIEEDS* Leiden Indo-European Etymological Dictionary Series, Leiden.
- LingAeg* *Lingua Aegyptia. Journal of Egyptian Language Studies*, Göttingen; Hamburg.
- Liv.* Liverpool, National Museum, texts; edition: Johann N. Strassmaier, Die babylonischen Inschriften im Museum zu Liverpool nebst andern aus der Zeit von Nebukadnessar bis Darius, in: *Actes du sixième congrès international des Orientalistes tenu en 1883 à Leide*, Leiden: Brill, 1885: 569–624, plates 1–176.
- LIV<sup>2</sup>* *Lexikon der indogermanischen Verben: Die Wurzeln und ihre Primärstambildungen<sup>2</sup>*, Helmut Rix (ed.), Wiesbaden: Reichert, 2001<sup>2</sup>.
- LLE* Liste Lessicali di Ebla.
- LRS* *Leipziger rechtswissenschaftliche Studien*, Leipzig.
- LSU* Landschenkungsurkunde(n); edition: Christel Rüster, Gernot Wilhelm, *Landschenkungsurkunden hethitischer Könige*, (StBoTB 4) Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz, 2012.
- Madd.* Madduwatta text, edition: Albrecht Götze, *Madduwattaš*, (MVAeG 32) Leipzig: Hinrichs, 1928.
- Man.* Treaty between Muršili II and Manapa-Tarhunda of the Šeha River Land.
- MAOG* Mitteilungen der Altorientalischen Gesellschaft, Leipzig.
- XL*

## Abbreviations

MAVOA	Monografie dell'Atlante del Vicino Oriente Antico, Roma.
MDOG	<i>Mitteilungen der Deutschen Orient-Gesellschaft</i> , Berlin.
MEE	Materiali Epigrafici di Ebla, Napoli.
MFA	Museum of Fine Arts, Boston.
MIO	<i>Mitteilungen des Instituts für Orientforschung</i> , Berlin.
MIT	Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
MMAJ	<i>Metropolitan Museum of Art Journal</i> , New York – Turnhout.
MSS	<i>Münchener Studien zur Sprachwissenschaft</i> , München, Detelbach.
MVAG	Mitteilungen der Vorderasiatischen Gesellschaft, Berlin – Leipzig.
MVAeG	Mitteilungen der Vorderasiatisch-Aegyptischen Gesellschaft, Leipzig.
N.A.B.U.	<i>Nouvelles Assyriologiques Brèves et Utilitaires</i> , Paris.
NBC	Nies Babylonian Collection (Yale University, New Haven).
Nbk	Nebuchadnezzar (inscriptions).
NEA	<i>Near Eastern Archaeology</i> , Atlanta, GA; Chicago.
NINO	Nederlands Instituut voor het Nabije Oosten, Leiden.
OA	<i>Oriens Antiquus. Rivista del Centro per l'Antichità e la Storia dell'Arte del Vicino Oriente</i> , Roma.
OBO	Orbis Biblicus et Orientalis, Freiburg, Schweiz – Göttingen.
OECT	Oxford Editions of Cuneiform Texts, London; Oxford 1923ff.
OECT 10	Gilbert J. P. McEwan, <i>Late Babylonian Texts in the Ashmolean Museum</i> , (OECT 10) Oxford: Clarendon, 1984.
<i>Od.</i>	Homer, <i>Odyssey</i> .
OHP	Ben H. L. van Gessel, <i>Onomasticon of the Hittite Pantheon</i> , Part 1–2, (HdO 33/1–2) Leiden – New York – Köln 1998; Part 3 (HdO 33/3) Leiden – Boston – Köln 2001.
OIP	Oriental Institute Publications, Chicago.
OLA	Orientalia Lovaniensia Analecta, Leuven.
OLZ	<i>Orientalistische Literaturzeitung</i> , Berlin; Leipzig.
Or.	Ortaköy-Şapinuwa (inventory nos.).
<i>Or, Or. NS</i>	<i>Orientalia</i> (Nova Series), Roma: Pontificium Institutum Biblicum.
PAM	<i>Polish Archaeology in the Mediterranean</i> , University of Warsaw.

## Abbreviations

PCMA UW	Polish Centre of Mediterranean Archaeology, University of Warsaw.
PFS	Persepolis Fortification tablets, Seal impressions.
<i>Phasis</i> 10	<i>The Argonautica and World Culture</i> , Tbilisi: Institute of Classical, Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, Tbilisi 2007.
Philippika	Altertumswissenschaftliche Abhandlungen / Contributions to the Study of Ancient World Cultures, J. Hengstl <i>et al.</i> (eds.), Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz.
PIHANS	Publications de l'Institut Historique-Archéologique Néerlandais de Stamboul, Leiden – Istanbul.
PIPOAC	Publications de l'Institut du Proche-Orient Ancien du Collège de France, Leuven – Paris – Bristol, CT.
PWN	Państwowe Wydawnictwo Naukowe, Warszawa.
QuadSem	Quaderni di Semitistica, Firenze.
<i>RA</i>	<i>Revue d'Assyriologie et d'Archéologie Orientale</i> , Paris.
RGTC	Répertoire Géographique des Textes Cunéiformes, (TAVO Beihefte – Reihe B 7), Wiesbaden 1974ff.
RGTC 6	Giuseppe F. del Monte – Johann Tischler, <i>Die Orts- und Gewässernamen der hethitischen Texte</i> , Wiesbaden: Reichert, 1978.
RGTC 6.2	Giuseppe F. del Monte, <i>Die Orts- und Gewässernamen der hethitischen Texte</i> , Supplement, Wiesbaden: Reichert, 1992.
<i>RHA</i>	<i>Revue Hittite et Asianique</i> , Paris.
<i>RHR</i>	<i>Revue de l'Histoire des Religions</i> , Paris.
<i>RIHAO</i>	<i>Revista del Instituto de Historia Antigua Oriental "Dr. Abraham Rosenvasser"</i> , Buenos Aires.
RINBE	Royal Inscriptions of the Neo-Babylonian Empire ( <a href="https://www.en.ag.geschichte.uni-muenchen.de/research/rinbe/index.html">https://www.en.ag.geschichte.uni-muenchen.de/research/rinbe/index.html</a> ).
<i>RIA</i>	<i>Reallexikon der Assyriologie und vorderasiatischen Archäologie</i> , Berlin – New York 1928ff.
Rm	Rassam, siglum (British Museum, London).
<i>RO</i>	<i>Rocznik Orientalistyczny</i> , Warszawa.
<i>RPh</i>	<i>Revue de philologie, de Littérature et d'Histoire Anciennes</i> , Paris.
RS	Ras Shamra (inventory nos.).

## Abbreviations

SAA	State Archives of Assyria, Helsinki.
SAA 3	Alasdair Livingstone, <i>Court Poetry and Literary Miscellanea</i> , (State Archives of Assyria 3) Helsinki 1989. – Annotated edition: <a href="https://oracc.museum.upenn.edu/saao/saa03/P334931">https://oracc.museum.upenn.edu/saao/saa03/P334931</a>
SAAS	State Archives of Assyria. Studies, Helsinki.
SANER	Studies in Ancient Near Eastern Records, Boston – Berlin.
SANTAG	SANTAG. Arbeiten und Untersuchungen zur Keilschrifturkunde, Wiesbaden.
SAOC	Studies in Ancient Oriental Civilizations, Chicago.
SBL	Society of Biblical Literature, Atlanta.
SBo II / SBo 2	Hans Gustav Güterbock, <i>Siegel aus Boğazköy. Zweiter Teil: Die Königssiegel von 1939 und die übrigen Hieroglyphensiegel</i> , Berlin: Im Selbstverlag, 1942.
SEPOA	Société pour l'Étude du Proche-Orient Ancien, Antony, Paris.
SLT	Edward Chiera, <i>Sumerian Lexical Texts from the Temple School at Nippur</i> , (OIP 11) Chicago: Chicago University Press, 1929.
<i>SMEA</i>	<i>Studi Micenei ed Egeo-Anatolici</i> , Roma.
StudAs	Studia Asiana, Firenze.
StBoT	Studien zu den Boğazköy-Texten, Wiesbaden.
StBoT 24	Heinrich Otten, <i>Die Apologie Hattusilis III. Das Bild der Überlieferung</i> , (StBoT 24) Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz, 1981.
StBoTB	<i>Studien zu den Boğazköy-Texten. Beihefte</i> , Wiesbaden.
Steph. Byz.	Stephanus of Byzantium, <i>Ethnika</i> .
StMed	Studia Mediterranea, Pavia.
TAVO	Tübinger Atlas des Vorderen Orients, Wiesbaden.
TCL	Textes Cunéiformes du Louvre, Paris 1910ff.
TCS	Texts from Cuneiform Sources, Locust Valley, NY, 1966ff.
<i>Tel.</i>	Edict of Telipinu.
THeth	Texte der Hethiter, Heidelberg.
<i>TIES</i>	<i>Tocharian and Indo-European Studies</i> , Copenhagen.
TLH <sup>dig</sup>	<i>Thesaurus Linguarum Hethaeorum digitalis</i> : <a href="http://hethiter.net/">hethiter.net/</a> : TLH <sup>dig</sup> – Beta Version 0.2 (2025-03-17). <a href="https://www.hethport.uni-wuerzburg.de/TLHdig/">https://www.hethport.uni-wuerzburg.de/TLHdig/</a> .
TM	Tell Mardikh / Ebla (excavation nos.).
TTK	Türk Tarih Kurumu, Ankara.

## Abbreviations

TTKY	Türk Tarih Kurumu Yayınları, Ankara.
TU Dresden	Technische Universität Dresden
UAVA NF	Untersuchungen zur Assyriologie und Vorderasiatischen Archäologie, Neue Folge, Berlin.
UBT	Metin Alparslan, <i>Yayımlanmamış Boğazköy tabletleri (Bo 8486-8694) / Unpublizierte Boğazköy Tafeln (Bo 8486-8694)</i> , İstanbul: Türk Eskiçağ Bilimleri Enstitüsü, 2016.
UF	<i>Ugarit-Forschungen</i> , Kevelaer – Neukirchen-Vluyn; Münster.
UKN	Giorgi A. Melikišvili, <i>Urartskie klinoobraznye nadpisi</i> , Moskva: Izdatiel'stvo Akademij Nauk SSSR, 1960.
UMCS	Uniwersytet Marii Curie-Skłodowskiej, Lublin.
UW	Uniwersytet Warszawski.
VAB	Vorderasiatische Bibliothek, Leipzig.
VANTAM	Van bölgesi ve Tarihi Araştırma Merkezi ( <i>Research Center for the History and Archaeology of Van Region</i> ), Van, Turkey.
VBoT	<i>Verstreute Boghazköi-Texte</i> , Marburg 1930.
VS, VS NF	Vorderasiatische Schriftdenkmäler der Königlichen Museen zu Berlin (Neue Folge), Berlin.
VS NF 12	Liane Jakob-Rost, <i>Keilschrifttexte aus Boghazköy im Vorderasiatischen Museum</i> , (Vorderasiatische Schriftdenkmäler der Staatlichen Museen zu Berlin, Neue Folge, Heft XII) Mainz: von Zabern, 1997.
WAM (Kraków)	Wydawnictwo Apostolstwa Modlitwy, Kraków.
WAM	Walters Art Museum, Baltimore, MD (siglum of the objects kept in the collections).
WAW	Writings from the Ancient World, Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature.
WBG	Wissenschaftliche Buchgesellschaft, Darmstadt.
WO	<i>Die Welt des Orients</i> , Göttingen.
WVDOG	Wissenschaftliche Veröffentlichungen der Deutschen Orient-Gesellschaft, Leipzig; Berlin.
YOS	Yale Oriental Series, New Haven – London – Oxford.
YOS 17	David B. Weisberg, <i>Texts from the Time of Nebuchadnezzar</i> , including 21 plates by Raymond P. Dougherty, (Yale Oriental Series, Babylonian Texts, vol. 17) New Haven: Yale University Press, 1980.

## Abbreviations

<i>ZA</i>	<i>Zeitschrift für Assyriologie und vorderasiatische Archäologie</i> , Leipzig; Berlin.
<i>ZAR</i>	<i>Zeitschrift für altorientalische und biblische Rechtsgeschichte</i> , Wiesbaden.
<i>ZVS</i>	<i>Zeitschrift für vergleichende Sprachforschung</i> , Göttingen.

### Other abbreviations

a.a.O.	am angegebenen Ort
Abstr.	Abstraktum
acc.	accusative
Akk.	Akkusativ
akk./Akkad.	akkadisch, Akkadian
Anm.	Anmerkung
assy./Assyr.	assyrisch, Assyrian
BC / B.C.	Before Christ
BCE	Before Common Era
BP	Before Present
Bulg.	Bulgarian
bzw.	beziehungsweise
ca.	<i>circa</i>
Celt.	Celtic
Cf.	<i>confer</i>
c. / com.	<i>communis</i> , common gender
col.	column
dat.	dative
dat./loc.	dative/locative
Det.	Determinativ
d.h.	das heißt
d.i.	das ist
D-L	Dative-Locative
dupl., Dupl.	duplicate, Duplikat
EBA	Early Bronze Age

## Other abbreviations

ebd.	ebenda
e.g.	<i>exempli gratia</i>
ed., eds.	editor(s)
ED	Early Dynastic
EM	Early Minoan
<i>et al.</i>	<i>et alii</i>
etc.	<i>et cetera</i>
f. / ff.	following(s) / folgend(e)
Fem.	Femininum
Fig., figs	Figure(s)
fn.	footnote
FN	Final Neolithic
Frg.	Fragment
Gen./gen.	genitive
Gk.	Greek
GN	Geographical Name
heth.	hethitisch
Hg(g) / Hrsg.	Herausgeber
Hitt.	Hittite
i.a.	<i>inter alia</i>
<i>ibid.</i>	<i>ibidem</i>
i.e.	<i>id est</i>
imper.	imperative
inf.	infinite
Kas.	Kasus(endung)
Lat.	Latin
L.e.	Left edge
Lith.	Lithuanian
l(l).	line(s)
LM	Late Minoan
LNH	Late New Hittite
LNS	Late New Hittite Script
loc.	locative
Luw.	Luwian

## Other abbreviations

MBA	Middle Bronze Age
m.E.	meines Erachtens
mittelheth.	mittelhethitisch
MH	Middle Hittite
MS	Middle Script
n.	note
n., Neut.	neuter
N-A	Nominative-Accusative
NF	Neue Folge
NH	New Hittite
nom./Nom.	nominative, Nominativ
no(s).	number(s)
NS	New Script
NNW	North/North-West
Nr.	Nummer
obv.	obverse
OCS	Old Church Slavonic
OH	Old Hittite
OHG	Old High German
OIr.	Old Irish
OPr.	Old Prussian
ORuss.	Old Russian
OS	Old Script
p(p).	page(s)
par.	parallel
part.	participle
pl./Pl./plur.	plural
pl./pls.	plate(s)
PN	Personal Name
pres.	present
pret./prt	preterite
Ptz.	Partizip
ref(s).	reference(s)
rev.	reverse

## Other abbreviations

Ro	Recto
Rs.	Rückseite
Russ.	Russian
S.	Seite
s.	siehe
sg./Sg	singular
s. o.	siehe oben
sog.	so genannt
Suff.	Suffix
s.v.	<i>sub voce</i>
Tf.	Tafel
u.a.	unter anderem
u.e.	upper edge
UH	Unaccusative Hypothesis
Ukr.	Ukrainian
u.W.	unseres Wissens
v.a.	vor allem
v. Chr.	vor Christus
Vgl.	vergleiche
viz.	<i>videlicet</i>
Vo	Verso
vol(s),	volume(s)
Vs.	Vorderseite
w. lit.	with literature
WSem.	West Semitic
Z.	Zeile
z.B.	zum Beispiel

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The history of relations between Polish and Czech academics in the field of Oriental studies has so far been the subject of a few individual works; however, a portion of the archival materials concerning the first half of the 20th century has yet to be published.<sup>1</sup> Following the founding of the independent Czechoslovak Republic in 1918, Czechoslovakia and Poland concluded several agreements, and the “Protocol for the Pacific Settlement of International Disputes” was signed by both states in 1924. However, the interwar period (the 1920s and 1930s) was characterised by rather hostile political relations between both countries, partly due to the dispute over the newly established border. Nevertheless, as the following documents illustrate, irrespective of the political context, both Czech and Polish academics sought to establish and deepen scholarly relations in the field of Oriental studies through mutual invitations to lectures, requests for expert opinions, participation in habilitation processes and the exchange of academic publications.

In recent years, remarkable and forgotten texts by the Czech Assyriologist and Hittitologist Bedřich Hrozný have been rediscovered in his estate,<sup>2</sup> among them the text “East-facing Poland” (“Polsko obrácené k východu”),<sup>3</sup> an interview in which Hrozný was asked about his impressions of Poland following

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<sup>1</sup> Among other publications, e.g., Dziurzyńska 2010; Dziurzyńska 2012; Dziurzyńska – Ďurčanský 2021; Dziurzyńska – Ďurčanský – Kodera 2007; Ďurčanský 2004; Ďurčanský 2015. Cf. also Mejor 2015; Popko 2007 and Taracha 2009.

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<sup>2</sup> Hrozný's articles written in the Czech language have been collected and published in the volume *Bedřich Hrozný: Texty a přednášky. Archeologické expedice a lingvistické objevy předního českého orientalisty*; see Velhartická 2022.

<sup>3</sup> Hrozný 1935. For the full document, see Velhartická 2022: 413–417.

his stay there in 1935. In this text, he emphasises the progress Poland had made in the field of Oriental studies:

Particularly important is Prof. Hrozný's observation of how intensively Oriental languages and especially the living languages of the Near East and the Far East are studied in Poland. Poles are driven to this engagement with the East primarily by economic interest. This is an important reminder for us as well.

As this interview makes clear, the collegial relations between Czech and Polish academics in the late 1920s were rooted in their earlier shared studies and acquaintanceship in Vienna during the time of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Hrozný names several of his colleagues and recalls their earlier academic connections:

At the University of Warsaw, I met many of my friends from earlier times, e.g., the excellent professor of classical languages Zieliński,<sup>4</sup> Prof. Korduba,<sup>5</sup> Schorr,<sup>6</sup> and others. Certainly, at the University of Warsaw I was mainly interested in Oriental studies. Until a few years ago, the University of Warsaw did not have a single chair in Oriental studies. Today it has 3 and is working hard to establish more. This is thanks to Professor Schayer,<sup>7</sup> a young Indologist. In addition to Professor Schayer, there is an Egyptologist, Prof. Śmieszek,<sup>8</sup> the Turkologist Zajączkowski,<sup>9</sup> and professorships in Far Eastern languages are now in preparation. So far, the Orientalist seminars are crammed into two small rooms, but they are to receive 11 new ones. In addition, there is the so-called 'Eastern Institute' in Warsaw, of which Professor Górka<sup>10</sup> is the director. At the Eastern Institute, there is a 'School of Living Oriental Languages', which has two departments. At the first one, lectures are given on the languages of the Near East, i.e. Turkish, Caucasian languages, etc. At the second, mainly Chinese and Japanese are taught. In Poland, great importance is attached to knowledge of the languages of the Far East and contacts with the Far East. Among Polish Orientalists, there are many young people with a good command of Japanese and Chinese. This may serve as a warning for us not to neglect contacts with the Far East. Polish Orientalists speak with great appreciation of our 'Oriental Institute', founded by President T. G. Masa-

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<sup>4</sup> Zieliński, Tadeusz Stefan (1859–1944), Polish classical philologist; professor at the universities of St. Petersburg and Warsaw.

<sup>5</sup> Korduba, Myron (1876–1947), Ukrainian historian; professor of Ukrainian history at the University of Warsaw from 1929 to 1939.

<sup>6</sup> Schorr, Mojżesz (Schorr, Moses; 1874–1941), Polish historian, Orientalist and rabbi; see below.

<sup>7</sup> Schayer, Stanisław (1899–1941), Polish Orientalist; see below.

<sup>8</sup> Śmieszek, Antoni Józef (1881–1943), Polish Egyptologist, author of studies on Ancient Egyptian history, religion and literature.

<sup>9</sup> Zajączkowski, Włodzimierz (1914–1982), Polish Turkologist, specialist in Turkish dialects and Near Eastern linguistic contacts.

<sup>10</sup> Górka, Olgierd Alexander (1887–1955), Polish historian, politician and diplomat; see below.

ryk,<sup>11</sup> whose 'Archiv Orientální' with its 'Monographs of the Archiv Orientální' represents us above all in the eyes of the international public. However, I have also visited other scientific institutes in Warsaw, such as Professor Antoniewicz's Institute of Prehistoric Archaeology, the National Library of Poland, etc.

In this interview, Hrozný explains that the main purpose of his visit to Poland was the habilitation of Rudolf Ransozek and highlights the candidate's extraordinary knowledge:

Already last summer, during my stay in Turkey, I was invited to Warsaw to conduct the habilitation examination of a young Polish scholar, and on that occasion to deliver lectures in my field. The candidate for university habilitation, whom I was to examine alongside other committee members, was originally a miner in Upper Silesia. He studied privately at grammar school and entered the university, where he devoted himself to the study of classical and then Oriental languages. He completed his doctorate at the University of Leipzig, Germany, and is now applying for an associate professorship in Assyriology and Hittitology at the University of Warsaw. The examination was held before all the professors of the Faculty of Humanities at the University of Warsaw on Tuesday, 26 February [1935]. As an Assyriologist and Hittitologist, I served as the main examiner. The candidate, a former miner, passed so well that I was able to propose extending his field of study to the History of the ancient Near East.

Hrozný also describes the lectures he gave in connection with this visit:

The next day, Wednesday, 27 February, I lectured at the University of Warsaw on my decipherment of the Hittite cuneiform language and the discovery of five new Hittite peoples in the ancient Near East. Then, on Thursday, I lectured in the crowded largest hall of the University of Warsaw on my decipherment of the Hittite hieroglyphic inscriptions and on my trip to Turkey and Asia Minor last year. In attendance were professors from the Faculty of Humanities, three theological faculties (Catholic, Evangelical and Orthodox) and a great number of students. I gave the lectures in German at the request of the university authorities in Warsaw, as the current students of the University of Warsaw know German better than French (as it used to be before the [First World] war). In fact, German is now a compulsory subject in secondary schools in Poland.

What follows is a selection of extant archival documents concerning Polish Orientalists. The scholars corresponded in various languages, mostly Polish, German, French and Czech.

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<sup>11</sup> Masaryk, Tomáš Garrigue (1850–1937), philosopher and politician, first Czechoslovak president from 1918 to 1935; a great supporter of the establishment of the Czechoslovak Oriental Institute and Oriental studies.

### Tadeusz Kowalski (1889–1948)

Tadeusz Kowalski, a leading Polish Turkologist and Arabist, was born in France, but his parents moved to Kraków shortly after his birth. He probably met Bedřich Hrozný during his studies in Vienna (1907–1911), where, like Hrozný before him, he was a student of David Heinrich Müller, Maximilian Bittner and other leading experts on Near Eastern languages. While in Vienna, he also met Jan Rypka, with whom he later stayed during his trips to Prague in 1926, 1930 and 1937.<sup>12</sup> In 1937, Hrozný informed the Czech public of Kowalski's planned visit to Prague in a news article titled "Famous Polish Orientalist in Prague" ("Slavný polský orientalista v Praze"):

Prof. Tadeusz Kowalski is today one of the leading Polish Orientalists. His main fields of study are Turkish and Arabic. Prof. Kowalski is one of the best experts on the Turkish language at present, and he has an excellent practical knowledge of the language. He has taken numerous trips to Turkey, mainly to study Turkish dialects, a field in which he is unrivalled today. In 1927, driven by these scholarly aims, he travelled throughout Asia Minor together with the prematurely deceased Polish geographer L. Savitzky,<sup>13</sup> devoting attention not only to dialectological matters but also to folklore and ethnographic research. – Among other things, these journeys resulted in his studies on Turkish folk riddles.<sup>14</sup> In a similar way, he travelled through Bulgaria, studying the Turkish dialect there, on which he published a comprehensive study.<sup>15</sup> Kowalski has also devoted much attention to the Turkish dialect of the very interesting Jewish, Talmud-rejecting sect of the Karaites,<sup>16</sup> insofar as they reside within Polish territory. Kowalski published very stimulating works on Arabic poetry, too, and on individual Arab authors. In addition, Prof. Kowalski was an excellent contributor to the well-known comprehensive work *Encyclopédie des Islams*.<sup>17</sup>

In the Polish academic world, moreover, Kowalski plays a significant role as secretary of the philological section of the Polish Academy of Sciences. Prof. Kowalski is a sincere friend of our nation; he is a corresponding member of our Oriental Institute, an ardent collaborator with the *Archiv Orientální*, and he enjoys the most friendly relations with the Czechoslovak Orientalists.

Prof. Kowalski will lecture in Prague under the auspices of the Faculty of Philosophy of Charles University, the Oriental Institute and the Slavonic Institute on 9 March at 6 p.m. at the Faculty of Philosophy on Smetana Square On Turkish elements in the Polish lands (in Polish, with luminous images), and on 10 March at 8 p.m. at the Oriental Institute in the Lobkowitz Palace, Prague III, Vlašská Street

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<sup>12</sup> For more on this topic, see Dziurzyńska – Ďurčanský – Kodera 2007. See also Majkowska 1999.

<sup>13</sup> Sawicki, Ludomir (1884–1928), Polish geographer, publisher and traveller.

<sup>14</sup> E.g. Kowalski 1932.

<sup>15</sup> Kowalski 1933.

<sup>16</sup> The Karaites – a Jewish movement dating back to the 8th century CE, recognising only the written Torah as the supreme authority. See Kowalski 1929.

<sup>17</sup> A comprehensive *Encyclopaedia of Islam*, published since 1913 in Leiden and Leipzig.

On the literary ability of the Arabs (in French). We hope that our public will show this rare Polish scholar and warm friend of our nation the attention he deserves by attending his fascinating lectures in large numbers.<sup>18</sup>

The correspondence between Tadeusz Kowalski, Bedřich Hrozný and Jan Rypka has been extensively published by Ewa Dziurzyńska, Marek Ďurčanský and Pavel Kodera, along with biographical sketches of all three researchers.<sup>19</sup> The editors have managed to collect 40 letters from Bedřich Hrozný to Tadeusz Kowalski, dating from 1928 to 1938, from the Archives of Science of the Polish Academy of Sciences and the Polish Academy of Arts and Sciences in Kraków, and 34 letters written by Tadeusz Kowalski from roughly the same period, housed in the National Museum in Prague. The correspondence begins with an invitation to Hrozný to give lectures at the University of Kraków – a request he declined for health reasons, postponing the visit until the following year. In a letter dated 24 January 1929, Hrozný sent suggested titles for his proposed lectures, which he delivered in November that year. Following Hrozný’s return to Prague, the correspondence turned to Kowalski’s role as a corresponding member of the Czechoslovak Oriental Institute and the proofreading of articles he had submitted to *Archiv Orientální*,<sup>20</sup> of which Hrozný was editor-in-chief.



Fig. 1. Article of Ignace J. Gelb “Tajemnica Iwa hetyckiego” in *Kurier Literacko-Naukowy* (1931)

<sup>18</sup> Hrozný 1937. For the quotation, see Velhartická 2022: 421–422.

<sup>19</sup> Dziurzyńska – Ďurčanský – Kodera 2007.

<sup>20</sup> For the articles published by Kowalski in *Archiv Orientální*, see Dziurzyńska – Ďurčanský 2021: 279 n. 929 and 930.

From a Hittitological perspective, the extant letters contain only a few references to contemporary research. For example, Hrozný refers critically to an article by Ignace J. Gelb written in Polish and sent to him by Kowalski<sup>21</sup> (see Fig. 1), as well as to the work of Emil Forrer.<sup>22</sup> In 1933, he discussed with Kowalski the etymology of the Turkish word *tavšan* (and the hieroglyphic “Hittite” form *tapšala*).<sup>23</sup> In a letter from the same year, Hrozný notes that his discovery that the Anatolian hieroglyphs hid a new Indo-European language was gradually gaining acceptance among scholars such as Ferdinand Sommer.<sup>24</sup>

In 1934, Hrozný wrote to Kowalski from Turkey, reporting details about his sojourn there that are also recorded in his published articles. For example, he recounts being invited to an audience by the Turkish president, Mustafa Kemal, and later being sought out by the president’s aides at the railway station to invite him to a second audience. Hrozný also writes that during his stay in Turkey, he gave lessons in Anatolian hieroglyphics to Hamit Zübeyir Koşay.<sup>25</sup> In letters from 1935, Hrozný discusses his planned visit to Poland, having been invited to join Rudolf Ránoszek’s habilitation committee. He also refers to his intended lectures in Warsaw and Kowalski’s invitation to lecture in Prague. The mutual correspondence is documented up to July 1939. In November of that year, following the outbreak of the Second World War, Kowalski was imprisoned in Wrocław and later in Sachsenhausen concentration camp during the “Sonderaktion Krakau” – an action aimed at destroying the Polish intelligentsia, in which 183 Polish university teachers were imprisoned. Shortly afterwards, in December 1939, Kowalski’s wife Zofia wrote the last extant letter to Hrozný (“Mein Mann ist aber nicht zu Hause, er ist schon An-

<sup>21</sup> Probably the Polish article by Ignace J. Gelb “Tajemnica Iwa hetyckiego”, published in the Kraków journal *Kurjer Literacko-Naukowy*; see Gelb 1931.

For a similar opinion on Hrozný’s works by Gelb, see the letter from Gelb to Kowalski (1933), quoted in Dziurzyńska – Ďurčanský 2021: 280 n. 932.

<sup>22</sup> Hrozný wrote (in Czech): “... I thank you sincerely for your kind mention of my lectures in Kraków and for kindly sending me Gelb’s article on Hittite hieroglyphs. I have little confidence in either Forrer or Gelb. That little sample of Gelb’s doesn’t sound very vertrauenerweckend [i.e., trustworthy]!” (Brief vom 14. 11. 1931; for the quotation, see Dziurzyńska – Ďurčanský – Kodera 2007: 228).

<sup>23</sup> See Dziurzyńska – Ďurčanský – Kodera 2007: 154–155, 235, 237.

<sup>24</sup> “Zur Information erlaube ich mir, Ihnen mitzuteilen, dass man (z. B. Sommer in München) die Hauptthese meiner Schrift, dass das hierogl. ‚Hethitisch‘ eine neue indoeuropäische Sprache sei, bereits anerkennt.” (Letter from 22.06.1933, for the quotation, s. Dziurzyńska – Ďurčanský – Kodera 2007: 237).

<sup>25</sup> Koşay, Hamit Zübeyir (1897–1984), Turkish archaeologist, ethnographer and museologist; in the 1930s, leader of the archaeological excavations in Alacahöyük, Kumtepe and others.

Hrozný wrote: “Ich bin hier sehr eingespannt und jeden (fast) Abend zwischen 8.45–10 (auch 10.30) U.[hr] gebe ich Privatstunden im hierogl.[yphischen] Hethitisch dem H[er]rn Hamit Zübeyr B.[ey], der mir sehr ehrgeizig zu sein scheint.” (Letter from 22.09.1934; for the quotation, see Dziurzyńska – Ďurčanský – Kodera 2007: 242).

fang November mit allen seinen Kollegen abgereist. ... Nichts näheres hat er angegeben, nur dass sie alle leben. Thadäus ist bei Berlin, wann er zurückkommt, wissen wir nicht".<sup>26</sup>) There is no documented correspondence between the two scholars after the war, the hardships of which affected both men. Kowalski died shortly after the war in 1948, Hrozný four years later. Kowalski's obituary in *Archiv Orientální* was written by Josef Klíma.<sup>27</sup>



Fig. 2. Hrozný and Kowalski  
(Archiwum Nauki PAN i PAU, ref. K III-4, fot. nr 6743)

### **Mojżesz Schorr (Moses Schorr, 1874–1941)**

The early academic relationship between Bedřich Hrozný and Mojżesz Schorr is attested by five extant letters found in Prague, which confirm that they became acquainted in the early years of the 20th century.<sup>28</sup> Mojżesz Schorr, a Polish rabbi, historian and Orientalist, studied in Vienna, and in 1896, he came to the university in Lemberg (Lviv), and was named professor in 1910. In 1925, he became a professor in Warsaw, and he went on to become one of the founders of the Institute of Jewish Studies. He was among the first scholars to report on Hrozný's decipherment of the Hittite language, in his article

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<sup>26</sup> Letter from 28.12.1913; for the quotation, see Dziurzyńska – Ďurčanský – Kodera 2007: 281.

<sup>27</sup> Klíma 1948a.

<sup>28</sup> The letters are dated Lemberg (Lviv), 16.03.1914; Warsaw, 11.12.1929; Warsaw, 24.12.1929 and 30.12.1929, and a visiting card dated 1935.

*Problem Chettytów.*<sup>29</sup> In his first letter, dated 1914, he congratulates Hrozný on his pioneering work on cereals in ancient Babylonia:

Ich beglückwünsche Sie aufs herzlichste zum Erscheinen Ihrer Arbeit „Das Getreide im alten Babylonien“.<sup>30</sup> Schon eine flüchtige Durchsicht zeigt mir, wieviel mühevollen Arbeit und welcher tiefdringender Scharfsinn in Ihrem Studium steckt, das bis jetzt von Assyriologen unberührte überaus wichtige Kulturprobleme zum Teil glücklich löst, zum Teil die Lösung anbahnt. Hoffentlich wird Ihrer schönen Arbeit bald auch der verdiente Lohn folgen. Trotz meiner schwachen botanischen Kenntnisse werde ich nicht ermangeln, Ihr Buch auch im einzelnen zu studieren.<sup>31</sup>

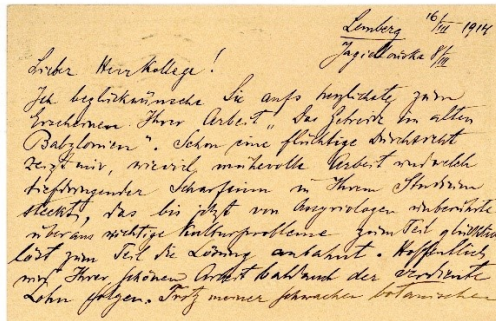
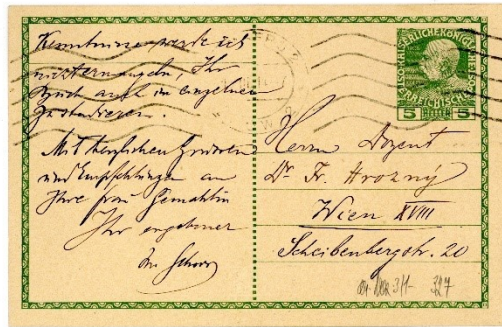


Fig. 3. Correspondence card of Mojżesz Schorr, dated 16.03.1914<sup>32</sup>

<sup>29</sup> Schorr 1916. Cf. also Taracha 2009: 214.

<sup>30</sup> Hrozný 1913.

<sup>31</sup> Correspondence card from Mojżesz Schorr to Bedřich Hrozný, dated Lemberg (Lviv), 16.03.1914. Náprstek Museum Archives, estate Bedřich Hrozný, Ar.Hroz. 3/1–327.

<sup>32</sup> Náprstek Museum Archives, estate Bedřich Hrozný, Ar.Hroz. 3/1–327.

In 1929, Mojżesz Schorr wrote to Hrozný from Warsaw in his capacity as university professor and rabbi regarding the habilitation of Stefan Przeworski:

Ich wäre Ihnen zu Dank verpflichtet, wenn Sie mir freundlichst ehemöglichst Ihre Ansicht über die wissenschaftlichen Qualifikationen des Herrn Dr. Stefan Przeworski hier mitteilen könnten. Dessen Arbeiten sind Ihnen gewiss alle bekannt, zumal er ja – wie ich von ihm weiss – mit Ihnen seit einigen Jahren im wissenschaftlichen Verkehr steht. Alle seine bisherigen Publikationen befassen sich mit Problemen der hethitischen Kunstgeschichte und Archäologie wie auch mit Fragen der kleinasiatischen Völkermischung überhaupt. Es ist niemand berufener, ein fachmännisches Urteil über diese Arbeiten abzugeben als Sie, verehrter Herr Kollege, während mir selbst diese Probleme ferner stehen, zumal ich in den letzten Jahren die wissenschaftliche Literatur innerhalb dieser Fragen kaum verfolgen konnte. Der Zweck meiner Anfrage ist im Zusammenhang mit der von Dr. Przeworski angestrebten Habilitation für das Gebiet der Archäologie des Vorderen Orients.<sup>33</sup>

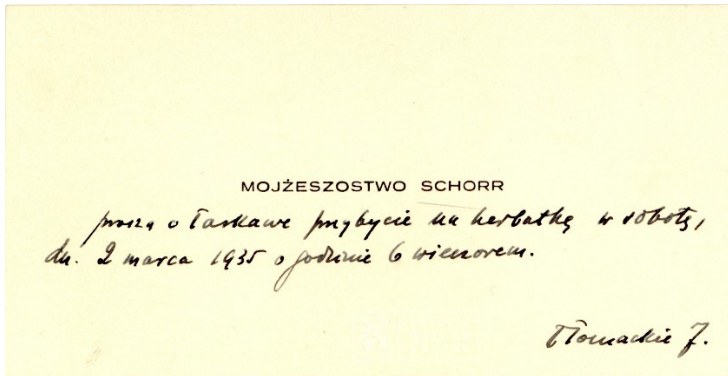


Fig. 4. Visiting card of Mojżesz Schorr, dated 1935<sup>34</sup> (Proszę o łaskawe przybycie na herbatkę w sobotę, dn. 2 marca 1935 o godzinie 6 wieczorem. Tłomackie 7 [Warszawa]) = (You are kindly requested to come for tea on Saturday, March 2, 1935 at 6 p.m. Tłomackie 7 [Warsaw])

In a subsequent letter, Schorr adds:

Das Habilitationsgebiet des Herrn Dr. P.[rzeworski] soll den gesamten Vorderorient umfassen, innerhalb natürlich der Archäologie und Kunstgeschichte. Ich glaube, dass ihm dieses Gebiet zuerkannt werden könne, obwohl seine bisherigen Arbeiten sich nur auf hethitisch-kleinasiatische bzw. syrische Probleme erstrecken. Seinerzeit habe auch ich Herrn Dr. P.[rzeworski] geraten, sich in die Keilschrift einzuarbeiten – er wollte aber offenbar bei der Archäologie bleiben. ... Ich

<sup>33</sup> Letter from Mojżesz Schorr to Bedřich Hrozný, dated Warsaw, 11.12.1929. Náprstek Museum Archives, estate Bedřich Hrozný, Ar.Hroz. 3/1–329.

<sup>34</sup> Náprstek Museum Archives, estate Bedřich Hrozný, Ar.Hroz. 3/1–328.

will mich jetzt selbst ins Hethitische mit Hilfe der Grammatik von Delaporte<sup>35</sup> einarbeiten, um in einem der nächsten Jahre ein Kolleg über Chettitisch lesen zu können. Darum wären mir auch Ihre einschlägigen Arbeiten aus den letzten Jahren darüber wertvoll. Die Zeitschrift *Archiv Orientální* abonniere ich für unsere Synagogen-Bibliothek.<sup>36</sup>

We learn from a letter written a week later:

Was Herrn Dr. Przeworski betrifft, so ist er auf dem Gebiete der kleinasiatischen, hethitischen und syrischen Archäologie, wie seine diesbezüglichen Arbeiten dartun, gut beschlagen. Dieses Gebiet beherrscht er, wie kaum jemand sonst. Er hat mit Rücksicht auf dieses Gebiet die wichtigsten Museen aufgesucht, wobei es ihm gelungen ist, eine ganze Reihe von noch unbekanntem Kunstdenkmälern der kleinasiatisch-syrischen Provenienz festzustellen. Alle hethitischen Kunstdenkmäler stellt er in seltener Vollständigkeit in seinem hethitischen Kunstatlas *Hethitica* zusammen, den ich nicht zögerte in meine Sammlung aufzunehmen. Leider ist der Verleger P. Geuthner in Paris so mit Material belastet, dass er noch nicht zur Drucklegung dieses Werkes schreiten konnte. Herrn Przeworski kommt zugute, dass er auf klassisch-archäologischem Gebiet seine Erudition erworben hat, was den orientalischen Archäologen nur zu oft mangelt.<sup>37</sup>

### Stefan Przeworski (1900–1940)

The documents mentioned above also attest to the contact between Bedřich Hrozný and Stefan Przeworski, a Polish archaeologist and Hittitologist with a particular interest in Syro-Anatolian artefacts. Przeworski studied in Warsaw, Kraków, Lwów, Berlin, Brussels and Paris, and took part in excavations in Turkey organised by Hans Henning von der Osten (1927–1928).<sup>38</sup> In 1931, he obtained the *venia legendi* at the University of Warsaw. To date, 29 letters from Przeworski to Hrozný, dating from 1925 to 1939, have been identified.<sup>39</sup>

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<sup>35</sup> The Hittite grammar *Éléments de la grammaire hittite* by Louis Delaporte was published in the same year in Paris.

<sup>36</sup> Letter from Mojżesz Schorr to Bedřich Hrozný, dated Warsaw, 24.12.1929. Náprstek Museum Archives, estate Bedřich Hrozný, Ar.Hroz. 3/1–330.

<sup>37</sup> Letter from Mojżesz Schorr to Bedřich Hrozný, dated 30.12.1929. Náprstek Museum Archives, estate Bedřich Hrozný, Ar.Hroz. 3/1–331.

<sup>38</sup> Among his works are the publication *Die Metallindustrie Anatoliens in der Zeit von 1500–700 vor Chr. Rohstoffe, Technik, Produktion* (1939) and numerous studies on Anatolian and Nordsyrian art. See also Ranošzek 1947; Popko 1967; Taracha 1993; Popko 2000; and Taracha 2009: 214–215 with bibliography.

<sup>39</sup> Częstochowa, 10.04.1925; Warsaw, 12.04.1927; Berlin, 05.02.1928; Warsaw, 27.12.1928; Warsaw, 15.07.1929; Warsaw, 13.01.1930; Warsaw, 01.04.1930; Warsaw, 27.04.1931; Warsaw, 26.01.1932; Warsaw, 08.02.1932; Warsaw, 05.11.1934; Warsaw, 31.12.1934; Warsaw, 31.01.1935; Warsaw, 25.03.1935; Warsaw, 03.04.1935; Warsaw, 13.04.1935; Warsaw, 22.04.1935; Warsaw, 23.05.1935; Stockholm, 07.06.1935; Warsaw, 30.06.1935; Warsaw,

In a letter from April 1925, Stefan Przeworski sent Hrozný his paper on the Mycenaeans and the Hittites (“Les problèmes mycéniens et les textes hittites”)<sup>40</sup> and requested Hrozný’s articles. In 1927, he thanked Hrozný for his report on the archaeological excavations at Kültepe<sup>41</sup> and asked for further information, as he was working on a study of the representation of chariots in North Syrian art (“Die Rennwagen-Darstellungen in der nordsyrischen Kunst”<sup>42</sup>):

Je prépare à présent une étude sur l’introduction du char de guerre en Asie Mineure et au Peloponnèse. Je voudrais bien mais je n’ose vous demander un renseignement sur le fragment d’une statue du cheval que vous avez découverte dans le temple de Kanesh. Est-ce qu’elle date de l’époque assyrienne ou de l’époque hittite? De Kul-Tépé proviennent aussi les têtes des chevaux reproduites chez [Ernest] Chantre et Ed.[uard] Meyer.<sup>43</sup> Il me semble qu’elles appartiennent plutôt au II mil.[lénnaire], mais je voudrais bien savoir si vos fouilles dans cet endroit ont apporté des données qui puissent servir à dater plus exactement ces têtes.<sup>44</sup>

In a letter from February 1928, Przeworski describes his negotiations with the Geuthner publishing house regarding his planned book and adds:

Ich habe eine Anzahl unpublizierter Denkmäler aus Mar’asch, die ich für meine Abhandlung reservieren will.<sup>45</sup>

In subsequent correspondence, Przeworski continues to express interest in Hrozný’s Kültepe excavations and finds, and in the accompanying photographs, and also outlines his habilitation plans. In December 1928, he wrote:

Ich schliesse jetzt ab eine poln.[ische] Abhandlung über Siedlungsprobleme Kleinasiens und die Einwanderung der Hethiter.<sup>46</sup>

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20.08.1935; Warsaw, 06.09.1935; Warsaw, 02.07.1936; Warsaw, 26.08.1936; Warsaw, 02.09.1936; Warsaw, 30.01.1937; Warsaw, 18.10.1937; Warsaw, 26.01.1939; and one undated.

<sup>40</sup> Przeworski 1924–1925. See the letter dated Częstochowa, 10.04.1925. Náprstek Museum Archives, estate Bedřich Hrozný, Ar.Hroz. 3/1–187.

<sup>41</sup> Hrozný 1927.

<sup>42</sup> Przeworski 1927–1928.

<sup>43</sup> Ernest Chantre (1843–1924), French archaeologist who excavated in central Anatolia, and Eduard Meyer (1855–1930), German historian, author of the monumental *Geschichte des Alterthums* in five volumes (1884–1902). The horsehead referenced by Przeworski was published in Meyer 1914: 55.

<sup>44</sup> Letter from Stefan Przeworski to Bedřich Hrozný, dated 12.04.1927. Náprstek Museum Archives, estate Bedřich Hrozný, Ar.Hroz. 3/1–204.

<sup>45</sup> Letter from Stefan Przeworski to Bedřich Hrozný, dated 05.02.1928. Náprstek Museum Archives, estate Bedřich Hrozný, Ar.Hroz. 3/1–189.

Przeworski published the material from Marash in his “Notes d’archéologie syrienne et hittite. III. Quelques nouveaux monuments de Marash” in *Syria*; see Przeworski 1936.

<sup>46</sup> This work, *Studja nad osadnictwem i rolą Hetytów w środkowej Anatolji* (1929), was later reviewed by Bedřich Hrozný in *Archiv Orientální* (Hrozný 1931).

And in the following letter:

Gleichzeitig habe ich eine Untersuchung über die ältesten Spuren orient.[alischen] Handels in Polen im Druck, worin an der Hand<sup>47</sup> unveröff.[entlichter] Funde die Beziehungen Kleinasiens, Südrusslands, Kaukasus und Uralländer zu Südostbaltikum seit Ende des XIII. Jhd. v. Chr. nachgewiesen werden.<sup>48</sup>

In a letter from April 1931, Przeworski announces his appointment as a lecturer at the university, and Przeworski's contributions to *Archive Orientální* are also discussed.<sup>49</sup> In 1936, Przeworski wrote to Hrozný from Stockholm, where he intended to study the ancient Near Eastern collections. At that time, his academic situation (as a Jewish scholar) was deteriorating in the wake of the Nazi seizure of power (“...da ich an der Universität weder bezahlt werde, noch irgendwelche wissenschaftlichen Hilfsmittel zur Verfügung habe”<sup>50</sup>), and he asked Hrozný for a letter of recommendation to Prof. Rafał Taubenschlag, which Hrozný subsequently provided. Przeworski later informed Hrozný of the publication of his book *Die Metallindustrie Anatoliens in der Zeit von 1500–700 vor Chr.*<sup>51</sup> In October 1937, he notified Hrozný of his stay in Turkey:

Ich bin eben aus der Türkei zurückgekehrt, wo ich auf II. Geschichtskongress und in Mittelanatolien weilte. ... Die Ausstellung, die mit dem Kongress verbunden war, war sehr lehrreich. Viele Neufunde, besonders von den Ausgrabungen von Alaca Hüyük und Pazarlı, waren erstmalig ausgestellt. Wir haben daraufhin diese beste<n> Fundstätten sowie Boğazköy besucht.<sup>52</sup>

The correspondence ends in 1939. That same year, Stefan Przeworski was arrested by the Nazis and subsequently murdered during the Palmiry massacre.

### Tadeusz Sinko (1877–1966)

One letter from the classical philologist Tadeusz Sinko, dated 1929, is extant in the Prague archive. In this letter, Sinko congratulates Hrozný on his geographical identifications, including his Aḥḥijavâ-hypothesis. He writes:

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<sup>47</sup> I.e., “anhand”.

<sup>48</sup> Letter from Stefan Przeworski to Bedřich Hrozný, dated 15.07.1929. Náprstek Museum Archives, estate Bedřich Hrozný, Ar.Hroz. 3/1–205.

For the publication, see Przeworski 1929b.

<sup>49</sup> For example, Przeworski 1932, or Przeworski 1935, 1936.

<sup>50</sup> Letter from Stefan Przeworski to Bedřich Hrozný, dated Warsaw, 26.08.1936. Náprstek Museum Archives, estate Bedřich Hrozný, Ar.Hroz. 3/1–198.

<sup>51</sup> See Przeworski 1939.

<sup>52</sup> Letter from Stefan Przeworski to Bedřich Hrozný, dated Warsaw, 18.10.1937. Náprstek Museum Archives, estate Bedřich Hrozný, Ar.Hroz. 3/1–203.

Da ich in den nächsten Monaten meine Einleitung in einer Ilias-Übersetzung, die ich vor 6 Jahren in Biblioteka Narodowa herausgegeben habe,<sup>53</sup> überarbeiten muss, werde ich dankbar Ihre Belehrung über die Griechen auf Rhodos im XIV/XIII Jhrdt. referieren. Bei der Häufigkeit derselben Städte- und Ländernamen (cf. Larissa etc.) in Altgriechenland, wäre es vielleicht nützlich, sich zu überzeugen, ob es ausser in Rhodos auch nicht anderswo Spuren von Ἀγαία sich befinden, z. B. in Kreta, Cypern? Und dann wäre es vielleicht möglich, zu statuieren, ob die griech.[ische] Benennung χερσό-νησος wirklich uralt ist. Den Griechen fehlt ja an einer ind[o]g.[ermanischen] Benennung von Meer... Ist aber die Bildung χερσόνησος ziemlich jung, so entfällt die Identifikation von Huršanašša. Für Ihre Identifizierung von Milavat–Milet scheint mir die historische Tradition über die karische Bevölkerung in der Stadt und der Umgebung zu sprechen. ... Ihr Krakauer-Vortrag, in dem der frische Entdeckerenthusiasmus noch witterte, hat bei mir, wie bei anderen Zuhörern, den grössten Eindruck gelassen und ich halte es für ein Grosses Glück, dass ich Sie persönlich kennen lernen konnte.<sup>54</sup>

### Rudolf Ranoszek (1894–1986)

Rudolf Ranoszek, a Polish scholar of the ancient Near East, obtained his doctorate in 1922. From 1935, he was a professor at the University of Warsaw, where he completed his habilitation in the same year with the work *Kronika króla hetyckiego Tuthaljasa (IV)*.<sup>55</sup> As noted above, Bedřich Hrozný was one of his examiners. To date, ten letters from Ranoszek to Hrozný have been identified, written between 1932 and 1936.<sup>56</sup> In the first letter, dated January 1932, Ranoszek turns to Hrozný with geographical questions and difficulties he had encountered while working on Hittite historical texts (Arzawa, Kizwatna, Ḫurri and Mittanni, Kaška lands).<sup>57</sup> In their subsequent correspondence, the two scholars exchanged views on these topics.

In a letter from January 1935, Ranoszek mentions the worsening political and economic situation (“Es ist nun sehr schwierig, aus Polen auszureisen, ohne seine ganzen Geldmittel >nicht< gleich auf den Pass ausgeben zu müssen. Ich werde in diesem Jahre wohl nicht mehr die Grenze überschreiten können und möchte daher jetzt meinen Aufenthalt im Ausland ausdehnen,

<sup>53</sup> I.e., Iliada / Homer; w przekł. Franciszka Ksawerego Dmochowskiego; zrewidował, wstęp i koment. Tadeusz Sinko, published in 1923, Biblioteka Narodowa, serie 2, n. 17.

<sup>54</sup> Letter from Tadeusz Sinko to Bedřich Hrozný, dated Kraków, 13.11.1929. Náprstek Museum Archives, estate Bedřich Hrozný, Ar.Hroz. 3/1–339.

<sup>55</sup> Ranoszek 1934.

<sup>56</sup> Ten letters, dated Leipzig, 24.01.1932; Leipzig, 22.02.1932; Warsaw, 19.01.1935; Leipzig, 30.01.1935; s.d.; Warsaw, 20.03.1935 [post stamp]; Warsaw, 26.01.1936; Warsaw, 27.03.1936; Warsaw, 03.05.1936; Moszczenica, 19.07.1936.

<sup>57</sup> Letter dated Leipzig, 24.01.1932. Náprstek Museum Archives, estate Bedřich Hrozný, Ar.Hroz. 3/1–224.

mindestens bis Ende Februar (wenn möglich!) oder noch länger.”)<sup>58</sup> and thanks Hrozný for sending books and articles. In another letter from the end of that month, Ranoszek asks whether Hrozný can offer any guidance on what to expect from the habilitation examination. Hrozný’s notes on the subject of the habilitation are preserved on the attached note.<sup>59</sup>

In a letter from 1936,<sup>60</sup> Ranoszek discusses further geographical questions, such as the location of Hapkiš,<sup>61</sup> and some passages from the Hittite texts.<sup>62</sup> No later correspondence or contact between the two scholars has been preserved. After Hrozný’s death in 1952, Ranoszek wrote an obituary.<sup>63</sup> The Festschrift for Rudolf Ranoszek was published in 1980, and from the Czech scholars, Lubor Matouš, the student of Bedřich Hrozný, contributed an article on the Cappadocian tablets.<sup>64</sup> A biographical portrait of Ranoszek was written by Piotr Taracha.<sup>65</sup>

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<sup>58</sup> Letter dated Warsaw, 19.01.1935. Náprstek Museum Archives, estate Bedřich Hrozný, Ar.Hroz. 3/1–220.

<sup>59</sup> Notes attached to the letter dated Leipzig, 30.01.1935. Náprstek Museum Archives, estate Bedřich Hrozný, Ar.Hroz. 3/1–223.

At the end of the letter there is a plan of a letter from Hrozný to the dean of the faculty with the announcement of the invitation to Poland. There are also five points on the examination of Ranoszek, written by Hrozný as the outline of an answer to Ranoszek, who asked about Hrozný’s plans for his habilitation:

- 1) wahrsch[einlich] e.[inen] Text aus Delitzsch, Ass.[yrische] Lesestücke, oder einen ähnlichen Text
- 2) heth.[itischen] histor.[ischen] oder Gesetzestext
- 3) einen von mir übersetzten heth.[itisch]-hierogl.[yphischen] Text
- 4) grammatische und histor.[ische] Fragen (Aufsätze im Arch.[iv] Or.[ientální])
- 5) auf heth.[itische] Hieroglyphen grosses Gewicht!

<sup>60</sup> Letter dated Warsaw, 26.01.1936. Náprstek Museum Archives, estate Bedřich Hrozný, Ar.Hroz. 3/1–222.

<sup>61</sup> “Jestem jednak trochę niedowiarkiem w sprawie utożsamienia miasta Hapkiš z obecnym Ekbez w Syrii. Nie mam przy ręce tekstów hetyckich. Ale czy na przykład KBo IV 4 III 52–55 (Friedrich, Aus dem heth.[itischen] Schrifttum 1, Str. 10) nie przemawia raczej za położeniem wewnątrz Hatti (nie zbyt daleko od Hattusas)?”

<sup>62</sup> “Już przed rokiem (podczas pracy nad moim wykładem habilitacyjnym) wydawało mi się mylnem tłumaczenie tekstu przez Sommera AU p. 636. Taka obraza króla Ahijawy sprzeciwia się (w. 13 nn) uprzejmości króla hetyckiego w reszcie tekstu. Z tego powodu tłumaczyłbym w. 14 n. raczej jako pytanie retoryczne („... nie będę słucał?”) Oprócz tego „Brüder“ (ŠEŠ.IA) w tłumaczeniu Sommera nie jest jasne (w. 12). Czy wbrew Sommerowi ten ustęp jednak nie przemawia na korzyść „wielkiego króla” kraju Ahijawy?” Cf. to this topic Ranoszek 1938a and Ranoszek 1938b.

<sup>63</sup> Ranoszek 1953.

<sup>64</sup> Entitled “Zur Bestimmung der einheimischen Fälligkeitstermine in ‚kappadokischen‘ Tafeln”, s. Matouš 1980.

<sup>65</sup> Taracha 2016. Cf. also Taracha 2009: 215–216.

### Stanisław Schayer (1889–1941)

The Indologist and philologist Stanisław Schayer, a professor at the University of Warsaw, wrote to Bedřich Hrozný regarding Hrozný's lectures in Warsaw, the exchange of scholarly works and the publication of Schayer's paper in *Archiv Orientální*.<sup>66</sup> To date, seven letters have been found, dating from 1934 to 1935, some of them written from a sanatorium in Rudka.<sup>67</sup> In his letter of 1 April 1935, Schayer informs Hrozný:

Ranoszek's habilitation lecture was excellent. It was very well delivered, clearly structured and, as is always the case with Ranoszek, extremely critical and careful.<sup>68</sup>

After 1935, no further correspondence is attested.

### Other Orientalists and historians

One letter from 1929 by the historian **Władysław Semkowicz**, then dean of the Faculty of Philosophy at the Jagiellonian University in Kraków, concerns Hrozný's lectures at the university.<sup>69</sup> Two further letters, relating to the organisation of Rudolf Ranoszek's habilitation, were written by **Włodzimierz Antoniewicz** (1893–1973),<sup>70</sup> professor and dean of the Faculty of Humanities at the University of Warsaw. One letter from **Jozef Bromski** (1872–1927) to Bedřich Hrozný regarding the exchange of scholarly works,<sup>71</sup> one letter from **Ludwik Piotrowicz** (1886–1957), a Polish historian of the Ancient East,<sup>72</sup> and a visiting card from **Olgiert Górka** to Hrozný, dated 1935, are extant as

<sup>66</sup> Schayer wrote: "Mam w tej chwili w przygotowaniu niewielki artykuł (koło 8–10 str. druku) w języku angielskim o możliwości rekonstrukcji prekanonicznego Buddyzmu, chętnie go prześlę Panu Profesorowi do Archiwu." (Letter dated Warsaw, 15.03.1935). His article on Pre-canonical Buddhism was published in *Archiv Orientální* in the same year (Schayer 1935).

<sup>67</sup> Letters dated Warsaw, 28.12.1934; Warsaw, 17.01.1935; Warsaw, 15.03.1935; Warsaw, 23.03.1935; Warsaw, 01.04.1935; Rudka, 11.04.1935; and Rudka, 24.05.1935.

<sup>68</sup> "Wykład habilitacyjny Ranoszka był doskonały. Bardzo dobrze wypowiedziany, jasno skonstruowany i jak to u Ranoszka: niezwykle krytyczny i ostrożny." (Letter dated Warsaw, 01.04.1935. Náprstek Museum Archives, estate Bedřich Hrozný, Ar.Hroz. 3/1–315.)

<sup>69</sup> Letter from Władysław Semkowicz to Bedřich Hrozný dated Kraków, 04.03.1929. Náprstek Museum Archives, estate Bedřich Hrozný, Ar.Hroz. 3/1–296.

<sup>70</sup> Letter dated Warsaw, 20.11.1934, Náprstek Museum Archives, estate Bedřich Hrozný, Ar.Hroz. 1/8–14; and letter dated Warsaw, 08.02.1935, Náprstek Museum Archives, estate Bedřich Hrozný, Ar.Hroz. 1/8–13.

<sup>71</sup> Letter dated Warsaw, 14.04.1935, Náprstek Museum Archives, estate Bedřich Hrozný, Ar.Hroz. 1/8–151 ("Pewne Jego wydawnictwa otrzymałem za tagowe (sic!?) najserdeczniej dziękuję. Przydadzą mi się bardzo. Wzamięm przesyłam Enuma eliś i Historię starożytnej Azji Przedniej, której Pan Profesor sobie życzył.")

<sup>72</sup> Letter dated Kraków, 24.01.1930. Náprstek Museum Archives, estate Bedřich Hrozný, Ar.Hroz. 3/1–95.

well.<sup>73</sup> Two letters from **Boleslas Bielski**, general secretary of the “Sokol Polonais en France” and director of “Les amis de la France dans le monde”, concern Hrozný’s contribution to that society.<sup>74</sup> Finally, a letter from 1936<sup>75</sup> from the Paris-based professor **Jean Przyluski** (1885–1944), a scholar of Polish origin,<sup>76</sup> invites Hrozný to become a member of the newly emerging “Société d’Etudes Paléoméditerranéennes” with the society’s statutes enclosed.<sup>77</sup>

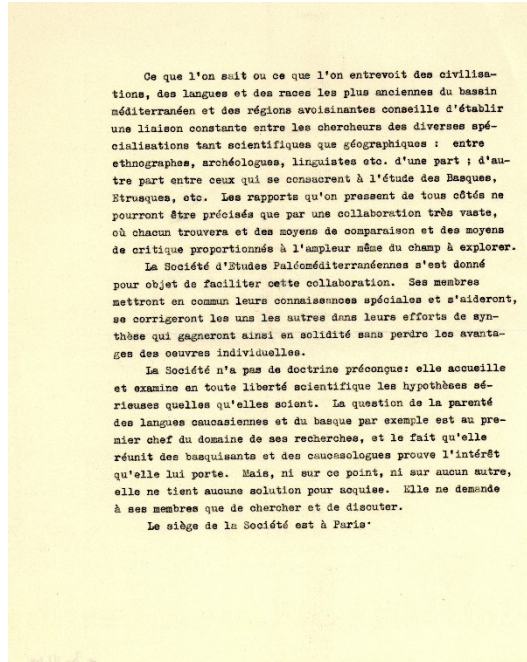


Fig. 5. Outlined programme of the emergent society “Société d’Etudes Paléoméditerranéennes”<sup>78</sup>

<sup>73</sup> Visiting card dated Warsaw, 01.03.1935. Náprstek Museum Archives, estate Bedřich Hrozný, Ar.Hroz. 1/8–492.

<sup>74</sup> Letter dated Paris, 12.05.1937. Náprstek Museum Archives, estate Bedřich Hrozný, Ar.Hroz. 1/8–86, and letter dated Paris, 07.04.1937. Náprstek Museum Archives, estate Bedřich Hrozný, Ar.Hroz. 1/8–87.

<sup>75</sup> Letter from Jean Przyluski to Bedřich Hrozný, dated Paris, 02.05.1936. Náprstek Museum Archives, estate Bedřich Hrozný, Ar.Hroz. 3/1–206.

<sup>76</sup> “Although French citizen from birth, he kept close ties to Poland all his life and was honoured with doctorate by Warsaw University in 1938.” (<https://whowaswho-indology.info/4900/przyluski-jean/>).

<sup>77</sup> Náprstek Museum Archives, estate Bedřich Hrozný, Ar.Hroz. 3/1–207. Cf. <https://www.eusko-ikaskuntza.eus/PDFAnlt/riev/27/27177177.pdf>.

<sup>78</sup> Náprstek Museum Archives, estate Bedřich Hrozný, Ar.Hroz. 3/1–207. Cf. <https://www.eusko-ikaskuntza.eus/PDFAnlt/riev/27/27177177.pdf>.

In the second half of the 20th century, academic relations between Czech and Polish Orientalists grew increasingly close, as evidenced by numerous collaborative projects. Josef Klíma devoted an article in *Archiv Orientální* to Polish Oriental studies, in which he emphasised the losses the discipline in Poland had suffered as a result of the Second World War.<sup>79</sup> However, he also highlighted the growing importance of post-war cooperation between Czech and Polish Orientalists.<sup>80</sup>

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