Expressions of Egyptomania and Globalisation: the fashion throughout the 19th century and in the first two decades of the 20th century

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Abstract:

From architecture to furniture, from cinema to video games, from literature to comic books – for centuries ancient Egypt was always present through the adoption and adaptation of the themes, symbolisms, and even the fantastic imaginary. To these manifestations of appreciation for ancient Egypt, and its reuse and reinterpretation, we call Egyptomania, a concept that encapsulates all the different aspects of the reception and globalisation of ancient Egypt knowledge. Amongst the expressions of Egyptomania, we must consider Fashion – a theme that has not been subject to an in-depth and broad analysis. Amidst the research project in the field of ancient Egypt reception, Tutankhamun in Portugal. Reports in the Portuguese press (1922-1939), we were confronted with some sources that mentioned the fashion theme. Thus, we decided to investigate the impact of ancient Egypt in fashion, not only in the period following the discovery of pharaoh Tutankhamun's tomb but also in the period that preceded that discovery. This investigation allowed us to conclude that the influence of ancient Egypt in Fashion can be divided into two different periods: the post Napoleon's expedition to Egypt (1789-1801) to the discovery of pharaoh Tutankhamun's tomb (4th of November 1922), and the post tomb discovery until today. This presentation will be devoted to exploring the characteristics of Egyptomania in Fashion in the first period, analysing the factors that spur this interest and the ways in which it manifested itself throughout the 19th century and in the first two decades of the 20th century.