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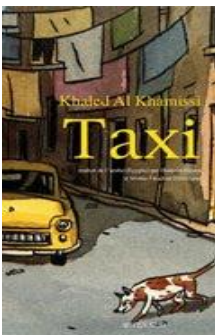
Khaled Al-Khamissi, journalist and writer, Egypt
Ruedi Küng, journalist, Switzerland

Tuesday, 23rd August 2011, 14:00 – 16:00
SDC, Freiburgstrasse 130, Bern (Room A2023)

The Arab Awakening - A signal for all Africa?

Northern Africa is in turmoil. Europe is pleased about the global radiance of democratic values; meanwhile the sustainable outcome of the uprisings in Egypt, Tunisia, Libya and other countries remains uncertain. And sub-Saharan Africa? What encourages or inhibits the democratic movement to spread to this region, where ignored by the international media profound transformations are taking place in countries such as in Guinea and Niger?

These questions will be spotlighted at the special edition of Traverse on 23 August. Two prominent journalists will analyze, on the basis of the Arab democracy movements, the differences between north and sub-Saharan Africa and inquire about Europe's role in this process. The discussion participants will be the Egyptian **Khaled Al-Khamissi** and the Swiss **Ruedi Küng**.



Khaled Al-Khamissi was born in Cairo, Egypt in 1962. He studied Political Science at the Cairo University and the Sorbonne in Paris. Al-Khamissi works as a journalist for several Egyptian newspapers, where he has distinguished himself as a critical observer of social conditions. In addition, he has been active as a producer, director and screenplay author for films and documentaries. His first novel "Taxi" has become a bestseller in the Arab world. In his book of but a brief 60 episodes, Al-Khamissi gives taxi drivers from Cairo the chance to speak out.

Ruedi Küng has been concerned with Africa for 30 years now and has lived in Uganda, South Africa, Sudan and Kenya. As the Africa correspondent of Swiss Radio DRS, he travelled in sub-Saharan Africa for 12 years. Küng studied Philosophy and Political Science, was a delegate at the ICRC, and worked as editor for international politics at Swiss TV and Radio DRS. Today, as an independent journalist, he runs the Africa-Infoservice www.InfoAfrica.ch, which reports on Africa "beyond clichés, doom-mongering, or whitewashing".

The panel discussion will be moderated **in French** by *Thomas Jenatsch*, DEZA. Chatham House Rules apply. We are looking forward to a lively debate!

Registration by 19th August 2011 at 50jahredeza@deza.admin.ch

(Free of charge, limited number of participants.)
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