



Scientific and Cultural Exchanges along the Silk Roads

International Symposium, 18 November 2022
9h30-12h30 (Paris Time, GMT+1)

Opening Session

09h30-09h40

- Welcome and opening remarks – **Ms Gabriela Ramos**, Assistant Director-General for the Social and Human Sciences of UNESCO
- Opening speech – **H.E. Ms Tiehui Weng**, Vice-Minister of Education of the People's Republic of China

Session 2

Presentations by the grantees of the 1st edition of the Silk Roads Youth Research Grant

Group 1: Ecology

- **Ms Petya Andreeva (Bulgaria)**

'Fantastic Fauna on the Eurasian Steppe: Entanglements, Ecosystems, and the Ecology of Animal Imagery'

Group 2: Science and Technology

09h40-11h10

- **Mr Akinkunmi Ibrahim Oseni, Mr Abdurrahman Bello Onifade, and Mr Umar Olansile Ajetunmobi (Nigeria)**

'Knowledge Diffusion along the Silk Road: Chinese Paper, Indo-Arabic Numerals and Technological Development'

- **Ms Mariana Castro (Portugal)**

'Turquoise Extraction and Exchange in Pre-Modern Central Asia'

- **Ms Asma Bachikh (Morocco), and Mr Mohammad Daud Hamidi (Afghanistan)**

'The shared heritage of water management and allocation along the Silk Roads'

Group 3: Religion and Spirituality

- **Mr Aibek Baiymbetov (Kyrgyzstan)**

'Comparative Analysis of Islam and the Pre-Islamic Belief Systems of the Contemporary Kyrgyz and Tajiks Living along the Historical Silk Roads'

- **Ms Safia Hassan (United Kingdom)**

'Interreligious; Social and Cultural Dynamics and the Exchange of Ideas in the Arabian Peninsula and the Middle East between the 7th-10th Centuries'

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Group 4: Gastronomy

- **Ms Yuan Gao (China)**

'Samovar in Chaikhaneh: Tea Trade, Consumption, and Material Culture in Central Eurasia'

- **Ms Nomin-Erdene Ulambayar (Mongolia)**

'Use of Ghee in the Common Cultural Heritage and Dairy Products of Nomadic Countries along the Silk Road'

Group 5: Textiles

- **Ms Jinfang Li (China)**

'The Silk Tapestry Weave (kesi) Technique and Exchange Between China and Countries along the Silk Roads'

- **Mr Hashan Wijesinghe (Sri Lanka)**

'Searching for shared heritage in Batik culture for enhanced cooperation in the 21st Century (Comparative study of Sri Lanka and Indonesia)'

Group 6: Trades and exchanges along the Silk Roads

09h40-11h10

- **Ms Mariyam Said Mubarak Al Bartamani (Oman)**

'The Maritime Silk Road from the 11th - 15th Century and its Role in the Civilizational Omani Chinese Rapprochement through the Voyages of Abdullah Al Sohari and Zhèng Hé'

- **Ms Raizel Pauline S. Albano-Palon (Philippines)**

'Trade, Credit, and Documentation: The Legacy of the Silk Road on Maritime Southeast Asia'

Break

11h10 - 11h20

Session 3

Dialogue with Scholars and Experts

- **Mr Doudou Diène**, Senegal
- **Mr Jianxin Wang**, China
- **Mr Binglin Zheng**, China

Scientific Panel of the 2021 Silk Roads Youth Research Grant

11h20-12h20

- **Ms Xia Chen**, China

Co-chair of the Silk Roads Youth Research Grant

- **Mr Peter Frankopan**, United Kingdom

Co-Chair of the Silk Roads Youth Research Grant

- **Ms Meenakshi Bharat**, India
- **Mr Badarch Dendev**, Mongolia
- **Ms Aijarkyn Kojobekova**, Kyrgyzstan
- **Mr Shahin Mustafayev**, Azerbaijan
- **Ms Darina Saliba Abi-Chedid**, Lebanon

Closing remarks

12h20-12h30

- **Ms Angela Melo**, Director - Policies and Programmes for the Social and Human Sciences of UNESCO.
- **H. E. Mr Jin Yang**, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate
Permanent Delegation of the People's Republic of China to UNESCO

