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**The History of Central Asia** Dec 11 2021 The Age of the Silk Roads (c 200 BC- c 900 AD) shaped the course of the future. The foundation by the Han dynasty of an extensive network of interlinking trade routes, collectively known as the Silk Road, led to an explosion of cultural and commercial transactions across Central Asia that had a profound impact on civilization. In this second volume of his authoritative history of the region, Christoph Baumer explores the unique flow of goods, peoples and ideas along the dusty tracks and wandering caravan routes that brought European and Mediterranean orbits into contact with Asia. The Silk Roads, the author shows, enabled the spread across the known world of Christianity, Manichaeism, Buddhism and Islam, just as earlier they had caused Roman citizens to crave the exotic silk goods of the mysterious Far East. Tracing the rise and fall of empires, this richly illustrated book charts the ebb and flow of epic history: the bitter rivalry of Rome and Parthia; the lucrative mercantile empire of the Sogdians; the founding of Samarkand; and Chinese defeat at the Battle of Talas (751 AD) by the forces of Islam.

**China** May 16 2022

*Crossroads of Cuisine* May 04 2021 *Crossroads of Cuisine* offers history of food and cultural exchanges in and around Central Asia. It discusses geographical base, and offers historical and cultural overview. A photo essay binds it all together. The book offers new views of the past.

**The New Silk Roads** Aug 19 2022 From the Sunday Times and internationally bestselling author of *The Silk Roads: everything you need to know about the present and future of the world* 'Masterly mapping out of a new world order' Evening Standard 'Frankopan is a brilliant guide to terra incognita' The Times *The New Silk Roads* - Peter Frankopan's follow-up to the 'Book of the Decade', *The Silk Roads* - takes a fresh look at the network of relationships being formed along the length and breadth of the Silk Roads today. The world is changing dramatically and in an age of Brexit and Trump, the themes of isolation and fragmentation permeating the western world stand in sharp contrast to events along the Silk Roads, where ties have been strengthened and mutual cooperation established. Following the Silk Roads eastwards from Europe through to China, by way of Russia and the Middle East, *The New Silk Roads* provides a timely reminder that we live in a world that is profoundly interconnected. In this prescient contemporary history, Peter Frankopan assesses the global reverberations of these continual shifts in the centre of power - all too often absent from headlines in the west. This important - and ultimately hopeful - book asks us to reread who we are and where we are in the world, illuminating the themes on which all our lives and livelihoods depend. *The Silk Roads*, a major reassessment of world history, has sold over 1 million copies worldwide.

**Revival of the Silk Route** Dec 31 2020

**The Silk Roads** Jan 24 2023 The No. 1 Sunday Times and international bestseller - a major reassessment of world history in light of the economic and political renaissance in the re-emerging east. 'Magnificent' Sunday Times 'Immensely entertaining ... so ambitious, so detailed, so fascinating' The Times For centuries, fame and fortune were to be found in the west - in the New World of the Americas. Today, it is the east which calls out to those in search of riches and adventure. Sweeping right across Central Asia and deep into China and India, a region that once took centre stage is again rising to dominate global politics, commerce and culture. A major reassessment of world history, *The Silk Roads* is a dazzling exploration of the forces that have driven the rise and fall of empires, determined the flow of ideas and goods and are now heralding a new dawn in international affairs.

**Along the Silk Roads in Mongol Eurasia** Oct 29 2020 During the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries, Chinggis Khan and his heirs established the largest contiguous empire in the history of the world, extending from Korea to Hungary and from Iraq, Tibet, and Burma to Siberia. Ruling over roughly two thirds of the Old World, the Mongol Empire enabled people, ideas, and objects to traverse immense geographical and cultural boundaries. *Along the Silk Roads in Mongol Eurasia* reveals the individual stories of three key groups of people—military commanders, merchants, and intellectuals—from across Eurasia. These annotated biographies bring to the fore a compelling picture of the Mongol Empire from a wide range of historical sources in multiple languages, providing important insights into a period unique for its rapid and far-reaching transformations. Read together or separately, they offer the perfect starting point for any discussion of the Mongol Empire's impact on China, the Muslim world, and the West and illustrate the scale, diversity, and creativity of the cross-cultural exchange along the continental and maritime Silk Roads. **Features and Benefits:** Synthesizes historical information from Chinese, Arabic, Persian, and Latin sources that are otherwise inaccessible to English-speaking audiences. Presents in an accessible manner individual life stories that serve as a springboard for discussing themes such as military expansion, cross-cultural contacts, migration, conversion, gender, diplomacy, transregional commercial networks, and more. Each chapter includes a bibliography to assist students and instructors seeking to further explore the individuals and topics discussed. Informative maps, images, and tables throughout the volume supplement each biography.

**The Silk Roads** Jan 12 2022 The Silk Road was never a single thread but an intricate web of trade routes linking Asia and Europe. Includes Turkey, Syria, Iran, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan and China.

**De zijderoutes** Feb 25 2023 Een fascinerende kijk op de wereldgeschiedenis van bestsellerauteur Peter Frankopan 'Door terug te kijken, ver terug te kijken, houdt Frankopan ons een spiegel voor, die uiteindelijk haarscherp laat zien dat we ons zullen moeten aanpassen - of we nou willen of niet.' VPRO Tegenlicht De zijderoutes is een schitterende verkenning van de elementen die de stuwende kracht waren achter de opkomst en de ondergang van wereldrijken, die de stroom van ideeën en goederen bepaalden en nu een nieuw tijdperk inluiden in de internationale politiek. Het gebied ten oosten van de Middellandse en de Zwarte Zee tot aan de Himalaya, dwars door Centraal-Azië tot diep in China en India, was duizenden jaren het middelpunt van de aarde. Het is de bakermat van onze beschaving, waar meer dan 2500 jaar v.C. metropolen ontstonden als Harappa en Mohenjodaro met een bevolking die in de tienduizenden liep en met straten die waren aangesloten op een geavanceerd rioleringsstelsel. Het is ook het gebied van de zijderoutes - handelsroutes maar ook verbindingswegen waarlangs opvattingen, religies, ideeën, cultuur én ziektes zich konden verspreiden. Hier begint Peter Frankopan zijn nieuwe wereldgeschiedenis. Na de eerste zijderoutes ontstonden er andere: de slavenroute, de goudroute, de route naar het zwarte goud. Maar in onze eenentwintigste eeuw zijn nieuwe routes aan het ontstaan die een grote gelijkenis vertonen met die allereerste, die Centraal-Azië doorkruisten. De zijderoutes komen terug! De pers over De zijderoutes: 'Briljante verhaallijnen (...) Een wereldgeschiedenis die het middelpunt van die wereld naar het oosten verplaatst.' The Economist 'Veel boeken beweren "een nieuwe geschiedenis van de wereld" te zijn; dit boek heeft die benaming met recht.' The Times 'Frankopan schreef een erg stimulerend boek, dat tal van nieuwe inzichten biedt en bovendien bijzonder prettig leest.' Historisch Nieuwsblad Peter Frankopan is hoogleraar Wereldgeschiedenis aan Oxford University, waar hij ook Senior Research Fellow is aan Worcester College en directeur van het Centre for Byzantine Research. Hij is de auteur van de bestsellers De eerste kruistocht, De zijderoutes en De nieuwe zijderoutes.

**The Silk Routes** Feb 19 2020

**Geocultural Power** Jul 26 2020 Launched in 2013, China's Belt and Road Initiative is forging connections in infrastructure, trade, energy, finance, tourism, and culture across Eurasia and Africa. This extraordinarily ambitious strategy places China at the center of a geography of overland and maritime connectivity stretching across more than sixty countries and incorporating almost two-thirds of the world's population. But what does it mean to revive the Silk Roads for the twenty-first century? *Geocultural Power* explores this question by considering how China is couching its

strategy for building trade, foreign relations, and energy and political security in an evocative topography of history. Until now Belt and Road has been discussed as a geopolitical and geoeconomic project. This book introduces geocultural power to the analysis of international affairs. Tim Winter highlights how many countries—including Iran, Sri Lanka, Kenya, Malaysia, Indonesia, Pakistan, and others—are revisiting their histories to find points of diplomatic and cultural connection. Through the revived Silk Roads, China becomes the new author of Eurasian history and the architect of the bridge between East and West. In a diplomatic dance of forgetting, episodes of violence, invasion, and bloodshed are left behind for a language of history and heritage that crosses borders in ways that further the trade ambitions of an increasingly networked China-driven economy.

*The Silk Roads* Mar 14 2022 For millennia, the silk roads have been the arteries of international trade. Today, these ancient routes still play a key role. Over the ages, the passages across the region have shifted and evolved due to changing political circumstances, environmental forces, and the prevalence of deadly illness. Despite this, the ceaseless flow of goods and culture between East and West has continued unabated. Taking us back to the origins of these enduring networks, Geordie Torr describes the beginnings of early trade, the ancient cultures that breathed life into these routes, and the mighty dynasties which rose to exert control before fading into the sands of time. The trade that took place along these roads led to exchanges in art, culture, and technology; as the delicate silks woven by the Chinese and Indians arrived in Europe, so wool, gold, and silverware travelled back to the Orient, while innovations in sea travel allowed the maritime routes to thrive. The stories of the first intrepid travellers who left behind the safety of their homelands to risk their lives in alien lands are scattered throughout the pages and highlight the basic human compulsion to explore. Featuring stunning photography that celebrates the natural beauty of the routes alongside artworks illustrating the incredible skill of craftsmen through the ages, *The Silk Roads* distils thousands of years of history into an accessible and fascinating tale.

**The Silk Roads** Feb 01 2021 For more than 1500 years, across more than 4000 miles, the Silk Roads connected East and West. These overland trails and sea lanes carried not only silks, but also cotton textiles, dyes, horses, incense, spices, gems, glass, and ceramics along with religious ideas, governing customs, and technology. For this book, Xinru Liu has assembled primary sources from ancient China, India, Central Asia, Rome and the Mediterranean, and the Islamic world, many of them difficult to access and some translated into English for the first time. Court histories, geographies and philosophical treatises, letters, travelers' accounts, inventories, inscriptions, laws, religious texts, and more, introduce students to the complexities of cultural exchange. Liu's thoughtful introduction considers the many ways the peoples along the Silk Roads interacted and helps students understand the implications for economies and societies, as well as political and religious institutions, over space and time. Maps, document headnotes and annotations, a chronology, questions for consideration, and a selected bibliography offer additional pedagogical support.

**De nieuwe zijderoutes** Jun 17 2022 Peter Frankopan over het heden en de toekomst van een wereld die drastisch aan het veranderen is In De nieuwe zijderoutes volgen we de opkomende zijderoutes naar het oosten, van Europa naar China via Rusland en het Midden-Oosten. In de westerse wereld overheersen in dit Brexit- en Trump-tijdperk begrippen als versnippering en isolatie. Dit staat in schril contrast met wat er sinds 2015 langs de zijderoutes gebeurt: de banden zijn versterkt en de onderlinge samenwerking is groter geworden. Er staan geen westerse landen in de top tien van snelst groeiende economieën in 2017, en dat is al tien jaar zo. Europese voetbalclubs hebben Chinese en Russische eigenaren, Qatar organiseert in 2022 het WK, Franse wijngaarden zijn in Chinese handen, een Iraanse zakenman die een appartement had gehuurd in Istanbul dat hem beviel, kocht het hele flatgebouw. Vanuit zijn unieke invalshoek kijkt Peter Frankopan naar het netwerk van relaties langs de nieuwe zijderoutes en laat zien wat het effect zal zijn van deze voortdurende verschuivingen in het machtscentrum, iets wat in het Westen zelden terug te vinden is in de krantenkoppen. Dit belangrijke en uiteindelijk hoopvolle boek gaat verder waar De zijderoutes eindigde en zet de schijnwerpers op thema's waar ons voortbestaan van afhangt. Peter Frankopan is hoogleraar Wereldgeschiedenis aan Oxford University, waar hij ook Senior Research Fellow is aan Worcester College en directeur van het Centre for Byzantine Research. Hij is de auteur van de bestsellers *De eerste kruistocht*, *De zijderoutes* en *De nieuwe zijderoutes*. De pers over *De zijderoutes*: 'Veel boeken beweren "een nieuwe geschiedenis van de wereld" te zijn; dit boek heeft die benaming met recht.' *The Times* 'Frankopan schreef een erg stimulerend boek, dat tal van nieuwe inzichten biedt en bovendien bijzonder prettig leest.' Historisch Nieuwsblad 'Door terug te kijken, ver terug te kijken, houdt Frankopan ons een spiegel voor, die uiteindelijk haarscherp laat zien dat we ons zullen moeten aanpassen - of we nou willen of niet.' VPRO Tegenlicht

*The Silk Route* Oct 17 2019 Traces the history and purpose of the legendary trade route between China and Byzantium during the Tang Dynasty (A.D. 618-906).

*Spain and Portugal in the Silk Routes* Mar 22 2020

**The Silk Route** Nov 10 2021 Traces the history and purpose of the legendary trade route between China and Byzantium during the Tang Dynasty (A.D. 618-906).

**The Silk Roads** Jul 18 2022 A look at the cultural, or intercultural, exchange that took place in the Silk Roads and the role this has played in the shaping of cultures and civilizations.

**Through the Jade Gate to Rome** Jul 06 2021 A generously annotated translation from the Hou Hanshu giving details on the Silk Routes connecting China, India, Central Asia and the Roman Empire in the 2nd Century.

*Echoes of Alexander the Great* Nov 17 2019 A collection of 63 beautiful stucco and terra-cotta heads of the Silk Route Portrait Collection, summarizing the best aspects of Gandharan vision of the Buddha's own tale. Heads in the present collection, dating mainly from the 3rd to the 5th centuries, were at their origin part of the ornamentation of Buddhist stupas - memorials to Buddha, celebrating his tale, and set up along the historic Silk Route, linking Central Asia with China in the east, and Byzantium in the west. With a foreword by the Dalai Lama.

*Along the Ancient Silk Routes* Oct 09 2021

**Art, Architecture and Religion Along the Silk Roads** Jan 20 2020 This volumes consists of selected papers from the 2004 conference of the Australasian Society for Inner Asian Studies. The papers cover topics relating to Ancient Chorasmia, Sogdia and China, Buddhist and Manichaean art, Middle Iranian manuscripts and Buddhist manuscripts from Afghanistan, Nestorian Christianity and contemporary Islam, Silk Road clowns and headcoverings of Central Asia. The collection highlights the range and depth of Australasian scholarship on Inner Asia and demonstrates that there are still many unexplored aspects of Silk Road Studies. Table of Contents: Part 1: Chorasmia, Sogdia and Uzbekistan: Alison V.G. Betts and V.N. Yagodin, Tash-k'irman-tepe Cult Complex: An Hypothesis for the Establishment of Fire Temples in Ancient Chorasmia - Dee Court, The Ordinary and the Extraordinary in Central Asian Headcoverings - Fiona Kidd, The Early Medieval Necropolis at Pap in the Ferghana Valley (Republic of Uzbekistan) - Michelle Negus-Cleary, Walls in the Desert: The Phenomenon of Central Asian Urbanism in the Kingdom of Ancient Chorasmia. Part 2: Christianity and Manichaeism: Samuel Lieu, Manichaean Art and Architecture Along the Silk Road - Vladimir Li?ak, Early Chinese Christianity in the Tang Empire: On the Crossroad of Two Cultures - Geoff Watson, The Ultimate Evangelical Away Game: British Missionary Endeavour in Central Asia c. 1830-1930. Part 3: Buddhism and Islam: Mark Allon, Recent Discoveries of Buddhist Manuscripts from Afghanistan and Pakistan and their Significance - Ken Parry, The Buddha as Colossus in Central Asia and China - Colin Mackerras, Religion in Contemporary Xinjiang. Part 4: Silk Road Exchanges: Holly Adams, Clowns on the Silk Road - Peter Edwell, Palmyrene Art, Architecture and Religion on the Euphrates: The Early Evidence for a Palmyrene Community at Dura Europos.

*The Roman Empire and the Silk Routes* Oct 21 2022 A fascinating history of the intricate web of trade routes connecting ancient Rome to Eastern civilizations, including its powerful rival, the Han Empire. *The Roman Empire and the Silk Routes* investigates the trade routes between Rome and the powerful empires of inner Asia, including the Parthian Empire of ancient Persia, and the Kushan Empire which seized power in Bactria (Afghanistan), laying claim to the Indus Kingdoms. Further chapters examine the development of Palmyra as a leading caravan city on the edge of Roman Syria. Raoul McLaughlin also delves deeply into Rome's trade ventures through the Tarim territories, which led its merchants to the Han Empire of ancient China. Having established a system of Central Asian trade routes known as the Silk Road, the Han carried eastern products as far as Persia and the frontiers of the Roman Empire. Though they were matched in scale, the Han surpassed its European rival in military technology. The first book to address these subjects in a single comprehensive study, *The Roman Empire and the Silk Routes* explores Rome's impact on the

ancient world economy and reveals what the Chinese and Romans knew about their rival Empires.

[The Silk Routes Launch of the English Project](#) Aug 07 2021

[The Silk Route and the Diamond Path](#) Dec 19 2019

**Return To The Silk Routes** Dec 23 2022 First Published in 1999. Routledge is an imprint of Taylor & Francis, an informa company.

[The Silk Routes, China, Including Xi'an](#) Apr 22 2020

[De eerste kruistocht](#) Jun 24 2020 In De Eerste Kruistocht richt Peter Frankopan zich niet op de heilige oorlogen, konkelende pausen en ridderlijke vroomheid, maar kiest een andere insteek en stuit zo op belangrijke kwesties die nog niet eerder zijn behandeld. Waarom duurde het tot 1096 voordat Europa Jeruzalem wilde bevrijden, terwijl de stad al 500 jaar in moslimhanden was? Wat was de rol van de Byzantijnse keizer in Constantinopel bij het ontstaan en uitvoeren van de expeditie? Waarom was er überhaupt een Eerste Kruistocht? Frankopan, auteur van de bestseller *De zijderoutes*, focust niet alleen op het westerse perspectief van de paus en de ridders, maar heeft ook oog voor de rol van Constantinopel en het Byzantijnse Rijk. Op briljante wijze geeft hij keizer Alexios I Komnenos zijn plaats in het hart van het verhaal terug. Frankopan schetst een boeiend en opvallend origineel beeld dat de visie op de Eerste Kruistocht volledig zal veranderen.

**Silk Roads** Sep 08 2021 As world powers realign their cultural, economic and political outlooks, there is no better time to consider how Afro-Eurasia's complex network of ancient trade routes - which spanned the vastness of the steppe, vertiginous mountain ranges, fertile river plains and forbidding deserts across the continents and on to the seas beyond - fostered economic activity and cultural, political and technological communication. From silk to slaves, fashion to music, religion to science the movement of interaction of goods, people and ideas was crucial to the flourishing of peoples and their cultures across this vast region. Edited by Susan Whitfield, an established authority on the subject, with contributions from over 80 leading scholars from across the globe, *Silk Roads* situates the ancient routes against the landscapes that defined them, to reveal the raw materials that they produced, the means of travel that were employed to traverse them and the communities that were shaped by them. Organized by terrain, from steppe to desert to ocean, each section includes detailed maps, a historical overview, thematic essays and features showcasing art, buildings and archaeological discoveries. A wealth of photographs reveals the breathtaking and often forbidding landscapes encountered by travellers and traders through the millennia. With one section inscribed as a World Heritage Corridor by UNESCO in 2014 and others to follow, and China claiming the Silk Roads as the precursor of its Belt Road Initiative, this network of ancient trade routes and the interaction along them has never been of greater interest or importance than today. This beautiful publication honours the astonishing diversity in the way cultures advance and flourish not in spite of their differences, but because of them.

**Natural Products of Silk Road Plants** Apr 03 2021 The Silk Road, a complex network of trade routes linking China with the rest of the Eurasian continent by land and sea, fostered transformation of the ethnic, cultural, and religious identities of diverse peoples. In *Natural Products of Silk Road Plants* there is a treasury of plants, many indigenous to countries along the trading routes of the Silk Road, that yielded medicines, cereals, spices, beverages, dyes, and euphoric and exotic compounds previously unknown to the rest of the world. This entry in the *Natural Products Chemistry of Global Plants* series has been prepared for university students of chemistry and ethnobotany and for those wishing to broaden their knowledge. It opens a window on a vast region of Asia not well described for its flora and provides new and fresh insights on: Significant plants, some endangered Traditional and modern applications of extracts The biochemical and pharmacological properties of extracts Contains over 150 full colour figures The significance of the Silk Road is being revived today through immense investment by China and other eastern countries in major schemes of transport infrastructure.

[The Silk Roads](#) Sep 20 2022 'Spellbinding ... a pitch-perfect treasure' *LoveReading4Kids* Set your sails east with this stunningly original new history of the world. Peter Frankopan, number one bestselling author and historian, explores the connections made by people, trade, disease, war, religion, adventure, science and technology in this extraordinary book about how the east married the west with a remarkable voyage at its heart - the journey along the Silk Roads. From ancient world laws laid down by King Hammurabi and the mighty Persian empire, to terrifying huns, the rise of Europe, two world wars and politics today, *The Silk Roads* illustrated edition moves through time and history sewing together the threads from different peoples, empires and continents into a phenomenal history of the globe. With stories from each and every corner of society, Frankopan's magnificent brand new text based on his literary triumph *The Silk Roads*, sumptuously illustrated by Neil Packer, is a must-have world history. 'An extraordinarily vivid book on an often-neglected corner of history' *Inis Reading Guide* 'Not just children, but people of any age will find this book an absorbing read' *New York Journal of Books* 'Peter Frankopan's text is pitched at exactly the right level for children to read and for adults to share with them. The illustrations of Neil Packer are completely captivating ... this is a perfect marriage and a book to treasure' *Armadillo magazine* 'Studded with stylish, evocative illustrations from Neil Packer ... this is an ambitious account that nevertheless tackles big themes in a friendly, accessible way' *History Revealed magazine*

**Crossroads** Jun 05 2021

**The Silk and Spice Routes** Apr 15 2022 From the Mediterranean to the China Sea, the Silk Routes stretched for almost 5,000 miles through the heart of Asia. They crossed some of the most dangerous and spectacular terrain on Earth, including the Pamir Mountains, called "The Roof of the World," the Hindu Kush, and the notorious Taklamakan desert, whose shifting sands have been known to swallow up great cities. For the past two thousand years, people have been tempted to travel these routes. They looked for trade or treasure, or just to satisfy their curiosity. This book tells of the adventures these travelers had, what they found, and the contacts they made, exploring the Silk Routes. Book jacket.

[Silk Roads](#) May 24 2020 In recent decades, there has been a new surge of interest in the history and legacies of the Silk Roads both within academic and public discourses. A field of Silk Roads Studies has come into its own. Consciously mirroring the temperament of its subject, the field has moved out of the narrow niches of particular disciplines to become a truly interdisciplinary endeavor. New research findings about the historical operations of the Silk Roads and interpretations of their legacies for the modern and contemporary world have broken down geographical and temporal divides that once demarcated the Silk Roads as primarily pre-modern and Old World-centered conduits of globalization. In light of these developments, the time is ripe to begin formulating a new definition of the contour of Silk Roads Studies and laying a new foundation for further work in this field. *Silk Roads: From Local Realities to Global Narratives* brings together leading scholars in multiple disciplines related to Silk Roads studies. It highlights the multiplicity of networks that constituted the Silk Roads, including land and maritime routes, and approaches the Silk Roads from Antiquity to China's One Belt One Road Initiative from Afro-Eurasia to the Americas. This holistic approach to understanding ancient globalization, exchanges, transformations, and movements - and their continued relevance to the present - is in line with contemporary academic trends toward interdisciplinarity. Indeed, the Silk Roads is such an expansive topic that many approaches to its study must be included to represent accurately its many facets. The volume emphasizes exchange and transformation along the Silk Roads - moments of acculturation or hybridization that contributed to novel syncretic forms. It highlights the multiplicity of networks that constituted the Silk Roads, including land and maritime routes, and approaches to the Silk Roads from Antiquity to China's One Belt One Road Initiative from Afro-Eurasia to the Americas.

[The Silk Route](#) Nov 22 2022 Traces the history and purpose of the legendary trade route between China and Byzantium during the Tang Dynasty (A.D. 618-906).

**The Roman Empire and the Silk Routes** Feb 13 2022

**The New Silk Roads** Sep 27 2020 From the bestselling author of *The Silk Roads* comes an updated, timely, and visionary book about the dramatic and profound changes our world is undergoing right now—as seen from the perspective of the rising powers of the East. "All roads used to lead to Rome. Today they lead to Beijing." So argues Peter Frankopan in this revelatory new book. In the age of Brexit and Trump, the West is buffeted by the tides of isolationism and fragmentation. Yet to the East, this is a moment of optimism as a new network of relationships takes shape along the ancient trade routes. In *The New Silk Roads*, Peter Frankopan takes us on an eye-opening journey through the region, from China's breathtaking infrastructure investments to the flood of trade deals among Central Asian republics to the growing rapprochement between Turkey and Russia. This

important book asks us to put aside our preconceptions and see the world from a new—and ultimately hopeful—perspective.

**The Silk Road** Mar 02 2021 Describes the history, geography, culture, and people of the legendary trade route that extended between China and the Mediterranean Sea.

**Oriental Rugs of the Silk Route** Aug 27 2020 The Silk Route was an ancient caravan route that began at the Golden Horn in present-day Istanbul and extended through the Caucasus, Iran, Afghanistan, and Central Asia to China and its seaports. It was through this caravan route, perhaps as long ago as the fourth century a.d. that goods of European manufacturers were introduced to remote villages and settlements. Here they were traded for indigenous exotic items such as silk, spices, and the subject of this luxurious and authoritative volume—oriental rugs. *Oriental Rugs of the Silk Route*, by John B. Gregorian, president of one of the oldest and largest oriental rug institutions in North America, provides an illustrated tour of the modern-day oriental rug-making centers of the Silk Route. A compelling text and stunning color photography complemented by vintage black-and-white images transport you to Middle Eastern villages and cities, revealing the rug-making culture and process there. From colorfully dressed peasants tending sheep, carding wool, and boiling natural dyes in Turkey and India's remote rug-weaving villages and trading centers to the sophisticated showrooms and the Grand Bazaar of Istanbul, as well as mosques, temples, restaurants, and homes where beautiful rugs are on display, this visually rich and authoritative volume travels behind the scenes of the mysterious, exotic cultures famous for this centuries-old art form. Chapters cover the history and lore of the Silk Route and the famous weaving centers of India and Turkey, relating stories of the weavers, dyers, and merchants; superstitions; religious symbolism, and Middle Eastern aesthetics. Also included is a wealth of rug examples and information on the rugs themselves, such as rug types, dyes, symbology, weaving techniques, and knots. There is also professional advice for rug buyers: an assessment of the rug-making industry today; a complete guide to evaluating and purchasing a rug; a discussion of buying and trading customs; and helpful tips on negotiating abroad as well as on decorating with oriental rugs throughout the home. A glossary provides definitions of oriental rug terminology, while an appendix rounds out the book with a complete discussion of cleaning and repair. At once a unique journey to the world's finest oriental rug-making centers and an authoritative reference, *Oriental Rugs of the Silk Route* is captivating, informative reading for beginning and knowledgeable rug enthusiasts and travelers alike.

**Ancient Silk Trade Routes: Selected Works From Symposium On Cross Cultural Exchanges And Their Legacies In Asia** Nov 29 2020 As key nodes that connected ancient silk routes traversing China, Japan and India, trading hubs, towns and cities in Java and Sumatra and other places in Asia were key destination points for merchants, monks and other itinerants plying these routes. Recent archaeological excavations in countries bordering the South China Sea and around the Indian Ocean unveiled remarkable similarities in artifacts recovered both on land and from the sea. The similarities underlined the many facets of regional exchanges and cross-cultural influences among people and places in these networks. Some of the findings indicate a distinct Chinese presence in the commercial, social and religious activities of these early Asian trading posts. This book collects papers from the symposium on Ancient Silk Trade Routes — Cross Cultural Exchanges and Their Legacies in Asia. It explores several threads arising from this regional exchange of goods and ideas, in particular, the cross-cultural dimensions of the exchanges in the areas of textile trade, ceramic routes, trading hubs, arts and artifacts and Buddhism.