COURSE DETAIL

THE SILK ROAD: A GLOBAL HISTORY
Country China
Host Institution Peking University, Beijing
Program(s) Peking University
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) History
UCEAP Course Number 123
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title THE SILK ROAD: A GLOBAL HISTORY
UCEAP Transcript Title SILK ROAD HISTORY
UCEAP Quarter Units 3.00
UCEAP Semester Units 2.00

Course Description
This course provides a comprehensive introduction to the cultural and material exchanges among the major civilizations along the Silk Road. It covers the period between the 2nd and the 15th centuries, during which the forces wielded by the Persians, Chinese, Greeks, Indians, Arabs and Mongols shaped the geopolitical landscape of the vast region that spreads from the Caspian Sea to the Gobi Desert. The course explores the role of the Silk Road in the formation of the religious and ethnic identities of these civilizations, as well as their perceptions towards one other. Through the study of refreshing and up-to-date visual and course readings, the students will explore crosscultural phenomenon such as Sogdian burial practice, Arab accounts of Tang China, Nestorian Christianity at the Mongol court, and influence of Marco Polo in the Latin West. The course begins and concludes with discussion of the contemporary significance of the Silk Road as a historical category.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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