

VIRTUAL WORLD LANGUAGE EXPO

CHINESE

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OVERVIEW

- + Chinese language (dialects, sound, writing and grammar,)
- + Chinese program
- + Single concentration or one of two or three concentrations
- + Chinese minor
- + Chinese culture and culture courses
- + Summer study abroad experience

CHINESE LANGUAGE AND DIALECTS

- + There are numerous regional dialects of Chinese, and many dialects are mutually unintelligible.
- + Modern standard Chinese: Mandarin. Its grammar is codified from the modern Chinese literary canon, and its pronunciation is based on the speech of Beijing.

CHINESE SOUND SYSTEM

- + Chinese is a tonal language
- + Mā, Má, Mǎ, Mà
- + Syllabic structure: (initial) final tone
- + One syllable corresponds to one character, and one character is one syllable.

CHINESE WRITING SYSTEM

- + Chinese characters: six categories:
- + Pictographs: bear a physical resemblance to the objects they indicate.

	'moon'	'mountain'	'water'	'person'	'knife'
Oracle-bone script					
Modern script	月	山	水	人	刀

CHINESE WRITING SYSTEM (CONTINUED)

- + Self-explanatory characters: 上 (above), 下 (below)
- + Associative compounds: 明 (bright), 休 (rest)
- + Pictophonetic characters: (one element indicating meaning and the other sound): 江, 河, 妈, 姐

CHINESE GRAMMAR

+ There is no verb conjugation.

CHINESE PROGRAM

- + Core language courses, elective language courses and culture courses taught in English.
- + Chinese concentration: 8 courses above 3000-level
- + Chinese minor: 3 courses above 3000-level
- + Summer study abroad program

CHINESE CULTURE AND SOCIETY

中国文化与社会

- + Entry level survey course
- + Above 3000-level
- + Culture and society of China
- + A mixture of lectures and discussion sessions
- + Topics are arranged chronologically and thematically

THE ORACLE BONES



- + Yinxu 殷墟, in Anyang, Henan
- + The beginning of written Chinese history (Shang dynasty: circa 1600 BCE – 1050 BCE)
- + Shang divination: carve the question onto a bone, and then heat the bone until it cracked
- + The king or diviner interpreted the cracks; the scribe carved the answer and the outcome.
- + We will read texts from the oracle bones



DRAGON

龍

Oracle bones, also called “Dragon bones”

Mythical Animal

Symbol of power, fortune and royalty

What were they? Explanations from archaeological evidence and scholarly research.

Confucianism

Confucius (551–479 BCE): Master Kǒng

Read a biography of the Confucius

Discuss his teachings: The Analects

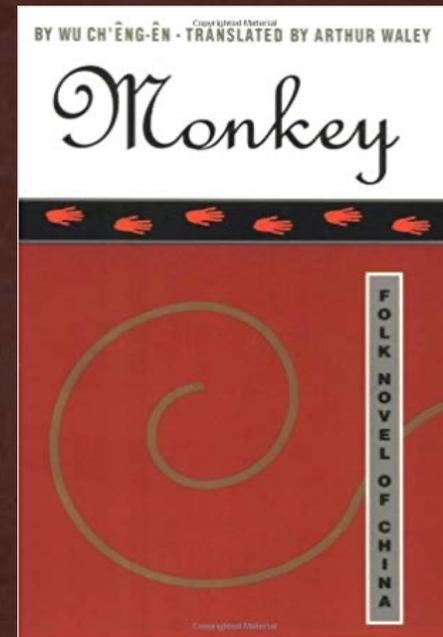
Learn the legacy of the Confucius

Political and institutional foundation; centrality in Chinese educational system



INTRODUCTION OF BUDDHISM

- + Spread of Buddhism to China (1st century CE)
- + Interactions with Confucianism and Daoism
- + Becoming Chinese (Chan Buddhism)
- + Chinese pilgrims (Journey to the West)



THE SILK ROADS

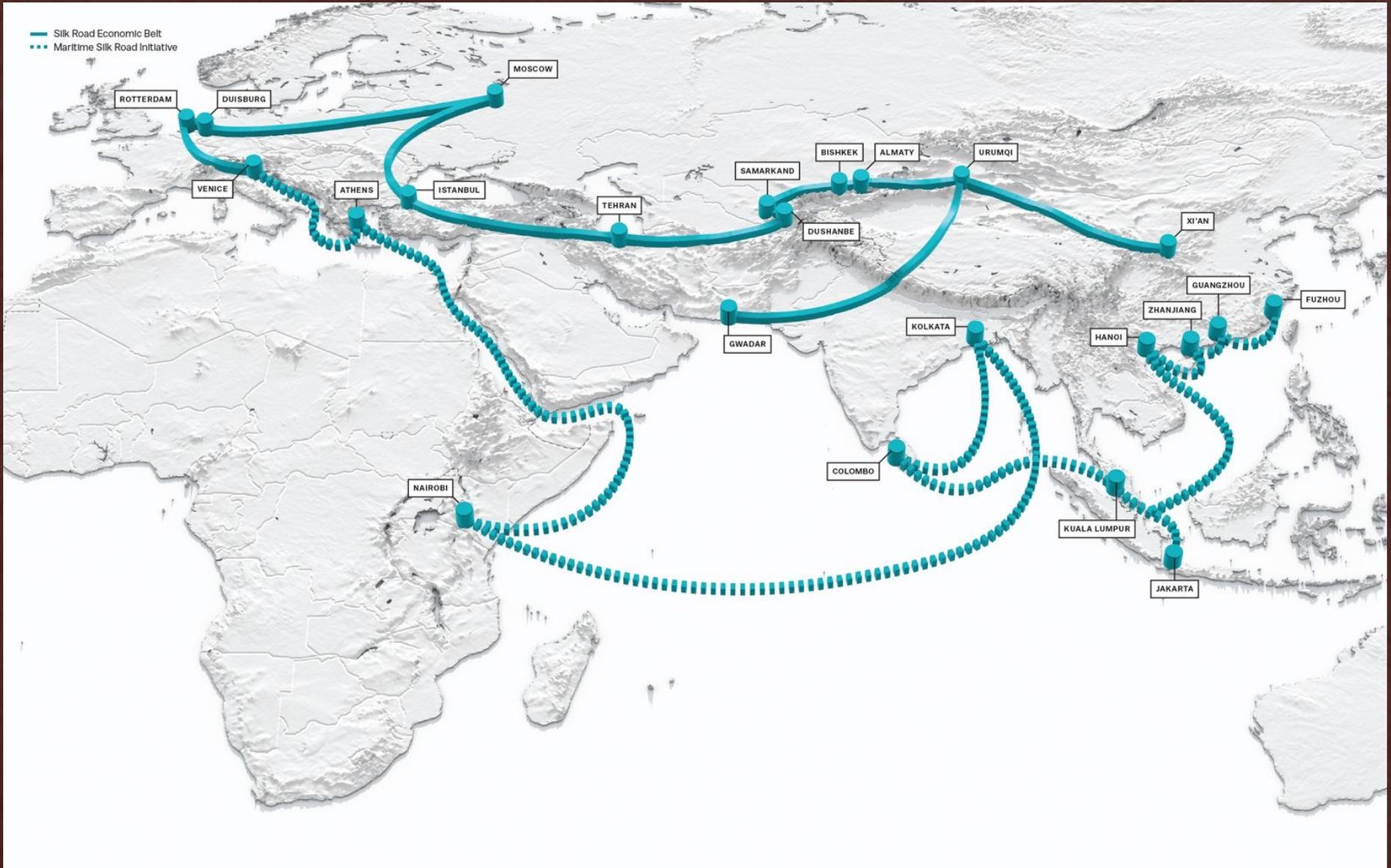


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— Main Silk Road — Eurasian Steppe Route — Main Connecting Routes



ONE BELT ONE ROAD (OBOR)





Glazed earthenware
Victoria and Albert Museum (Eumorfopoulos
Collection, acquired with the aid of the
NACF), C.815–1936



Terracotta with traces of slip and pigments
Private Collection



Glazed terracotta

Musée des arts Asiatiques - Guimet, MA 4015 & MA 40

Pale terracotta with traces of pigment

Musée des arts Asiatiques - Guimet, EO 2953 & MA 4697

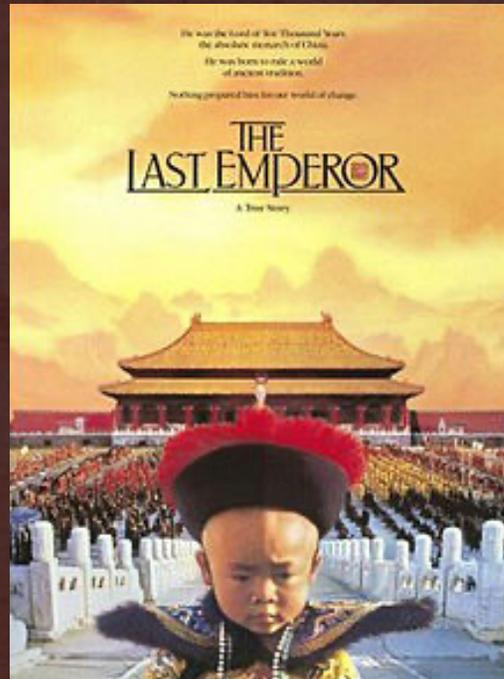
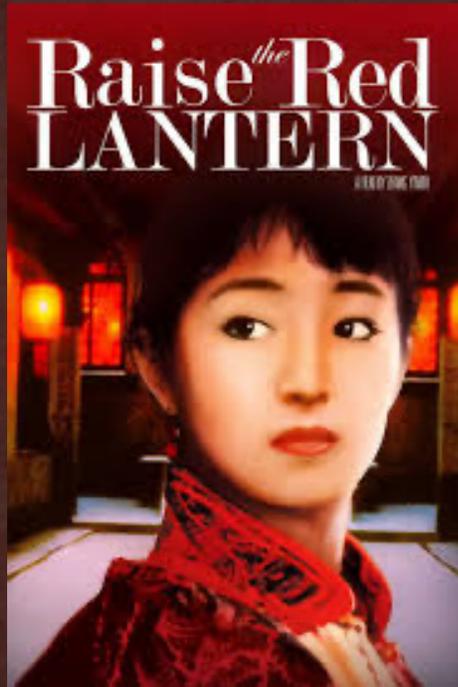




CHINESE FILMS

- + One film screening and post-screening discussion per week
- + 20th century Chinese history and culture
- + Develop critical thinking and writing skills, as well as historical imagination

CHINESE FILMS



STUDY ABROAD

- + Wuhan, China
- + 6-week intensive language course
- + 3 cultural trips



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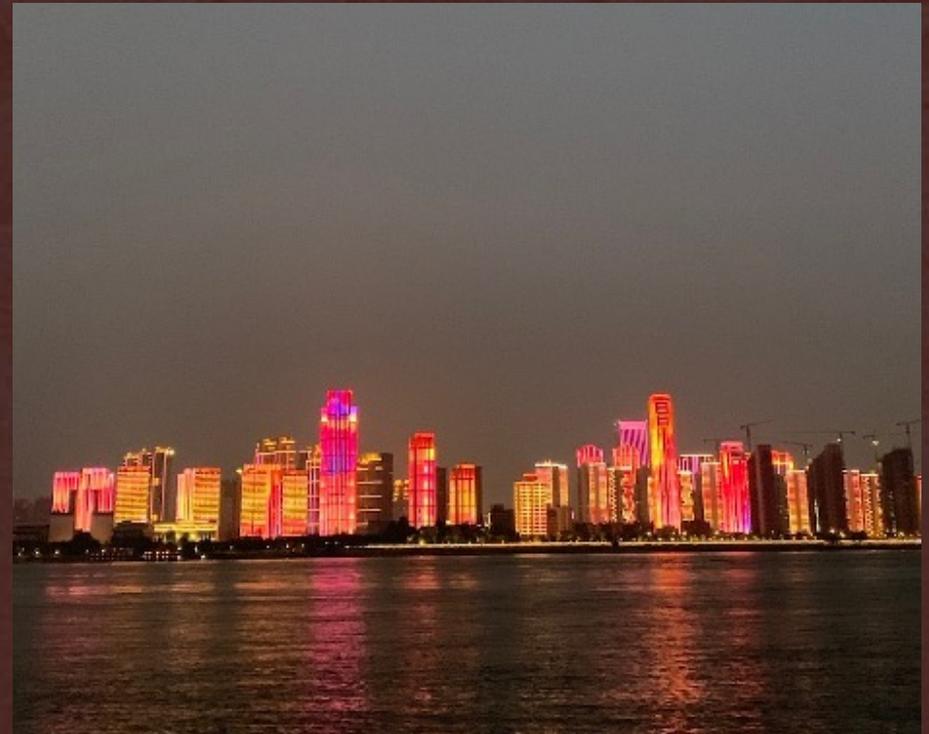


STUDY ABROAD

Try authentic Chinese foods



Experience Chinese culture





THANK YOU!

QUESTIONS?

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