



Symposium

Silk Road: The Road of Peace and Development

10-11 November 2019

Imam Khomeini International University (IKIU), Qazvin, Iran

The Silk Road was a network of trade routes which connected the East and West, and was central to the economic, cultural, political, and religious interactions, as the birth place of four major civilizations has always being the key to peaceful coexistence and a cause for nations' prosperity, leading to integration rather than segregation.

Members together on “Silk Road: The Road of Peace and Development” being held in Qazvin, can help to realize this vision through fostering and exchanging ideas among the intellectuals transcending national, religious and cultural boundaries.

Every 10th November celebration, World Science Day for Peace and Development highlights the significant role of science in society and the need to engage more public debates on emerging scientific issues.

By this mean, bringing science more close to the society, World Science Day for Peace and Development aims to ensure that citizens are kept informed of developments in science. It also underscores the role scientists playing in broadening our understanding of the remarkable, fragile planet we call home and in making our societies more sustainable. UNESCO strongly encourages all to join in celebrating World Science Day for Peace and Development by organizing your own events or activities on the days.

The annual observance of the International Week of Science and Peace is making an important contribution to the promotion of peace. The Week encourages greater academic exchanges on a subject of universal importance while also generating greater awareness of the relationship of science and peace among the general public. The “Silk Road: The Road of Peace and Development” Symposium derives its name from this day, contributing to greater international understanding and opportunities for co-operation among SUN members in the applications of science for the promotion of peace toward sustainable development.

The Symposium

The “Silk Road: The Road of Peace and Development” Symposium is going to be run as a medium-sized symposium in which 40-50 participants are invited. It will be held in Imam Khomeini International University (IKIU) in Qazvin. Qazvin, as a strategic region in Iran, has historically played wonderful role in connecting the roads from east to the west and north to the south of Iran and the west of Asia.

It seems the holding of such symposiums not only helps to the family of SUN to be familiar with the situation of its members but also boosts the concepts of the new Silk Road.

Subtitles

- Culture and Civilization: (Art & Architecture, Cultural Understanding, History & Civilization)
- Economic and Infrastructures: (Transportation & Energy, Financial Institution, Tourism)
- International Relations: (Security& Peace, Science Diplomacy, Student Transfer)
- Qazvin, the Crossroad City: From the Past to the Future

Participant Selection

- The first round of the presenters will be by invitation. A couple of keynote speaker from SUN organization and a couple of speakers from the other Universities will be the invited presenters. The **staying expenses** and **accommodation** for the keynote speakers will be covered fully by the Symposium.
- The second round of the presenters will be carried out through a call for papers. The manuscripts would be peer reviewed by the scientific committee. The selected papers will have the chance to be presented in the symposium based on a timetable.

Timeline

- 1st of August 2019: Call for Papers
- 30th of September 2019: Announcement of accepted papers
- 1st of October 2019: Visa Procedure, Hotel Reservations
- 30th of October: presentation review and revise
- 10th – 11th of November: The Symposium at IKIU

Scientific Committee

The committee consists of the following members:

1. Dr. Rouhollah Bayat (IKIU)
2. Dr. Bani (University of Guilan)
3. Dr. Tisheh yar (Allameh Tabataba'i Univ.)

4. Dr. Tayebi (University of Isfahan)
5. Dr. Hashemi (IKIU)
6. Dr. Davoudi (IKIU)
7. Dr. Mirza Hosseini (IKIU)
8. Dr. Dinparasti (Allameh Tabataba'i Univ.)

Outcomes

At each step there would be the following outcomes through appropriate academic outlets:

- Special issue of journals in collaboration with Silkroadia Webzine
- A hardcopy of the symposium volume including all of the accepted papers
- A dedicated website including the accepted papers in open-access and the venue
- Media presence through reports and multimedia

Symposium Program

The first day:

9:00 – 10:00: Welcome and registration

10:00 – 12:00: Invited keynote speakers

12:00 – 14:00: Lunch and socialization

14:00 16:00: First round of papers presentation

16:00- 20:00: Qazvin city tour, Dinner

20:00 – 21:00 Hotel Registration

The second day:

9:00 – 12:00: Second round of paper presentation

12:00 – 14:00: Lunch and socialization

14:00 16:00: IKIU activity Tour

16:00- 20:00: Travel to the North of Iran, Dinner

Sponsors and Logistics

The symposium will be jointly sponsored by the following University/Organizations:

1. Imam Khomeini international University (IKIU)

The symposium will be held at IKIU main campus located in the north of Qazvin city. IKIU is the only state University in the Qazvin region in which more than 8000 students are studying in

Engineering, Basic science, Humanities studies, Agricultural fields. There are more than 1000 PhD candidates and Masters working in laboratories and research groups at IKIU. IKIU will support for the travel and accommodation of the invited keynote speakers, airport pickup for keynote speakers, seminar hall and presentation rooms, Lunch and Dinner for participants of the symposium for a couple of days, in-city transfer by a dedicated bus, city sightings entrance, regional bus for the second day, gifts for participants, etc.

As the partners of IKIU, the Allameh Tabataba'i University, University of Isfahan and University of Guilan (all are the SUN partners) will collaborate to the Symposium.

2. SUN Organization

2.1. Weave of the IKIU membership fee in SUN organization for 2019

2.2. Other direct supports of the SUN

3. Iran Road Maintenance and Transportation Organization

4. Municipality of Qazvin