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**New Developments along the Silk Road: the Changing Economic Landscape of the
New Central Asia in the Coming Decades**

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Central Asia is on the rise as a strategic region in the global economy and renewing its historic role along the Silk Road. Despite a global polycrisis marked by worsening issues of climate change, trade, food, water and energy security, the **new Central Asia** is becoming a space of new opportunities for peace and connectivity, for sustainable development and for pragmatic partnerships. It is also one of the youngest regions in the world. This issue invites original, high-quality research papers that critically examine the emerging regional, economic and environmental landscape of new Central Asia and its wider Silk Road connections for the coming decades. We welcome interdisciplinary, comparative, and empirical research papers, including from early-career researchers based in Central Asia and neighboring regions.

We invite submissions on (but not limited to) the following topics:

1. Regional cooperation

- Structural transformation of institutions and infrastructure
- Central Asia's role in global institutions and regional value chains
- Regional tourism, special economic zones and logistics hubs
- Critical minerals, resource governance and competition among major powers

- Belt and Road initiatives, the Middle Corridor and other connectivity projects

2. Economic cooperation

- New and evolving trade routes and investment flows
- Transport corridors, digital connectivity and the digital economy
- Food security, rural livelihoods and agricultural transformation
- Labor migration, remittances and household welfare
- Poverty, inequality, entrepreneurship and firm dynamics
- Demographic change, education, health and human capital development

3. Environmental cooperation

- Climate change risks and adaptation in Central Asia
- Green energy transition and low-carbon development pathways
- Cross-border energy and water governance
- Renewable energy, resource efficiency and sustainable development

4. Historical and comparative perspectives

- Central Asia between the historic and contemporary Silk Road
- New development pathways and emerging sources of economic growth
- Comparative analysis with other regions / countries and lessons learned

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- January 31, 2026 – Deadline to confirm your interest and submit an **abstract** (up to 250 words) for consideration.

- May 1, 2026 – Deadline to submit the **full manuscript** to the journal.

Instructions for Authors

Structure: Your paper should be compiled in the following order: title page; abstract (250 words); keywords; main text introduction, data and methodology, results, discussion; acknowledgments; declaration of interest statement; references; appendices (as appropriate); table(s) with caption(s) (on individual pages); figures; figure captions (as a list).

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