

**Social and Human Sciences Sector**National Commissions for  
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Dear Secretaries-General,

I am pleased to inform you that in April 2022, within the framework of the UNESCO Silk Roads Programme, our Organization's Social and Human Sciences Sector launched the fourth edition of the international photo contest 'Youth Eyes on the Silk Roads'.

Since the first edition of the photo contest in 2018, it has gone from strength to strength, offering an exciting opportunity for young people to share their creative talent. As the pandemic continues to disrupt exchanges around the world, particularly in the academic field, this contest allows young people to connect and share their hopes for the post-pandemic future, drawing inspiration from the Silk Roads legacy and spirit.

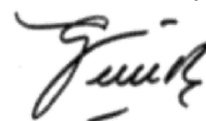
For the fourth edition, the two themes of 'Faith and Spiritualities' and 'Living Together' have been chosen. Participants have therefore been asked to submit images which reflect their understanding of the Silk Roads' shared heritage of dialogue and exchange within these two themes.

I am pleased to share with you the link to the photo contest website (<https://unescosilkroadphotocontest.org>), where you can find the guidelines and instructions for participants. I would invite you to share information on the photo contest as widely as possible across your youth, education and artistic communities, to help encourage as many young people as possible to enter.

My colleagues, Mr Mehrdad Shabahang ([m.shabahang@unesco.org](mailto:m.shabahang@unesco.org)) Programme Specialist for the UNESCO Silk Roads Programme, and Ms Tara Golkar ([t.golkar@unesco.org](mailto:t.golkar@unesco.org)) remain at your disposal for any further information you may require.

With my best wishes, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

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