

**Social and Human Sciences Sector**

National Commissions

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Dear Secretary-General,

I am pleased to inform you that in June 2021, within the framework of the UNESCO Silk Roads Programme, and in line with the objectives of the Management of Social Transformations (MOST) Programme, UNESCO launched the 3rd edition of the international photo contest 'Youth Eyes on the Silk Roads'.

This photo contest, which was first launched in 2018, and took place again in 2019-2020, offers an exciting opportunity for young people from all over the world to capture their understanding of the Silk Roads' shared heritage of dialogue and exchange. This last year, in particular, when many educational and cultural institutions have been temporarily closed, the photo contest provides an opportunity for young people to connect in a digital space and share their creativity and hopes for the post-pandemic future.

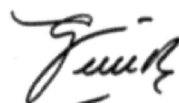
Two themes have been chosen for the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of this contest, namely 'Textiles and Clothing' and 'Intercultural Exchanges in the Time of Covid-19 including in the Field of Textiles and Clothing'.

As such, I am very pleased to share with you the link to the photo contest website (<https://unescosilkroadphotocontest.org>), which features the full guidelines and instructions for participants. I invite you to share information regarding the photo contest as widely as possible across your youth and education networks, to help encourage as many young photographers as possible to enter the contest.

My colleague, 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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