

The 6th Photo Contest of SUN (Silk-Road Universities Network)

**PHOCOS 2021**

# **THE SILK ROADS ARCHITECTURE**

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## History of PHOCOS

**Initiation:** Photo Contest of SUN was approved as an official program unanimously by the participants of the Inaugural General Assembly of SUN on August 23, 2015 with the initiation by Secretary General Sungdon Hwang.

**Purposes:** This contest is designed to achieve through the medium of photography the following purposes. Firstly, to share the beauty of cultural diversity existing along the Silk Roads with all people around the world. Secondly, to provide the young generation with opportunities to understand the value of this cultural diversity of the Silk Roads as a healthy condition for peaceful co-existence and co-prosperity of mankind. Finally, to nurture the youth to respect and embrace cultural differences of other people as the reason for celebration rather than segregation be it ever so humble and tiny.

**PHOCOS 2016:** The 1st Photo Contest of SUN

- Theme: “Diversity of University Campus Lives along the Silk Roads”
- Photos Submitted: 163 photos from 46 universities in 9 countries
- Grand Prize Winner: Mr. Benjamin Ong Jia Ming (University of Malaya, Malaysia)
- Exhibition & Award Ceremony: August 8 ~ 12, 2016 at Obama Hall, Hankuk University of Foreign Studies (HUFS), Seoul, Korea

**PHOCOS 2017:** The 2nd Photo Contest of SUN

- Theme: “The Roads – People, Culture, History and Any Scenes on the Silk Roads”
- Photos Submitted: 224 photos from 17 universities in 12 countries
- Grand Prize Winner: Mr. Aliasghar Heydari (Alameh Tabataba’i University, Iran)
- Exhibition and Award Ceremony: November 8 ~ 12, 2017 at the Main Lobby, Vietnam National University – Ho Chi Minh City University of Social Sciences and Humanities, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

**PHOCOS 2018:** The 3rd Photo Contest of SUN

- Theme: “Masks and People along the Silk Roads”
- Photos submitted: 102 photos from 13 universities in 11 countries

- Grand Prize Winner: Ms. Ksenia Varegina, (Moscow State Linguistic University, Russia)
- Exhibition & Award Ceremony: August 29 ~ September 1 at Ca’ Foscari University of Venice, Venice, Italy

**PHOCOS 2019:** The 4th Photo Contest of SUN

- Theme: “Trade and Markets along the Silk Roads”
- Photos Submitted: 217 photos from 18 universities in 12 countries
- Grand Prize Winner: Ms. Elaha Sahel (Herat University, Afghanistan)
- Exhibition & Award Ceremony: September 16 ~ 21 at Al Farabi Kazakh National University, Almaty, Kazakhstan.

**PHOCOS 2020:** The 5th Photo Contest of SUN

- Theme: “Colors of the Silk Roads”
- Photos Submitted: 275 photos from 31 universities in 17 countries
- Grand Prize Winner: Ms. Ilaria Fusaro (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greek)
- Exhibition & Award Ceremony: Held in the online 6th General Assembly of SUN

## Overview of PHOCOS 2021

**Theme:** “The Silk-Roads Architecture: Traditional & Modern”

**Photos Submitted:** 111 photos by 27 students of 12 universities in 13 Silk-Road countries

(Albanian, Cypriot, Greek, Indian, Iran, Italy, Korea, Malaysia, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Sri Lanka, Uzbekistan)

**Application:** April 30, 2021 ~ June 1, 2021

**Selection of Prize Winning Photos:** July 8, 2021 by the review committee

**Announcement of Prize Winners:** July 14, 2021

- Grand Prize Winner: Ms. Ilaria Fusaro (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greek)

- Excellence Prize Winners: 2

- Special Selection Winner: 5

- Selection Prize Winner: 20

**Exhibition:** Will be held online on our due to the COVID-19

**Award Ceremony:** Will be held in the online 7th General Assembly of SUN.

## Message from USSUN President

**Cristina Pacurar**

USSUN President  
Transilvania University of Brasov,  
Romania

We tend to value the beauty around us especially when we cannot reach it when we are a few feet away from it, but still so far. The harsh times that the current pandemic has brought all around the world have made us more grateful for all the amazing sceneries surrounding us, from breathtaking nature to incredible architectural wonders.

In this respect, this year's theme for the photography contest of SUN, PHOCOS: The Silkroads architecture: Traditional and Modern is a unique opportunity to discover the wonders around us, whether from behind the camera (from the contestants' point of view) or through the lenses of the artists' (from the spectator's point of view). The booklet of the selected photographs is a fascinating tour of contrasts melting together to create the spectacular beauty of diversity, of mixing the old and the new, the classic and the modern.

I would like to thank all the participants for being part of the 2021 Chapter of this amazing story, called PHOCOS. Each submitted photography is a win for the contestant, whether in the end it can be found among the selected works or not. I would also like to congratulate the winners of PHOCOS 2021 and the selected photographs which can be found in the current booklet which prove the USSUN students' artistry with the camera.

I hope you will enjoy the collection as I did.

## Reveiw'er's Comment

# Travel Across the Closed borders



**Silas Fong**

Professor  
Department of Photography,  
Chung-Ang University, Korea

It has been the second year I help to evaluate the PHOCOS photo contest. At the same time, it is also the second year we have been striving through the pandemic for normality. Under the angst of viral spread, many borders are closed. The once hyperconnected world is physically fragmented. In such a situation, photography plays an even more critical role in connecting the different lives of people worldwide. This year, the contest's theme is architecture, the structures in which vast kinds of activities of human beings dwell. It is not surprising that we can see 'extraordinary' images and the life of others that we have never imagined.

The finalists' entries possess the quality of the general aesthetics of photography, but more importantly, the unique feature of their cultures, histories and identities across thousands of years. Thanks to being one of the jury panel, I can travel and experience the beauty of places I have never visited. Still, the aesthetics experience would have been more diverse if the world again opened its borders and allowed more photography enthusiasts free travel. I prefer pictures that are not only focused on being photogenic and exotic. It should not be merely a stereotype that everyone is expecting. Instead, those places you might have visited regularly or lived over time. I would recommend a simple way to select your photos. First, look at it intuitively. Do you feel any particular emotion? Does it look similar to any image that you can find on advertisements and social media readily? If not, next, print it out, stick it on your wall or put it in your wallet. After looking at it for several weeks every day, does it still mean something to you? If it doesn't,

probably you should choose another photograph and start the process again.

**WINNERS OF  
THE PHOCOS  
2021**



**Grand Prize**

Nowadays nobody sends postcards anymore (Siena, Piazza del Campo, Italy)

Ilaria Fusaro

Ca' Foscari University of Venice

Italia



## Winner of PHOCOS 2021 Award Remarks

By Ilaria Fusaro

I am sincerely grateful for having been selected to receive the Grand Prize of the PHOCOS 2021 organized by the SUN and I am extremely thankful to every single person who believed in me and my work. Just seeing how my picture received so much love and appreciation moves me to the extent that words cannot express. With “Nowadays, nobody sends postcards anymore” I wanted to address how past and future are connected by the bridge of arts and habits.

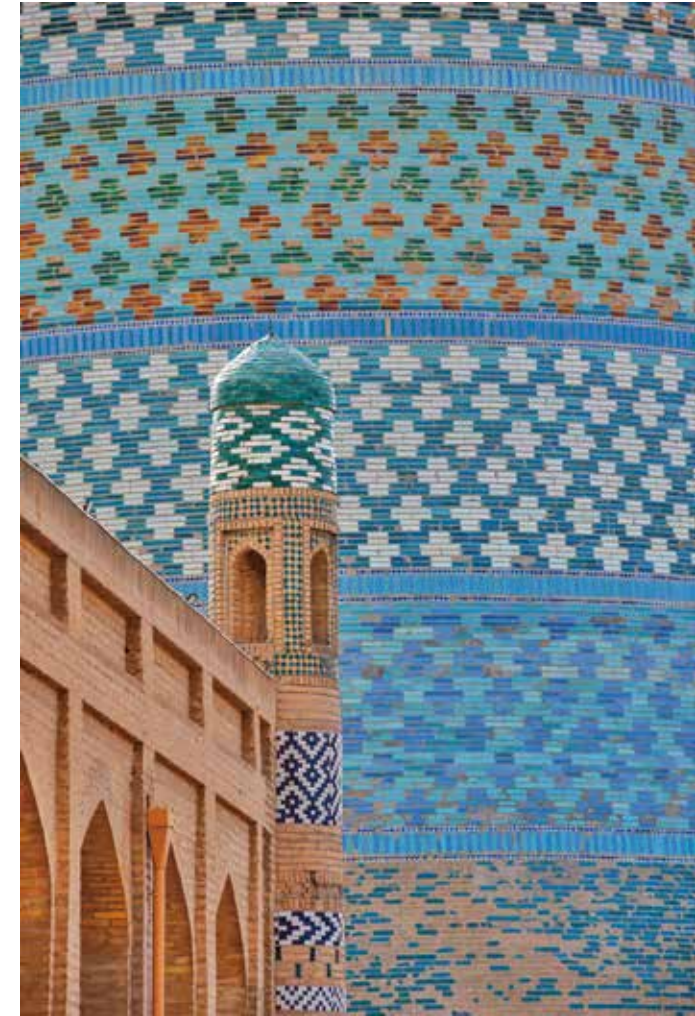
First of all, I would like to thank my home university, Ca’ Foscari, for having introduced me to this opportunity and for enriching my knowledge throughout these past two years of attendance, opening my perspective and my mind to the world. Furthermore, I would like to thank the Silk-Road Universities Network for organizing the contest and most of all for its commitment into making students from all over the world collaborate and know each other’s cultures, with the aim of celebrating our differences and valuing our common history. And last but not least, I would like to thank my family and friends, who always supported me and my passions.

I was very surprised when I heard the news, because I am sure every other contestant would deserve this award as well, so I dedicate it to every one of you, the Silk-Road creative minds of this year. I know this pandemic has put all of us in front of difficult situations, but I ask all the students who are reading right now not to give up, to make sure that we can emerge victorious from such uncertain times. Embrace yourself, discover what you can do and do not fear what you can achieve. The only thing you are required to is believing. Thank you very much!





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**True Colors (Kalta Minar, Uzbekistan)**  
Akbar Ibragimov  
Urgench State University  
Uzbekistan





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Amazing architecture (Kurdistan province, Iran)

Saman Khodayari

Allameh Tabataba'ei University

Iran





**Special Selection**

**Window on the past (Mont of Olives, Israel and Palestine)**

Eugenia Bandini

Università Ca' Foscari Venezia

Italia





**Special Selection**

**Photo of Venice (Italy)**

Francesca De Simone

Università Ca' Foscari Venezia

Italia





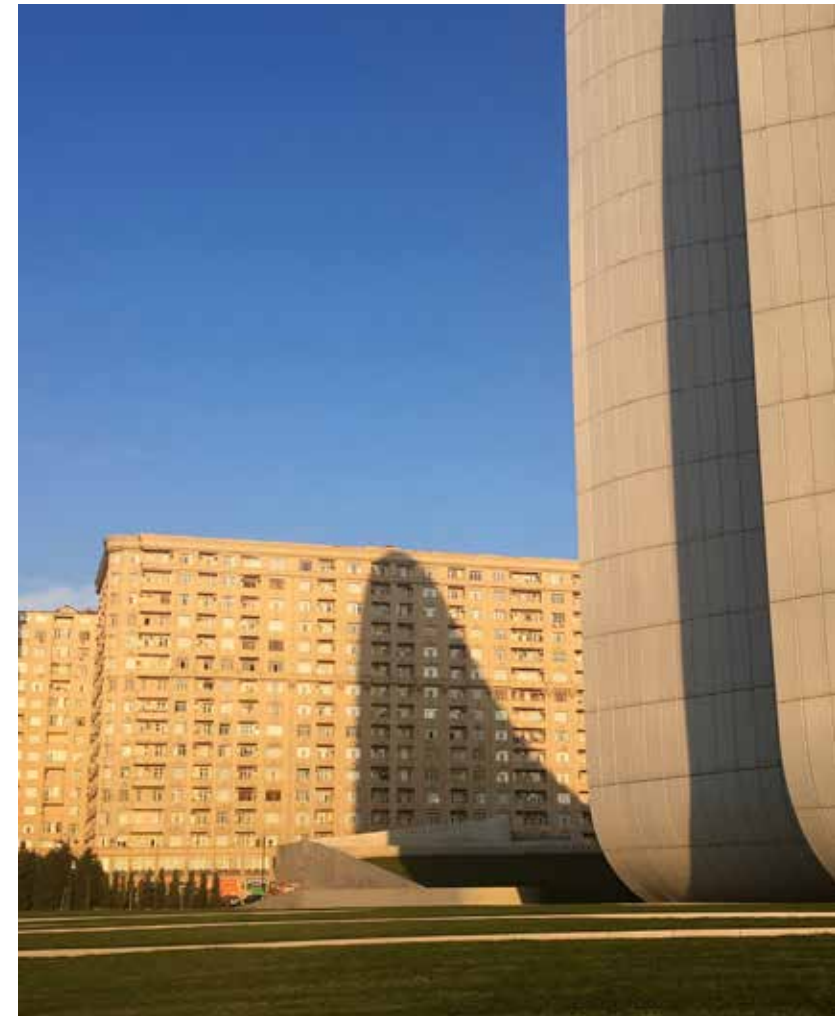
**Special Selection**

**The shadow of the future (Baku, Azerbaijan)**

Maria Kuznetsova

Ca' Foscari University of Venice

Russia

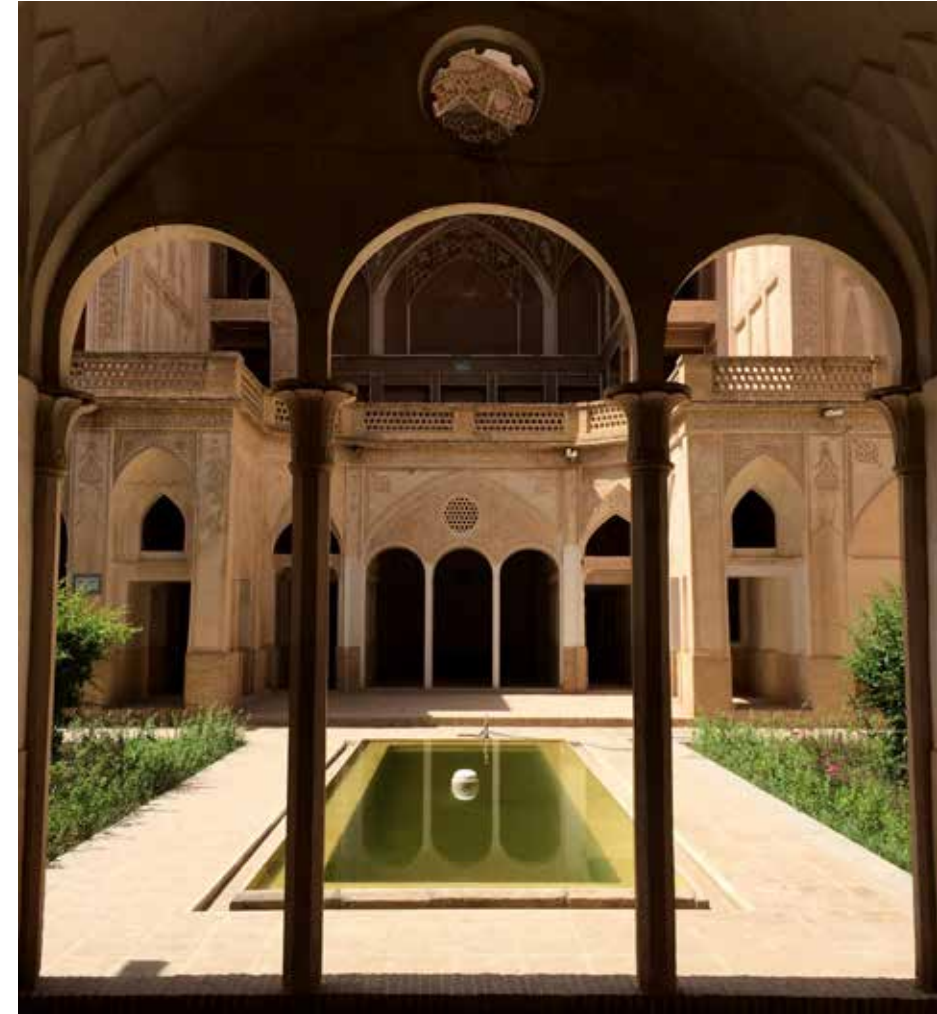




**Special Selection**

**Abbasian House (Kashan, Iran)**

Nasrin Akhavan Varnosfaderani  
Ca' Foscari University of Venice  
Irania





**Special Selection**

**Forgotten**

Shadi Khodayari

Allameh Tabataba'i University

Iran





**Selection**

**Urbanization vs Nature (Hangzhou)**

Alberto Castrogiovanni

Ca' Foscari University of Venice

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**Selection**

**Azadi square (Iran)**

Alireza khosrozadeh

Allameh Tabataba'i University

Iran





**Selection**

**Old but new**

R.T.S. Amali

Hankuk University of Foreign Studies

Sri Lanka





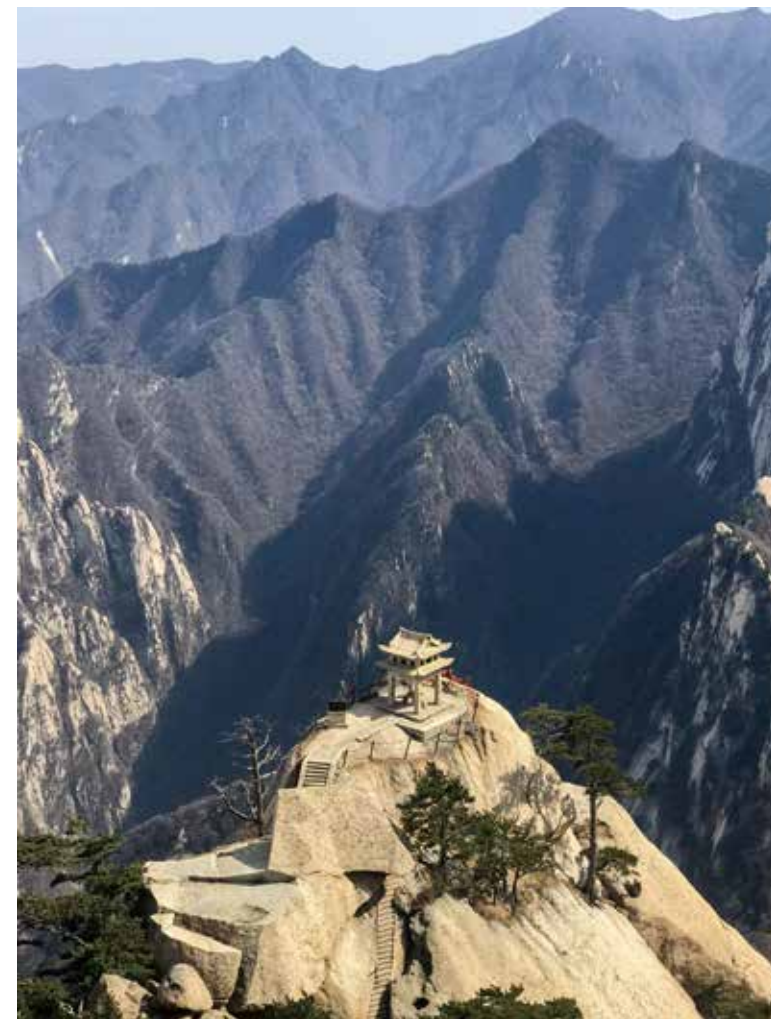
**Selection**

**Hardest walk (Shaanxi region, China)**

Amelia Antolini

Ca' Foscari University of Venice

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Evening Chat in Old Dushanbe (Tajikistan)

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University of Bucharest  
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Greek



**Selection**

**Jameh Mosque, Yazd (Iran)**

José Luís Stantos

University of Coimbra

Portugal



**Selection**

**This Participant No Have Topic**

Pankaj Singh

University of Bucharest

India







**Selection**

**Between Me and We**

Ruxandra Stefan

Transilvania University of Brasov

Romania

**Selection**

**Home (Iran)**

Seyyed Ali Pourhosseini

University of Tehran

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**Selection**

**Touristi point of view (Italy)**

Silvia Pareglio

Allameh Tabataba'i University

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**Selection**

The quiet 2020 Brasov a beautiful village in a fairy tale. (Braşov, Romania)

Heeyeong Kim

Hankuk University of Foreign Studies

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**Benvenuti in te i quartieri del Veneto (Welcome to the neighborhoods of Veneto)**

Markeljan Blacëri

Ca' Foscari University of Venice

Albania





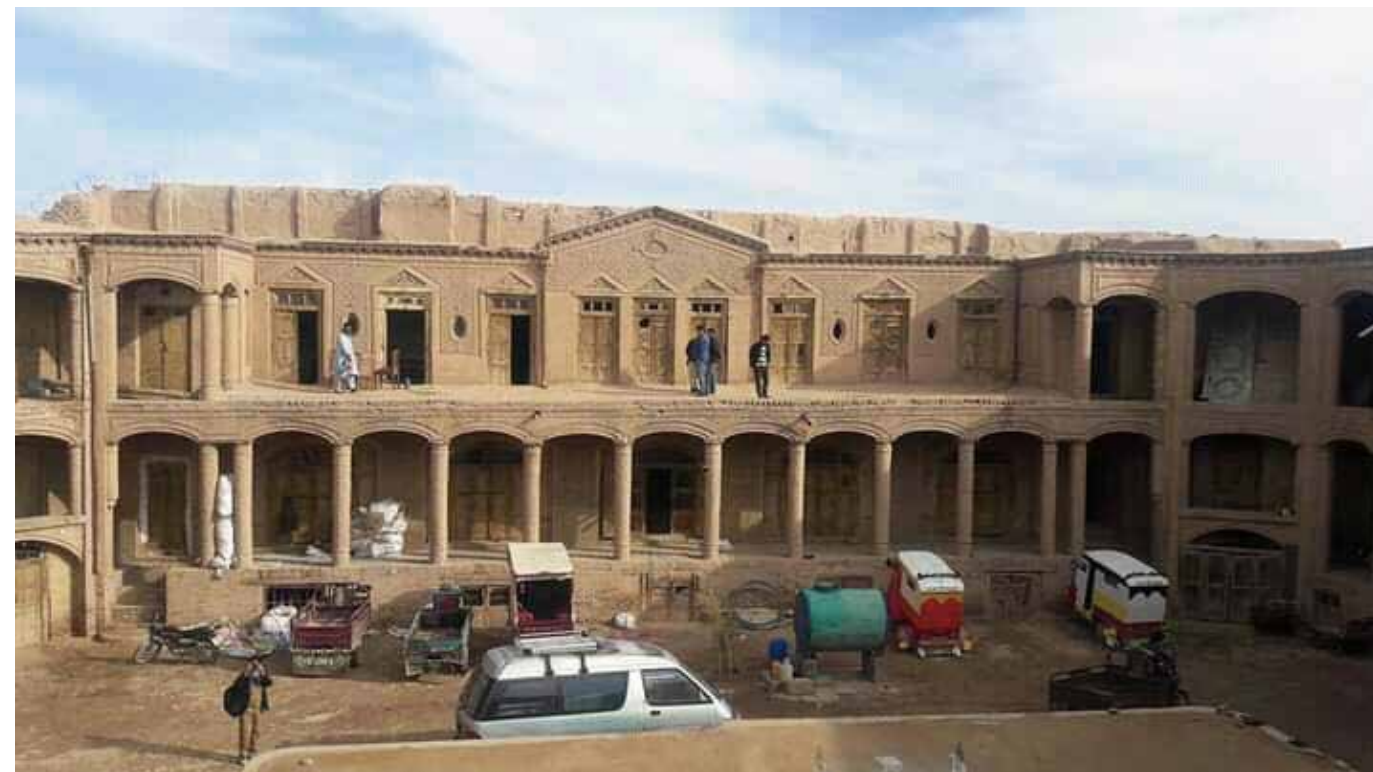
**Selection**

**Afghanistan**

Shahrbanoo Shams

Herat university

Afghanistan





**Selection**

A Quiet Drive On a Clement Day (Malaysia)

Zenice Hin Zi Jing

Universiti Malaya

Malaysia



## Purpose & Background of SUN

SUN aims to realize our vision of 'serving the world' by undertaking diverse projects that restore the historical value of the ancient Silk Roads which, as the birthplace of four major civilizations, has been a source of immense pride for centuries. The most valuable lesson from the history of the Silk Roads is that the key to peaceful coexistence and collective prosperity is to treat individual differences as a cause for celebration rather than segregation, best captured in Silkroadia-the spirit of ancient Silk Road. In line with this thinking, we believe that the coming together of universities can help realize this vision through fostering an exchange of ideas culminating into decisive action between intellectuals transcending national, religious and cultural boundaries. In addition, universities through educating and training the youth can create future leaders better equipped to promote peace and harmony in line with Silkroadia.

### **Silkroadia (the spirit of ancient Silk Road)**

- Recognizing and acknowledging individual differences as reason for celebration rather than segregation.
- Diversity is beauty; a source of strength and vitality for human flourishing.
- Pursuing peace and prosperity through mutual understanding, dialogue and collective action.



## Participating Universities & Institutions

Nation (28)	City (63)	University & Institution (82)
Afghanistan	Herat	Herat University
	Kabul	Kabul University
Cambodia	Phnom Penh	International University
		Royal University of Phnom Penh University of Cambodia
China	Beijing	Beijing Foreign Studies University
	Hong Kong	Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
	Lanzhou	Lanzhou University
	Shanghai	Shanghai International Studies University
	Xi'an	Xi'an Jiatong University
Chinese Taipei	Taipei	National Chengchi University
Greece	Thessaloniki	Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
	Athens	National and Kapodistrian University of Athens
India	Delhi	University of Delhi
	Goenka	University of Goenka
Indonesia	Jawa Barat	Universitas Indonesia
Iran	Teheran	Allameh Tabataba'i University (BM)
	Isfahan	University of Isfahan
	Qazvin	Imam Khomeini International University (BM)
	Rasht	University of Guilan
	Shiraz	University of Shiraz
Italy	Naples	University of Naples
	Venezia	Ca' Foscari University of Venice
	Trieste	Univeristy of Trieste
Japan	Tokyo	Tokyo University of Foreign Studies
Jordan	Amman	University of Jordan
Kazakhstan	Almaty	Al-Farabi kazakh National University (BM)
		Kazakh Ablai Khan University of International Relations and World Languages
		Kazakh National Agrarian University
		KIMEP Kazakhstan Institute of Management Economics and Strategic Research under the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan
Kyrgyzstan	Bishkek	International Medical University
		Kyrgyz National University
Malaysia	Melaka	Melaka Museums Corporation
	Kuala Lumpur	University of Malaya (BM)
Mongolia	Ulaanbaatar	Mongolian State University of Arts and Culture
		National University of Mongolia
		Mongolian National University of Education
Myanmar	Yangon	University of Yangon
	Mandalay	University of Mandalay
Oman	Muscat	Sultan Qaboos University
Poland	Kraków	Jagiellonian University
	Warsaw	University of Warsaw

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Portugal	Lisbon	Nova University of Lisbon	
	Coimbra	University of Coimbra	
Republic of Korea	Changwon	Changwon National University	
		Daegu	Keimyung University
		Gyeongju	Dongguk University at Gyeongju (BM)
	Gyeongsan	Daegu	Daegu Haany University
			Daegu University
			Yeungnam University
			Chonbuk National University
	Jeonju	Mokpo National Maritime University	
	Mokpo	Mokpo National Maritime University	
	Pohang	Pohang	Handong Global University
			Pohang University of Science and Technology
	Sejong	Seongnam	KDI School
			Gachon University
Hankuk University of Foreign Studies (BM)*			
Korea National University of Arts			
Konkuk University			
Seoul	Seoul	Dongyang University	
		Yeongju	
Romania	Sibiu	Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu	
	Brasov	Transilvania University of Brasov	
	Bucharest	University of Bucharest	
	Cluj-Napoka	Technical University of Cluj-Napoka	
Russia	Ekaterinburg	Technical University of Cluj-Napoka	
		Moscow	Moscow State Institute of International Relations
	Moscow	Moscow State Linguistic University	
		Irkutsk	Irkutsk National Research Technical University
	Omsk	Omsk State Institute of Service	
	Tambov	University & Institution: Derzhavin Tambov State University	
Spain	Valencia	University of Valencia (BM)	
Sri Lanka	Kelaniya	University of Kelaniya	
Turkey	Ankara	Ankara University (BM)	
	Kayseri	Erciyes University	
UAE	Dubai	British University in Dubai	
		Canadian University Dubai	
USA	California	Chapman University	
Uzbekistan	Tashkent	Uzbek State University of World Languages (BM)	
		University of World Economy and Diplomacy	
		Samarkand	Samarkand Institute of Veterinary Medicine
	Samarkand	Samarkand State Institute of Foreign Languages	
		Silk Road International University of Tourism (SIUT)	
	The Denau Institute of Entrepreneurship and Pedagogy		
Urgench	Urgench State University		
Vietnam	Ho Chi Minh	University of Social Sciences and Humanities – Vietnam National University Ho Chi Minh City	
		Vietnam National University Ho Chi Minh City	

\* Chair University

(BM) Member of the Board of Directors

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## Prize Winners of PHOCOS 2021 at a Glance

### Grand Prize



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 Iliaria Fusaro  
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### Excellence Award



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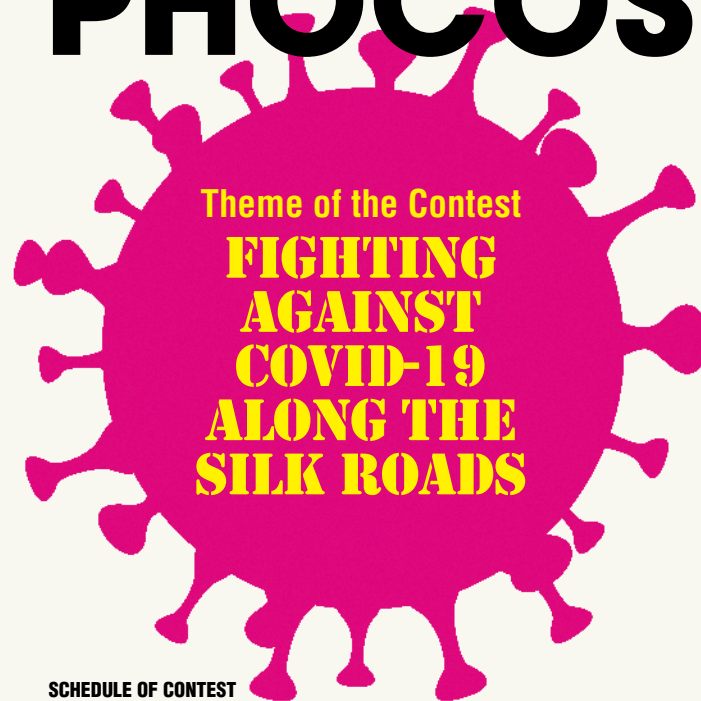


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## **SCHEDULE OF CONTEST**

Submission Due: November 15, 2021  
Result Announcement: November 23, 2021.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

Students from member universities of Silk-Road Universities Network (SUN)  
*\*Students of non-member universities are eligible for application, but no additional award other than certificate will be given.*

**MOBILE  
PHONE  
PHOTO  
CONTEST**

**Submission due:  
November 15, 2021**  
[sunofficialphocos@gmail.com](mailto:sunofficialphocos@gmail.com)  
[www.sun-silkroadia.org](http://www.sun-silkroadia.org)

## **HOW TO APPLY**

Fill out the entry form available on the website of SUN ([www.sun-silkroadia.org](http://www.sun-silkroadia.org)).

## **PRIZE & PRIVILEGE**

### **Grand prize (1 Awardee)**

Certificate and invitation to the 8th General Assembly of SUN and the award ceremony to be held at Canadian University Dubai, UAE with full coverage of the cost for round-trip flights, accommodations (hotel and meals), and the official culture tour by organizer.

### **Excellence award (2 Awardees)**

The same as for Grand Prize mentioned above except that the recipients of this award are supposed to take care of the cost for flight by themselves.

### **Special Selection(5 Awardees)**

The same as for Grand Prize mentioned above except that the recipients of this award are supposed to take care of the cost for flight by themselves.

### **Selection (10 Awardees)**

Certificate of merit

All of the award-winning photos will be published in a booklet and displayed in the exhibition during the General Assembly as well as at the digital exhibition gallery in the website of SUN for a year.

*\*The prize may be adjusted accordingly in case of insufficiency of fund and extension of COVID-19.*

