INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC-PRACTICAL CONFERENCE ON "CULTURAL HERITAGE AND TOURISM PROSPECTS: ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE, CREATIVE CITIES AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT"

"Silk Road" International Research Institute

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International Tourism Academy Samarkand Campus

UNESCO Chair on Sustainable Heritage Tourism along the Silk Roads

INFORMATION LETTER

In order to ensure the implementation of the tasks stipulated in Resolution № PQ-5270 of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated 30 October 2021 "On measures to further improve the continuous system of training qualified personnel in tourism, cultural heritage and museology", an international scientific-practical conference on "Cultural Heritage and Tourism Prospects: Artificial Intelligence, Creative Cities and Sustainable Development" will be held on 23-24 November 2026.

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This International Scientific-Practical Conference will be organized on 23-24 November 2026 jointly by the "Silk Road" International Research Institute, "Silk Road" International University of Tourism and Cultural Heritage, the Samarkand Campus of the International Tourism Academy and UNESCO Chair on Sustainable Heritage Tourism along the Silk Roads will operate through the following sections:

1. **Artificial intelligence in the preservation and interpretation of cultural heritage;**
2. **Promoting the cultural heritage of the Great Silk Road for tourism development;**
3. **Culture-oriented sustainable tourism: innovations, practices, and international experience;**
4. **Creative, smart, and historic cities: culture and heritage in sustainable urban development.**
5. **"Silk road heritage: cultural transfers, preservation practices, and integration into tourism"**

More than 100 leading scholars and specialists from 36 countries are expected to participate in the conference, including Indonesia, Malaysia, China, Pakistan, Russia, Türkiye, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Italy, Bangladesh, India, France, Portugal, Romania, and other countries.

Scientists, researchers, and students wishing to participate in this conference may submit scientific articles and abstracts prepared as a result of their research in Uzbek, Russian, or English, according to the above-mentioned section topics.

The conference committee will review articles/abstracts that correspond to the topics above and are formatted in accordance with the requirements. Articles/abstracts that pass peer review will have the following opportunities:

the collection of materials submitted to the conference will be published electronically, indexed in Google Scholar, Crossref, Semantic Scholar, Dimensions, Lens and assigned a Digital Object Identifier (DOI);

with the authors' consent, selected articles will be recommended for publication in the new international peer-reviewed scientific journal "Silk Road Heritage Studies", established by the "Silk Road" International Research Institute and dedicated to the study, preservation, and promotion of the cultural, historical, and scientific heritage of the countries of the Great Silk Road.

Deadline for submission of articles: 11 November 2026.

Articles are accepted online via
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Conference venue: "Silk Road" International University of Tourism and Cultural Heritage
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REQUIREMENTS FOR THE FORMATTING OF SUBMITTED ABSTRACTS

Technical requirements for scientific articles submitted for publication in the "Silk Road Heritage Studies" scientific journal:

articles should address relevant topics within the scope of the scientific journal and be presented on the basis of scientific analysis, well-developed arguments, and practical recommendations;

the length of articles must not exceed 5 pages;

text format: MS Word, Times New Roman font, 12-point size. Line spacing: 1.5. Margins: 2 cm on all sides. First-line indent: 1 cm;

figures and tables must be numbered using Arabic numerals (Figure 1, Table 1, etc.) and referred to in the article text; the font size of text inside tables must be 12 points. References to the literature used must be provided in the text;

the title of the article and the full name(s) of the author(s) must be placed in the center in capital letters, 12-point size (academic degree, academic title, place of employment, position, telephone number, and e-mail address should be written in lowercase letters);

each article published in the "Silk Road Heritage Studies" scientific journal will be assigned a DOI and placed in Poland's Index Copernicus (OAK12), Europe's Zenodo and OpenAIRE, Russia's CyberLeninka, England's Europub international scientific databases, and on www.jmmf.uz, and indexed in the Google Scholar international academic search system;

submitted articles must be prepared in accordance with the IMRAD structure and include the following sections: Introduction, Methods (research methods), Results, and Discussion;

each author may participate simultaneously with both an individual article and a co-authored article.

Application form for participation in the International Scientific-Practical Conference

Participant's full name (academic degree, academic title, position)	
Full name of the organization (according to the organization's charter)	
Short (official) name of the organization (according to the organization's charter)	
Conference section	
Article title	
Form of participation (in-person/remote)	
Telephone number	
E-mail address	

FEES FOR SCIENTIFIC ARTICLES AND ABSTRACTS

Articles that fully comply with the journal's requirements regarding formatting, structure, and scientific content will be accepted for publication. Materials that do not meet the established criteria will be rejected at the preliminary screening stage.