

The intercultural dialogue is a topic that has been widely discussed over the last few years. Yet, there has been a bigger emphasis on talking of the differences rather than the similarities. Looking back in the history, the Silk Road is an example of how different cultures were connected in ancient times and how these cultures developed thanks to the intercultural dialogue and exchanges of ideas along the road.

From the second century BC to the fifteenth century AD, splendid civilizations as China, India, Persia, Greece and Rome had a great exchange along this famous trade road, making the route a cultural bridge between Asia and Europe. This exchange between the East and the West offered mutual benefits and achieved common progress. Chinese technologies such as papermaking, printing, gunpowder, compass as well as the skills of silkworm breeding and silk spinning were transmitted to the West. The art of glass making got from the Mediterranean to Iran, and Central Asia and finally reached China. The intercultural dialogue carried out along the Silk Road rendered huge influence. One splendid example is the *Suzani*.....