

eLibrary: The Maritime Silk Road. Version 2.0 (August 2020)

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This is the latest version of an electronic library of resources on the maritime aspects of the BRI. It is intended to offer support to teachers and students studying the BRI as part of their undergraduate education and to act as a springboard to individual projects. It defines the BRI countries as those listed in the original scheme by the National Development and Reform Commission (i.e. everything from mainland Asia to Central and Eastern Europe but, excepting Egypt, excluding Africa). Any suggestions will be welcome.

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RESOURCES

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