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**Lost in Memory? Interactions along the Southern Silk  
Road and its Present Implications**

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The rhetoric of the ‘Silk Road’ initiative by China has brought about a resurgence of a two thousand year old trade route in public and academic domain. The Chinese project has overlapped with the land-sea connectivity focus of the Look East/ Act East Policy of India in the same spatial narrative as well. Revisiting the circulatory movements from the past across land and sea has strengthened new alignments of communities and economic possibilities have emerged for different nation-states in the region. The paper focusses on mapping this space as a three-dimensional expanse of interactions between overland routes, riverine systems and maritime networks, and explores the implications of the past into the present.



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