

Authoritarian Persistence and Omni-alignment: Russian, Ukrainian and Belarusian Relations with China, 2006–2016

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My Research & the Slavonic Collections:

1. My field: Authoritarian Persistence
2. My Approach: Context & Survival Tactics
3. The Slavonic Collections
4. Some Comments and Critiques

Main Objective

Do autocratic regimes in East Europe use links with China to remain in power? If so, how?

My field: What is authoritarian persistence?

The strategies and tactics regimes use promote internal stability and prolong autocratic, domestic rule.

Why is this topic relevant?



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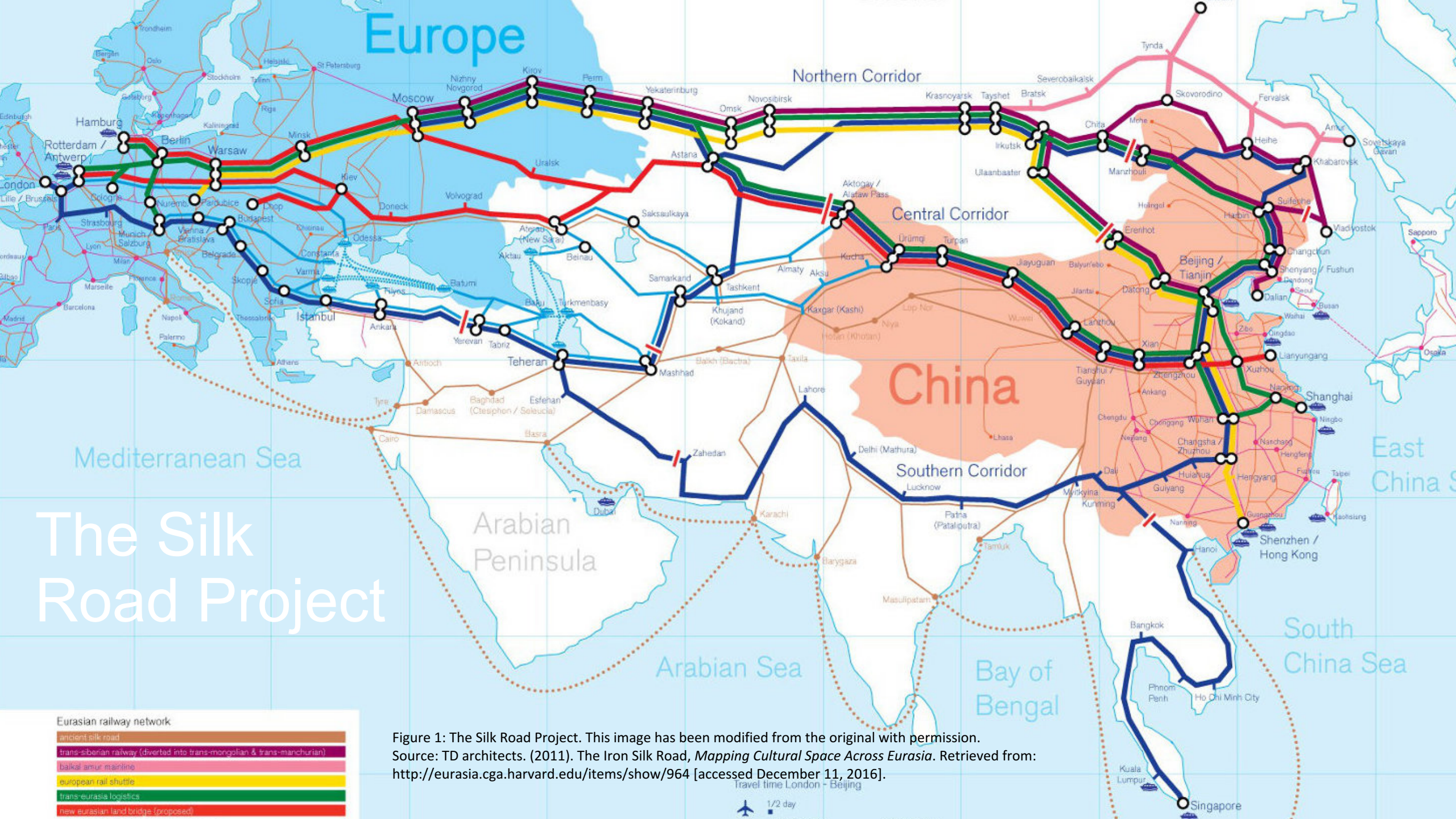
Two academic debates:

1) Why autocratic regimes continue to survive/flourish

—neglects China's interactions with other autocratic regimes

2) Impact of China's rise on democratic and autocratic regimes

—struggles to identify China's overall impact



How is my research relevant?



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1. A different perspective: Enough of China!
2. Updating IR theory: Omni-alignment
3. New methods: Sentiment Analysis in Russian language
4. Updating literature: Belarus and Ukraine



My research comprises 2 parts

1. Demonstrate that Omni-alignment is taking place;
2. Test if 3 tactics are being used within this context to enhance survival:
 - I. Deepening ties with China to improve a regime's economic performance
 - II. Adopting aspects of China's model of authoritarian stability
 - III. Russia, Ukraine, Belarus cooperating with China within transnational organisations



How I Conduct My Research

Three different languages: Russian, Chinese and English

Most my sources are contemporary

For Russian language, East View is excellent

Few sources at SSEES—digital or physical—on China and East Europe

Specialist websites and online journals for the bulk of my sources



Comments and Criticisms

- Chinese language sources are few
- Search often confuses Chinese with Japanese
- Journals with “Library Explore” access are not current
- Easier to use Google, a Chinese search engine or specialised sites

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Examples of Chinese Sources via UCL Library Services:

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1 [俄罗斯东欧中亚研究](#) [Russian, Central Asian & East European Studies](#) [아라사중아동구구](#)

曾用名: 苏联东欧问题(1985-1992); 东欧中亚研究(1992-2002)

[PKU](#) [CSSCI](#) [AMI](#) 中国社会科学院 俄罗斯东欧中亚研究所 - 《俄罗斯中亚东欧研究》编辑部 -ISSN: 1671-8461 -CN: 11-4809/D

学术类期刊。栏目有专论、政治、经济、外交、综述、人物志、书刊评介、外论摘编等。英文目次, 英文摘要和参考文献。06

2 [欧亚经济](#) [Russian, Central Asian & East European Market](#) [아라사중아동구시장](#)

曾用名: 俄罗斯中亚东欧市场 东欧中亚市场研究

[AMI](#) - 《欧亚经济》编辑部 -ISSN: -CN:

经济类刊物。能及时了解东欧的市场情况。主要报道俄罗斯、乌克兰、东欧、中亚各国的对外经济政策、市场经济体制、市场结构、市场行情、涉外经济法规、投资环境及我国同这些国家之间经贸关系等内容。

3 [俄罗斯研究](#) [Russian Studies](#) [아라사구](#)

曾用名: 今日东欧中亚

[PKU](#) [CSSCI](#) 华东师范大学 - 《俄罗斯研究》编辑部 -ISSN: 1009-721X -CN: 31-1843/D

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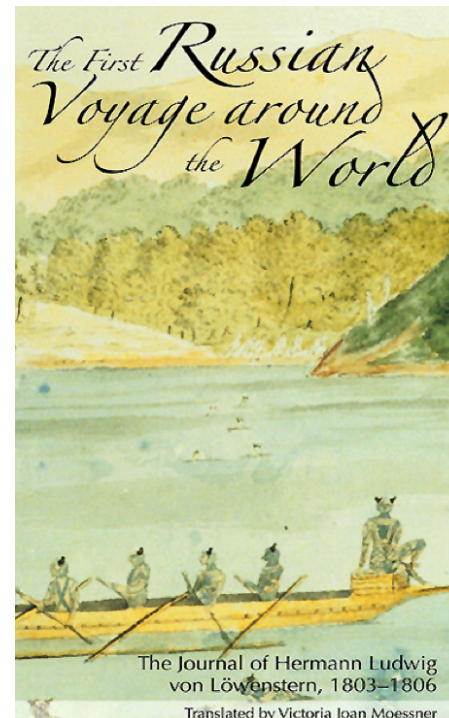
- Make sure all words are spelled correctly.
- Try different keywords.
- Try more general keywords.
- Try fewer keywords.

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Examples of physical collections at UCL SSEES:



Overall

- Excellent availability in contemporary, digital English and Russian sources
- There are few physical, historical pieces on China's ties with East Europe
- Digital Chinese sources on Post-Soviet East Europe are accessible, but lacking

To review:

- I research authoritarian persistence & post-Soviet East Europe ties with China
- mixed methods to test the tactics regimes use for authoritarian persistence
- UCL SSEES does have a selection of sources in all three target languages
- It is still easier to use google or specialist websites to find materials

Questions



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Any questions? 😊



TD architects. (2011). The Iron Silk Road, Mapping Cultural Space Across Eurasia. Retrieved from: <http://eurasia.cga.harvard.edu/items/show/964> [accessed December 11, 2016].