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Peter Frankopan is Professor of Global History at Oxford University, where he is also Senior Research Fellow at Worcester College, Oxford and Stavros Niarchos Foundation Director of the Oxford Centre for Byzantine Research.

He works on the history of the Mediterranean, Russia, the Middle East, Persia/Iran, Central Asia and beyond, and on relations between Christianity and Islam. He also specializes in medieval Greek literature and translated *The Alexiad* for Penguin Classics (2009).

Peter often writes for the international press, including *The New York Times*, *Financial Times* *Guardian*, and has a regular column in the London *Evening Standard*. He has been profiled in *China Daily*, China's largest English language newspaper and in *Good Times* (Pakistan).

Peter has been described in *The New Statesman* as 'the history rock star *du jour*', and a rock-star historian (*VLT* - Sweden). He was named One of the World's 50 Top Thinkers by *Prospect Magazine* in 2019.

Silk Roads was named *The Daily Telegraph's* History Book of the Year 2015. It went to Number One in the *Sunday Times Non-Fiction* charts, remaining in the Top 10 for nine months in a row, as well as being #1 in China, India and many other countries around the world, selling 1.5m copies in the process.

His follow-up, *The New Silk Roads*, is a 'masterly-mapping out of a new world order', according to the *Evening Standard*, and 'a brilliant guide to terra incognita' (*Sunday Times*) that is reminiscent of Tolstoy (*Daily Telegraph*). It won the Human Sciences prize of the Carical Foundation in 2019.

In December 2018, *The Silk Roads* was named one of the 25 most influential books translated into Chinese in the last 40 years, alongside *One Hundred Years of Solitude*, *Pride and Prejudice*, *Catcher in the Rye* and *The Great Gatsby*.

In 2016-18, Peter's *Songlines* audio channel in which he chose his favorite pieces of world music was part of British Airways' In-Flight Entertainment system. In 2018, *The Silk Roads* was chosen as part of the Government of Pakistan's Read to Lead program to encourage literacy in the country. It was the inspiration for a new character in *The Vikings* mini-series.

Peter's books *The Silk Roads: A New History of the World* and *The New Silk Roads: The Future and Present of the World* are major international bestsellers. They have been or are being translated into more than thirty languages.