



Transparent Journeys along the Silk Roads: Glass and Connectivity across Central Asia and Beyond

London, 14–16th May 2026

Call for papers

Recent years have seen increasing recognition of the importance of glass vessels and beads as indicators of movement across along the various Eurasian routes which are sometimes termed “The Silk Roads”. This conference aims to bring recent research to the attention of a wider international audience and to address current gaps in knowledge, including but not limited to glass production, technology, distribution, trade and recycling in Central Asia and the neighbouring regions.

*Abstracts of approximately 200 words should be sent to events@historyofglass.org.uk and to be received not later than **31 January 2026**.*

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