1. Record Nr. UNINA9910141295803321

Titolo Highways, byways, and road systems in the pre-modern world

[[electronic resource] /] / edited by Susan E. Alcock, John Bodel, Richard

J. A. Talbert

Pubbl/distr/stampa Chichester, West Sussex; Malden, MA,: Wiley-Blackwell, 2012

ISBN 1-280-59855-7

9786613628381 1-118-24430-3 1-118-24432-X 1-118-24433-8

Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (311 p.)

Collana Ancient world: comparative histories ; ; 5

Classificazione LIT004190

Altri autori (Persone) AlcockSusan E

BodelJohn P. <1957->

TalbertRichard J. A. <1947->

Disciplina 388.1

Soggetti Roads - History

Roads - Social aspects

Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese

Formato Materiale a stampa

Livello bibliografico Monografia

Note generali Description based upon print version of record.

Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index.

Nota di contenuto Highways, Byways, and Road Systems in the Pre-Modern World;

Contents; List of Figures and Tables; Notes on Contributors; Series Editor's Preface; Preface; Introduction; 1 Overland Shortcuts for the Transmission of Buddhism; 2 The Power of Highway Networks during China's Classical Era (323 BCE-316 CE): Regulations, Metaphors, Rituals, and Deities; 3 Privatizing the Network: Private Contributions and Road Infrastructure in Late Imperial China (1500-1900); Appendix: Chinese Quotations and Glossary; 4 Linking the Realm: The Gokaido Highway Network in Early Modern Japan (1603-1868)

5 Obliterated Itineraries: Pueblo Trails, Chaco Roads, and

Archaeological Knowledge6 Roads to Ruins: The Role of Sacbeob in Ancient Maya Society; 7 The Chinchaysuyu Road and the Definition of an Inca Imperial Landscape; 8 The Sahara as Highway for Trade and Knowledge; 9 From the Indus to the Mediterranean: The Administrative Organization and Logistics of the Great Roads of the Achaemenid

Empire; 10 The Well-Remembered Path: Roadways and Cultural Memory in Ptolemaic and Roman Egypt; 11 Roads, Integration, Connectivity, and Economic Performance in the Roman Empire 12 Roads Not Featured: A Roman Failure to Communicate?13 Road Connectivity and the Structure of Ancient Empires: A Case Study from Late Antiquity; 14 Jews and News: The Interaction of Private and Official Communication-Networks in Jewish History; Index

Sommario/riassunto

Highways, Byways, and Road Systems in the Pre-Modern World reveals the significance and interconnectedness of early civilizations' pathways. This international collection of readings providing a description and comparative analysis of several sophisticated systems of transport and communication across pre-modern cultures. Offers a comparative analysis of several sophisticated systems of overland transport and communication networks across pre-modern culturesAddresses the burgeoning interest in connectivity and globalization in ancient history, archaeology, anthropolo