Record Nr. UNINA9910824494403321 India in the Chinese imagination: myth, religion, and thought // edited **Titolo** by John Kieschnick and Meir Shahar Pubbl/distr/stampa Philadelphia:,: University of Pennsylvania Press,, [2014] ©2014 **ISBN** 0-8122-0892-7 Edizione [First edition.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (316 p.) Collana **Encounters with Asia** Altri autori (Persone) KieschnickJohn <1964-> ShaharMeir <1959-> Disciplina 303.48/251054 Soggetti Buddhism - China Civilization - Indic influences **RELIGION / Comparative Religion** China Civilization Indic influences China Relations India India Relations China Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Bibliographic Level Mode of Issuance: Monograph Note generali Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto pt. 1. Indian mythology the Chinese imagination -- pt. 2. India in Chinese imaginings of the past -- pt. 3. Chinese rethinking of Indian Buddhism. Sommario/riassunto India and China dominate the Asian continent but are separated by formidable geographic barriers and language differences. For many centuries, most of the information that passed between the two lands came through Silk Route intermediaries in lieu of first-person encounters-leaving considerable room for invention. From their introduction to Indian culture in the first centuries C.E., Chinese thinkers, writers, artists, and architects imitated India within their own borders, giving Indian images and ideas new forms and adapting them to their own culture. Yet India's impact on China has not been greatly researched or well understood. India in the Chinese Imagination takes a new look at the ways the Chinese embedded India in diverse artifacts of

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and storytelling in Chinese literature, how Chinese authors integrated Indian history into their conception of the political and religious past, and the philosophical relationships between Indian Buddhism, Chinese Buddhism, and Daoism. This multifaceted volume, illustrated with over a dozen works of art, reveals the depth and subtlety of the encounter between India and China, shedding light on what it means to imagine another culture-and why it matters.Contributors: Stephen R. Bokenkamp, Bernard Faure, John Kieschnick, Victor H. Mair, John R. McRae, Christine Mollier, Meir Shahar, Robert H. Sharf, Nobuyoshi Yamabe, Ye Derong, Shi Zhiru.