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Sommario/riassunto	2013 begann die von China geplante Initiative „Neue Seidenstraße“, deren Umsetzung viele Orte in Asien und Afrika, aber auch in China selbst, unmittelbar verändert. In einigen Fällen wurde dringend benötigte Infrastruktur geschaffen, wie etwa das Krankenhaus von Niger in Niamey oder die Nationalbibliothek von El Salvador,

gleichzeitig entstanden aber auch ganze Areale, wie z. B. die Freihandelszone in Chorghos, Kasachstan, mit kontroversen Auswirkungen auf die örtliche Bevölkerung und die Umwelt. Auf der Basis von Recherchen am Politecnico di Torino untersucht die Publikation die "Belt and Road Initiative" in architektonischer und urbanistischer Hinsicht. Thematisch geordnet, werden 20 ausgewählte Bauten dokumentiert. Alle Projekte werden mit eigens erstellten Karten, Plänen und Fotografien gezeigt. Eine kritische Darstellung und ein architektonischer Leitfaden zur „Neuen Seidenstraße“ Beiträge von Michele Bonino, Francesca Governa (Politecnico di Torino), Francesco Carota (University of Kansas), Sohrab Marri (Balochistan University), Charlie Xue (City University Hong Kong) Mit Fotoreportagen von CreatAr Images, Ivo Tavares, Raul Ariano und Al Yousuf

China's Belt and Road Initiative, started in 2013, has transformed many places around the world but also China itself. In some cases, it provided crucial infrastructure, such as the General Hospital of Niger in Niamey or the National Library of El Salvador, while it also generated entire new urban areas, e.g. the Free Zone in Khorghos, Kazakhstan, with sometimes controversial effects to local communities and the environment. Based on research undertaken at the Politecnico di Torino, this publication looks at the "Belt and Road Initiative" in architectural and spatial terms. Organized in thematic categories, it entails a survey of 20 case studies and investigates the impact of these China-backed projects. All buildings are documented with maps, architectural drawings and photographs specifically created for this book. A critical appraisal and an architectural guide to the Belt and Road Initiative Authors include Michele Bonino, Francesca Governa (Politecnico di Torino), Francesco Carota (University of Kansas), Sohrab Marri (Balochistan University), Charlie Xue (City University of Hong Kong) With photo reportages by CreatAr Images, Ivo Tavares, Raul Ariano and Al Yousuf
