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The Role of the Library in Transforming Society

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“Messy, rich networks”

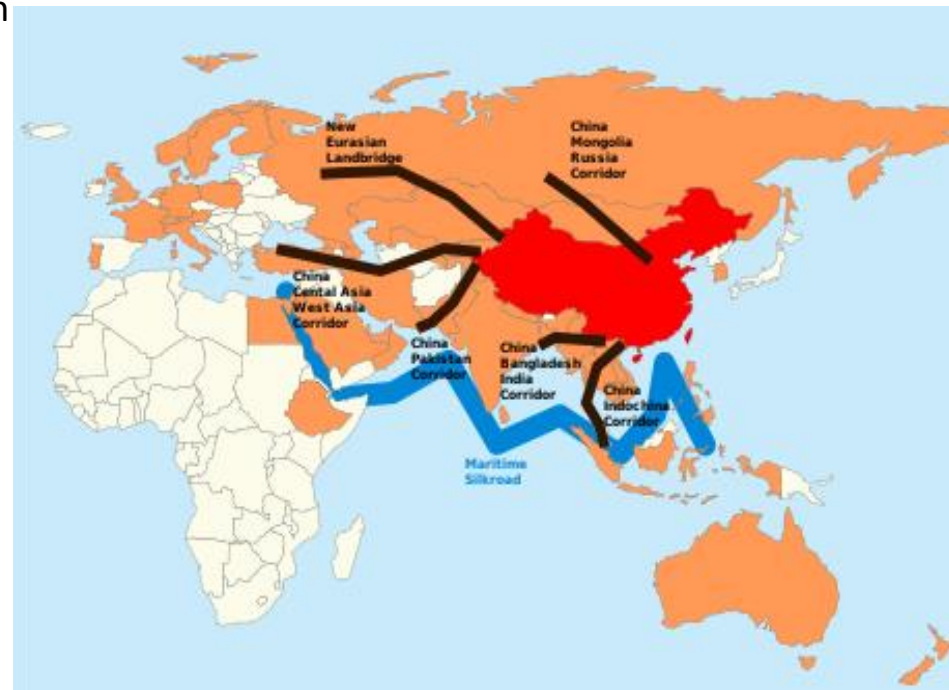
Libraries are a platform for the “messy, rich networks of people and ideas...”

*Weinberger (2012) Library Journal
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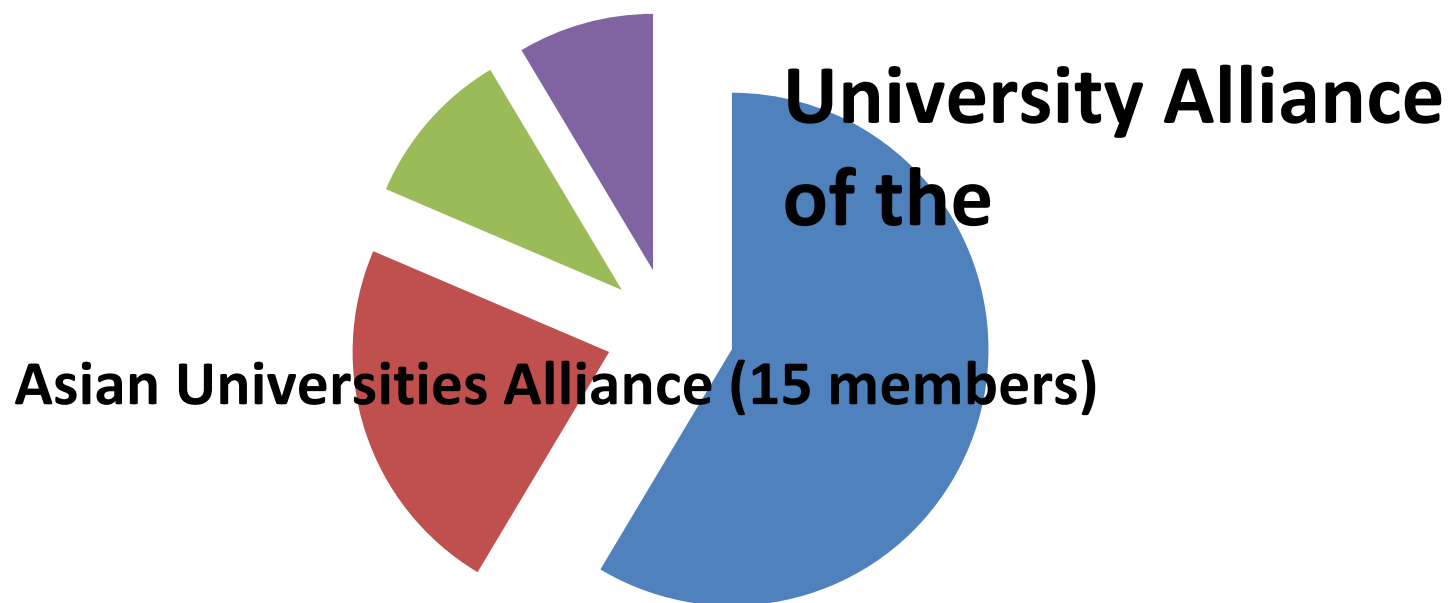


**Geographically OBOR structured with 7 routes:
6 land corridors and 1 maritime silk road**

1. New Eurasian Land Bridge, running from Western China to Western Russia **through Kazakhstan**
2. China–Mongolia–Russia Corridor, running from Northern China to Eastern Russia
3. China– **Central Asia** –West Asia Corridor, running from Western China to Turkey
4. China–Indochina Peninsula Corridor, running from Southern China to Singapore
5. China–Myanmar–Bangladesh–India Corridor, running from Southern China to Myanmar
6. China–Pakistan Corridor, running from South-Western China to Pakistan
7. Maritime Silk Road, running from the Chinese Coast through Singapore to the Mediterranean



Networks



ASIA DEEP DIVE

Exploring Kazakhstan – heart of Central Asia

JULY 3-17, 2018

DEAR STUDENTS!

Come join us this summer at Nazarbayev University in Astana, Kazakhstan to explore historical, cultural and economic aspects of Kazakhstan and Central Asian region: a blend of nomadic heritage, Islamic culture and communism era.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Asia Deep Dive is a new major mobility and culture immersion program for students from Asian Universities Alliance (AUA) institutions. The program is organized around two AUA themes: Information Technologies and Public Health. Team projects will be assigned for a more interactive and collaborative learning format to raise important topics. Overall during two exciting weeks, participants

will have an immersive cultural experience of Kazakhstan and Central Asia. They will learn about history, culture and current socio-economic development of the region, and its relationship with other Asian countries through lectures, museum tours and field trips. Field trips will be organized to introduce Kazakhstan's picturesque sites in major cities – Astana and Shymkent, as well as historical city Turkestan located along the ancient Silk Road.

PARTICIPANTS

We welcome your university to nominate 2 undergraduate students of any major to participate in the Asia Deep Dive Program. The program will be conducted in English, so language skills must be of a sufficient level for learning and communication. To keep gender

parity, gender balanced nomination is preferred. Registration form completed by the nominated students needs to be sent to Nazarbayev University before **June 1, 2018** to the email address aua@nu.edu.kz. If any questions please email or call us at +7 7172 705827.





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Supporting Lifelong Learning

...The public library's mission is not about circulating books, but about supporting **lifelong learning**.

As learning has become more interactive and collaborative, public libraries have become social learning spaces....

Anthony (2014) Innovation in Public Libraries

Heart of the University

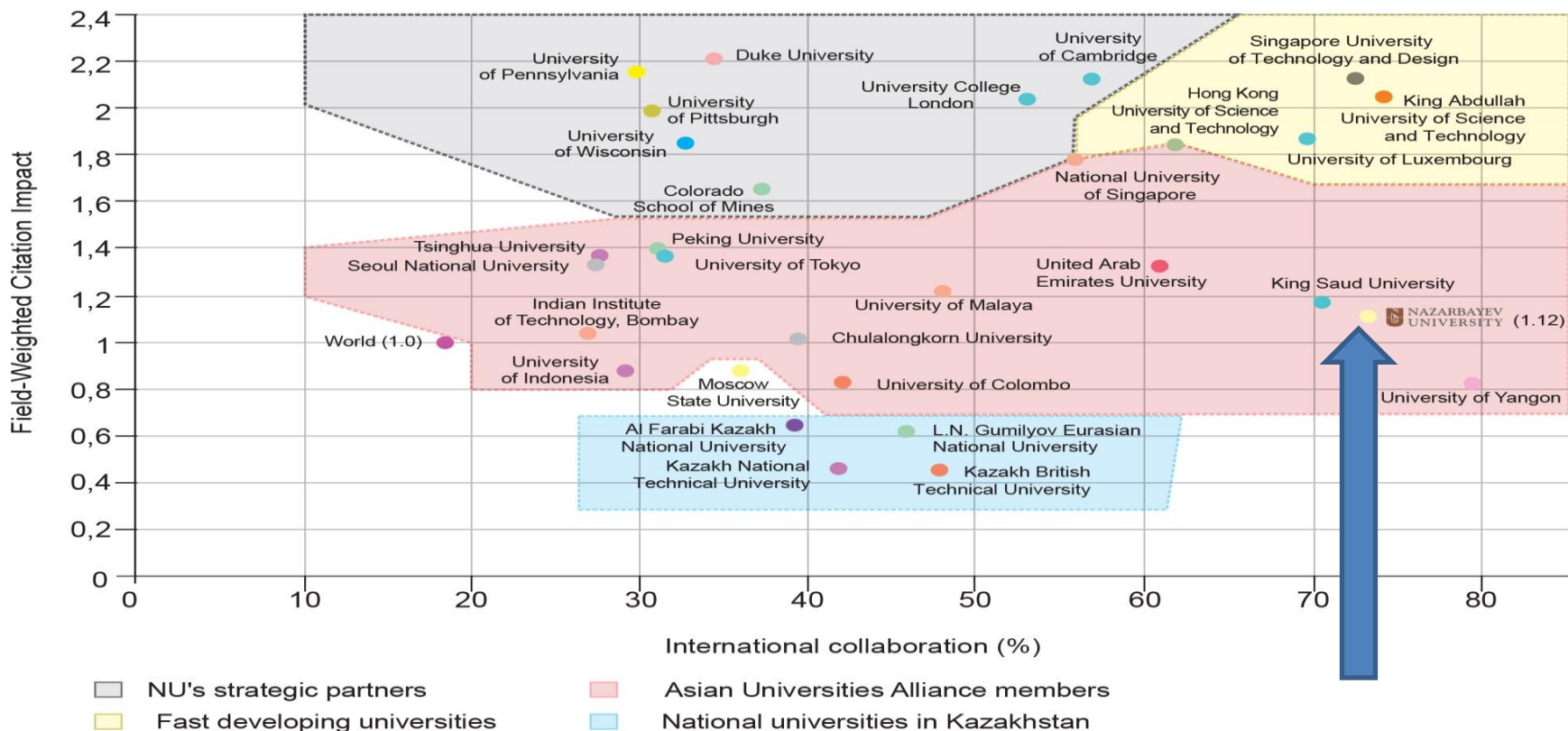
- Reimagining libraries as the heart of the university
- The university as central to society
- Ancient library of Alexandria
- Botanical gardens, dining halls, living spaces, social spaces...
- Reimagined in 2002
- Bibliotheca Alexandrina, University of Alexandria, Egypt





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Map of the
Ancient City of
Alexandria,
Egypt.
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Robert A Dudley, *The Burning of the Library at Alexandria in 391 AD*, lithograph, c.1910, from Hutchinson's *History of the Nations*, published United Kingdom, 1910. Photo: Bridgeman Art Library . From the Open University.





Interior of the Bibliotheca
Alexandrina, University of
Alexandria, Egypt.
Photo: Getty.



Pool of the Bibliotheca Alexandrina,
University of Alexandria, Egypt.
Photo: Getty.





Urban Libraries Council

Top Innovators award:

- (1) learning;
- (2) civic and community engagement;
- (3) collections;
- (4) customer service;
- (5) economic and workforce development;
- (6) health, wellness, and safety;
- (7) operations;
- (8) organizational change and strategic management;
- (9) positioning the library; and
- (10) sustainability.



Legacy

After the fires, scholars moved to various capital cities.

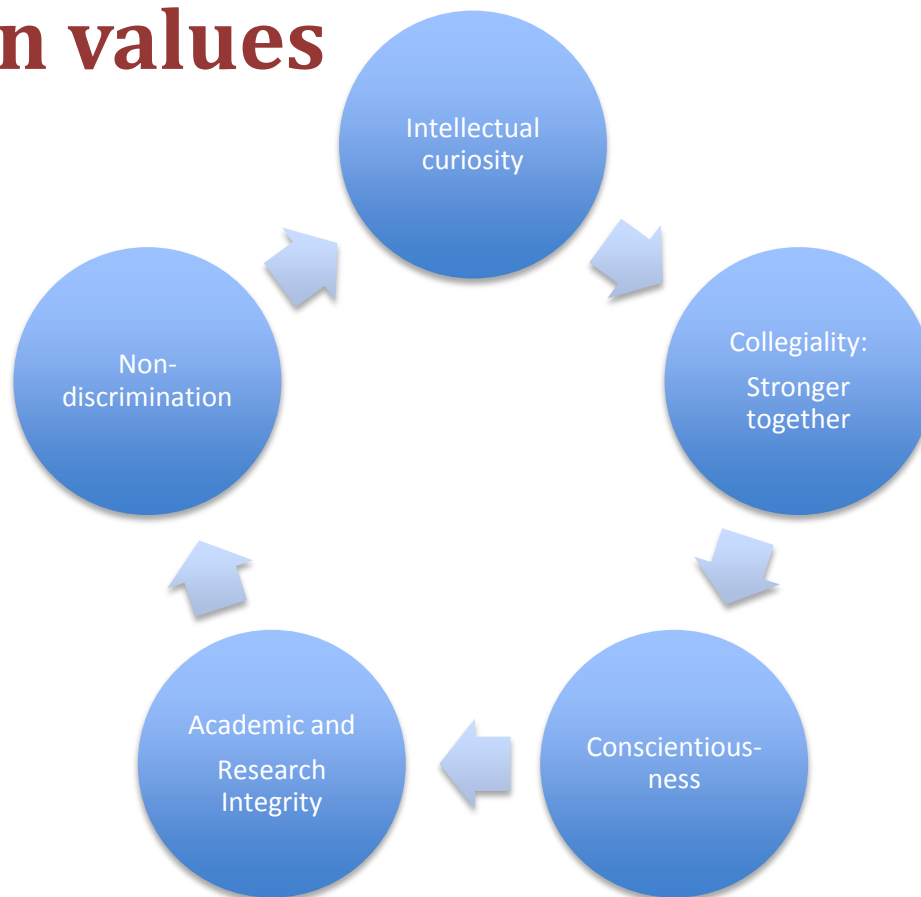
Some resources were moved to Constantinople and other centres.

Paving the way for European Universities...

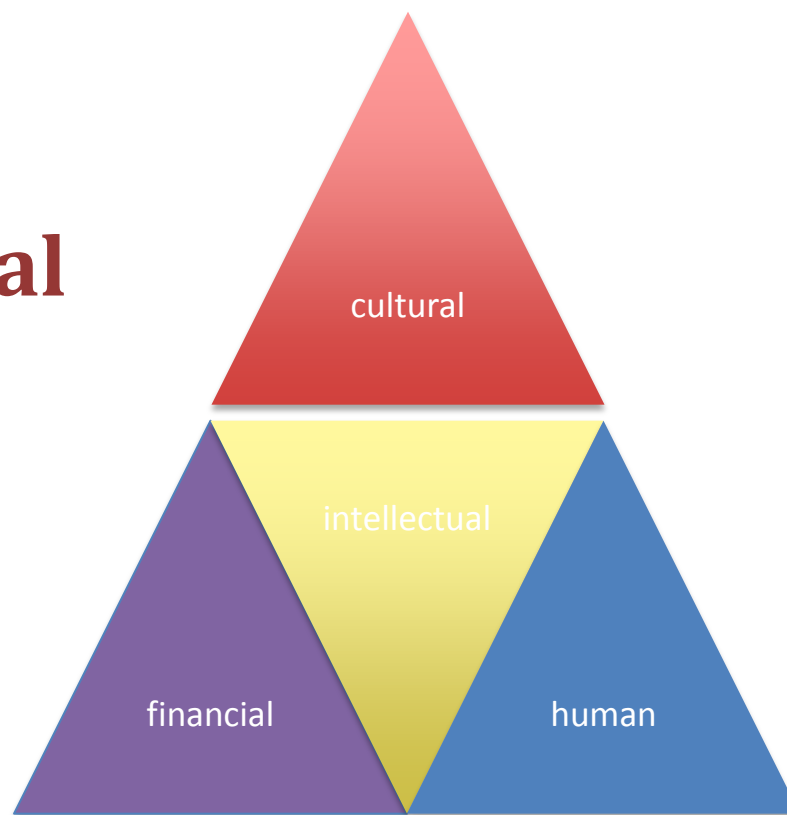




Common values



Resources: Forms of capital



Transforming Society

Current reality

Ideal future

Libraries





First international research university in Kazakhstan



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