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The Mogao Caves of Dunhuang: Then and Now

Located at the convergence of the northern and southern routes of the ancient Silk Road on the edge of the Taklamakan desert in western China, Dunhuang is one of the richest Buddhist sites in China, with nearly 500 cave temples constructed between the fourth and the fourteenth century. Over the centuries, sculptures, murals, as well as the caves that were their architectural armatures were subject to the vagaries of time. This talk introduces a precious photographic archive of over 2000 photographs, taken in the 1940s by James C. M. Lo at Dunhuang. Through these photographs, Dr. Zhao will shed light on physical changes that took place during the most recent episode in the history of the Dunhuang caves.

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