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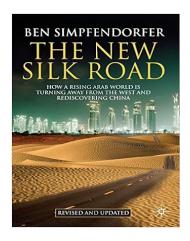
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How a Rising Arab World is Turning Away from the West and Rediscovering China

The rise of the Arab world and China are part of the same story, once trading partners via the Silk Road. This is a fully revised and updated account of how China is spurring growth in the Arab world, taking into account new developments that have taken place since the first edition.

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