

Kumarajiva in Dunhuang manuscripts at the British Library – a few examples

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Manuscripts from Cave 17 at the Mogao caves near Dunhuang constitute an important source of information on all aspects of life along the Silk Road and China during the first millennium AD. This paper will present a group of manuscripts from the collections at the British Library that together show some of the influence Kumarajiva exerted on medieval Chinese society. Examples relating to Kumarajiva in the collection will be analysed, including two biographical fragments, a poem, and a preface to a sutra. Kumarajiva translations in the collection will also be discussed.