

# New Evidence on the History of China-Arabia Relations in the 8th Century

## An Early Pan-Asiatic Power Alliance?

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All are welcome.



The primary focus of this presentation is a tomb stele (*shendao zhi bei*) of a Chinese eunuch, a certain Yang Liangyao (736–806) that records the biography of Yang and claims that he was sent as an envoy to the Abbasids by Emperor Dezong (Li Gua ; 742–805; r. 780–805) in 785. It seems that the mission was intended to ask the Arabs for military support against the Tibetans. The information recorded on the stele will be comparatively analysed against the background of the political landscape under the Chinese Emperor Dezong , and more specifically against the backdrop of the court's politics in the face of Tibetan aggression.