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- 1 This very detailed and extensively documented article probes the little-known contacts between China and the Persian Gulf between the mid-14th century and *circa* 1500. To this end, the authors used mostly Chinese texts, arguing that, with one or two exceptions, the Persian sources remain silent about the Chinese presence in the area. The article begins with a lengthy exposition on the geopolitical setting of Hurmuz and its place in international trade. It pays much attention to an attempt to match names in Chinese with the topography of the Gulf. It also seeks to reconstruct the various Chinese missions to Hurmuz in the early 15th century, suggesting that state-to-state trade predominated. A great deal of information in the Chinese sources about the area, ranging from clothing, cuisine and currency, is extracted and offered here.

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