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This is the second book of the multi-volume publication on the subject of *Multilingualism and History of Knowledge*, which appears in the *Sitzungsberichte der Österreichischen Akademie der Wissenschaften*, and, again, the second collection of papers to concern cross-cultural relations in Central Asia – after the appearance of Vol. I, dedicated to the Iranian peoples of Central Asia and their contacts with various cultural (linguistic, literary, and religious) traditions of Buddhist character from India and the mediaeval Far East.

Further two volumes, dedicated to Multilingualism and *linguae francae* in Iran, Ancient Near East, South Asia and beyond and containing material from project meetings of the *Multilingualism Research Group* in Vienna and Athens, are prepared for press by the undersigned Editors at present and are expected to appear in the course of the next two years.

For more details concerning the international research forum, as well as for an account for the conferences and workshops held on its initiative at Vienna, Berlin, Athens, Sofia, Taipei and Munich, and the plan of the publication *Multilingualism and History of Knowledge*, the reader may refer to the Editorial Introduction to its Volume I.

Once again, we would like to thank all conveners and participants of the project meetings of the *Multilingualism Research Group*, whose research results are being introduced to the scholarly community in the present volumes, as well as the Academy Member Prof. Rüdiger SCHMITT for proposing these volumes for print to the *Philosophisch-historische Klasse* of the Austrian Academy of Sciences.

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