

## THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF THE HELLENISTIC FAR EAST: A SURVEY Bactria, Central Asia and the Indo-Iranian Borderlands, c. 300 BC – AD 100

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#### Notes and Acknowledgements

This document is a supplement to the 2011 publication *The Archaeology of the Hellenistic Far East: A Survey*. In the following sections, I assume that the reader has the 2011 literature review (hereafter, 'HFE 2011') to hand. It is available online ([www.bactria.org](http://www.bactria.org)), or may be purchased in hard copy from Oxbow Books ([www.oxbowbooks.com](http://www.oxbowbooks.com)).

Two recent works of particular importance should be noted: Rougemont's (2012) compendium of Greek inscriptions from Iran and Central Asia,

and the ninth volume of *Fouilles d'Aï Khanoum* (Lecuyot 2013).

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Readers are invited to submit corrigenda or details of new publications for inclusion to [rachel.mairs@gmail.com](mailto:rachel.mairs@gmail.com) – any such information will be gratefully received, and acknowledged in subsequent updates.

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## UPDATES BY CHAPTER AND SECTION

### 1.2 Chronological and Geographical

Olbrycht 2011 discusses the evidence on the ethnicity of Alexander's settlers in Iran and Central Asia.

### 4 Synthetic Historical Studies (General Publications >)

My own new book on the Hellenistic Far East is to be published in October 2014 (Mairs 2014a). It covers topics such as administrative continuity in Bactria, from the Achaemenids to the Kushans; the city of Ai Khanoum; the inscriptions of Sōphytos and Heliodoros; and the nomad 'conquest' of Bactria. The latter subject is also discussed in Mairs 2013c.

Mairs 2013a provides an overview of the Greek settlement in the East, written for a handbook on diaspora studies.

### 4.3 Edited Volumes (General Publications >)

Duceur 2012 presents the proceedings of the conference *Autour de Bamiyan: De la Bactriane hellénisée à l'Inde bouddhique*, and contains many articles of interest and relevance.

A special issue of *Cahiers d'Asie Centrale* (21/22, 2013) is devoted to 'L'archéologie française en Asie centrale: Nouvelles recherches et enjeux socioculturels', including several articles on the history of archaeological research in the region.

### 5.1.1 History of Archaeological Research (Archaeology > Introduction >)

On French archaeological researches in Afghanistan and neighbouring regions in the early twentieth century, see Fenet 2011b; and on Ena Bazin-Foucher, collaborator and wife of the first DAFA director, Alfred Foucher, Fenet 2011a.

Mairs 2014d discusses the work of T. S. Bayer on the Greek kingdom of Bactria, and its reception.

See also 4.3. above.

### 5.1.3 Research Tools and Thematic Studies (Archaeology > Introduction >)

Francfort 2013 presents a study of Bactrian fine stoneware, from the Achaemenid to the Hellenistic period.

Stančo 2012 is a well-illustrated discussion of Hellenistic iconographical schemes in Central Asia.

### 5.2.1 Takht-i Sangin and the North-East (Archaeology > Sites: Bactria, Sogdiana, Margiana, Chorasmia >)

Lindström 2014 reports on new excavations at a Hellenistic period sanctuary at Torbulok in south-western Tajikistan.

### 5.2.2 Ai Khanoum and its Hinterland (Archaeology > Sites: Bactria, Sogdiana, Margiana, Chorasmia >)

*Fouilles d'Ai Khanoum IX: L'habitat* (Lecuyot 2013) marks the first major publication of primary material from the site in almost twenty years. Its focus is on domestic architecture from across the site, and in particular on the residential quarter to the south of the main palace complex. Martinez-Sève 2014's discussion of the spatial organisation of the city is a complement to this.

I have now had the opportunity to examine Buchet 1977's study of the human skeletal remains from Ai Khanoum. It presents some interesting information on (e.g.) artificial cranial deformation.

Holt 2012 discusses the date of the Greek abandonment of Ai Khanoum. Mairs 2013b and Mairs 2014c and include material from Ai Khanoum in their discussion.

For two newly-published Greek funerary inscriptions from Ai Khanoum, see 6.2.1, below.

### 5.2.4 Termez, the Surkhan-darya and the North-West (Archaeology > Sites: Bactria, Sogdiana, Margiana, Chorasmia >)

Houal and Le Maguer 2013 discuss ceramics at Termez, from antiquity to the mediaeval period.

Hellenistic material from a residential area at Kampyr-tepe is introduced by Dvurechenskaya 2012 and Dvurechenskaya 2011.

### 5.2.6 Samarkand and the Zeravshan Valley (Archaeology > Sites: Bactria, Sogdiana, Margiana, Chorasmia >)

On the Greek granary at Afrasiab, see Baratin and Martinez-Sève 2013.

Rapin and Isamidinov 2013 review relations between nomadic and sedentary populations at Kok-tepe.

Lyonnet 2013 discusses ceramics from sites of Sogdiana, in particular Afrasiab and Kok-tepe.

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### **5.3.1 Begram (Archaeology > South of the Hindu Kush: The Kabul Region, Arachosia and India >)**

Material from Begram is included in Mairs 2014c's treatment of evidence for long-distance transmission of artistic motifs.

### **5.3.3 Gandhāra and Northwestern India (Archaeology > South of the Hindu Kush: The Kabul Region, Arachosia and India >)**

Callieri 2007 provides an invaluable survey of the Indo-Greek site at Barikot.

### **6.2.1 Corpora, Bibliographies and General Works (Languages and Texts > Greek >)**

Rougemont 2012, published in the series *Corpus Inscriptionum Iranicarum*, collects the Greek inscriptions from Iran and Central Asia, with commentary, translation and bibliography. It includes two newly-published

inscriptions from the Ai Khanoum necropolis. The volume contains concordances with earlier compendia, such as Canali De Rossi 2004.

Greek names in Central Asia and India are discussed by Mairs 2014b.

### **4.3 Aramaic (Language and Texts >)**

Naveh and Shaked 2012 is the long-awaited full publication of the Aramaic documents from Bactria, dating to the period of transition from Achaemenid to Greek rule.

### **7.6 Other Relevant Sites (Online Resources >)**

Academia.edu continues to be an excellent resource for those seeking publications on the Hellenistic Far East, with many scholars who work on the region maintaining active profiles.

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