

Hellenistic Central Asia: Current Research, New Directions
Inaugural Colloquium of the Hellenistic Central Asia Research Network
(HCARN)

Department of Classics, University of Reading (UK)
15-17 April 2016

PROGRAMME

Friday 15 April

All conference sessions will be held in Lecture Room G 15, Henley Business School, University of Reading Whiteknights Campus.

12:00 Registration and coffee

13:00 Welcome and Opening Remarks (*Rachel Mairs, University of Reading*)

Panel 1: Archaeological Fieldwork

13:30 Settlement pattern in Bactria from the early Iron Age to the Hellenistic period: The example of the Sherabad Oasis and its surroundings (*Ladislav Stančo, Charles University, Prague*)

14:00 Archaeology, Money, and Politics: Six months at Mes Aynak (*David Fallon, University College London*)

14:30 Ceramics of the Parthian Homeland: new data about the ceramic production of the early Arsacid period from the Italian excavations in Old Nisa (Turkmenistan) (*Jacopo Bruno, Università degli Studi di Torino*)

15:00 Coffee

15:30 Indo-Greek Evidence from the Historic Urban Site of Barikot (*Luca M. Olivieri and Elisa Iori, Italian Archaeological Mission in Pakistan / Bologna – in absentia*)

16:00 A Hellenistic sanctuary at Torbulok, Tajikistan (*Gunvor Lindström, Deutsches Archäologisches Institut*)

Round Table Discussion (1)

16:30 Hellenistic pottery: The role and potential of ceramics in the research on Hellenistic Central Asia (Convenor: *Gabriele Puschnigg, University College London*)

17:30 Reception and tour of the Ure Museum of Greek Archaeology (*Professor Amy Smith, University of Reading*)

Saturday 16 April

Panel 2: Numismatic Methodologies

- 10:00 Graeco-Bactrian and Indo-Greek numismatics: Methodologies, new research and limits
(*Olivier Bordeaux, Paris-Sorbonne*)
10:30 A new approach to Graeco-Bactrian coins (*Simon Glenn, University of Oxford*)
11:00 Wife, not mother? The Indo-Greek queen Agathokleia (*Gunnar Dumke, Halle-Wittenberg*)

11:30 Coffee

Panel 3: Conceptualising Cultural Interaction

- 11:45 “Think Global, Act Local”? Cultural strategies in Hellenistic Central Asia (*Milinda Hoo, Universität Kiel*)
12:15 The Personification of Abstract Concepts in ‘Buddha’s Great Departure’: The impact of Hellenistic art on Gandhāran art (*Ilaria Fani, Paris-Sorbonne*)
12:45 The Role of Hellenistic Central Asia in the spread of the name of China (Qin, Čina, Θῆν) towards the West and the South (*Gościwit Malinowski, University of Wrocław*)

13:15 Lunch

Panel 4: Iconography and Identity

- 14:15 The Indo-Parthians at Begram? Some overlooked evidence (*Lauren Morris, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München*)
14:45 Roses at Tillya-tepe, a case study in plant iconography (*Sara Peterson, SOAS, University of London*)
15:15 Khalchayan: Mode and reconstructions of the battle scene (*Patryk Skupniewicz, UPH Siedlce*)
15:45 An elephant-rider potsherd of the Kushan king Huvishka (*Ulf Jäger, Independent Researcher*)

16:15 Coffee

Round Table Discussion (2)

- 16:45 Publishing and disseminating research on Hellenistic Central Asia: Current trends and future strategies (Convenor: *Rachel Mairs, University of Reading*)

17:45 Reception and dinner

Sunday 17 April

Panel 5: Kings and Coins

- 10:00 Dating Bactria independence to 246/5 BC? (*Jens Jakobsson, Independent Researcher*)
10:30 Sophytes: Reappraisal of an enigmatic ruler and the Sophytes coins (*Sushma Jansari, British Museum*)
11:00 “Power Policy Numismatics”: Measuring Graeco-Bactrian Political Power through Royal Coins (*Frances A. M. Joseph, University of Houston*)

11:30 Coffee

11:45 Stasanor of Soloi and the government of Bactria during the first wars of the Diadochs (*Marc Mendoza, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona*)
12:15 The Arsakids between the Seleucids and the Achaemenids (*Supratik Baralay, University of Oxford*)

Panel 6: Greeks and Indians

- 12:45 The Yavanas among the peoples of Central Asia (*Olga Kubica, University of Wrocław*)
13:15 Hellenistic Residential Architecture in Taxila (*Stefanos Karampekos, University of Marburg*)

13:45 Lunch discussion: How best to take the Hellenistic Central Asia Research Network forward? (Convenor: *Rachel Mairs, University of Reading*)

14:45 End of colloquium.

All enquiries should be addressed to Dr. Rachel Mairs (r.mairs@reading.ac.uk). Registration is free and open to all.