

# 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)).

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A numismatic complement to this Hellenistic Far East Bibliography, which is restricted largely to archaeological and epigraphic publications, is now available, prepared by Simon Glenn (Glenn 2016).

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 Parameters

Howe 2016 addresses the modern historiography of Alexander's campaigns in Afghanistan.

On the Hellenistic world in Chinese historical sources, see Yang 2014-15.

Arora 2010-2011 reflects on contact and cultural influence between Greeks and Indians over the longue durée.

### 3.2 Theory and Archaeological Practice (Culture and Identity >)

Ball 2012 discusses nineteenth-century British preoccupations with Alexander in Afghanistan, and the identification of his supposed descendants.

See Mairs 2016a on long-distance exchange of commodities (and their meanings) between Central and West Asia.

### 4.3 Edited Volumes (General Publications >)

The volume *Alexander and the East*, edited by Nawotka and Wojciechowska 2016, contains several articles of relevance to Central Asia. Lerner 2016 revisits the question of Alexander's route to Marakanda. Kubica 2016 re-examines the massacre of the Branchidae. Malinowski 2016 considers connections between Alexander the Great and China.

The forthcoming *Festschrift* for Getzel Cohen will include, inter alia, an analysis of recent trends in research on Greek colonisation in Central Asia (Martinez-Sève forthcoming 2017).

The volume edited by Filigenzi and Giunta 2009 celebrates fifty years of Italian archaeological research in Afghanistan.

Lindström, et al. 2013's *Zwischen Ost und West* contains articles on Ai Khanoum and Takht-i Sangin.

Espagne, et al. 2016 contains articles on Central Asia and its place on the 'Silk Road', covering a wide chronological range..

Abdullaev 2005 contains several articles touching on Hellenistic material from Samarkand, Termez and Kurganzol.

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

Two special editions of *Les Nouvelles de l'archéologie*

(No. 126 December 2011 and No. 128 June 2012) were devoted to 'Archéologie(s) en situation coloniale'. Note in particular Rapin and Gorshenina 2011 on Russo-Soviet archaeology in Central Asia and Fenet 2011 on early twentieth-century French archaeological missions in Afghanistan, Persia and the Far East.

Also of relevance is Gorshenina 2012's monograph on Central Asia as a geographical and cultural 'frontier' region in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

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

Lindström 2016 examines votive practices at the Temple of the Oxus.

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

Francfort 2014, in the *Festschrift* for Elena Kuz'mina, discusses a sculpture from the Temple with Indented Niches. Abdullaev 2014's discussion of Central Asian archaeological sites with apparent 'empty space' inside their fortifications includes Ai Khanoum. An English expansion of Hoo 2015's Dutch study of globalisation and Ai Khanoum is forthcoming in *Ancient West and East* for 2018.

### 5.2.3 Bactra and its Oasis (Archaeology > Sites: Bactria, Sogdiana, Margiana, Chorasmia >)

The Kushan-period military camp excavated at the mid-point between Bactra and Kampyr-tepe, on the Oxus, is also of interest for scholars of earlier periods: see de la Vaissière, et al. 2015a; de la Vaissière, et al. 2015b.

Historic movements in the course of the Balkh river, and associated human exploitation of the land, are plotted by Fouache, et al. 2012. This project was inaugurated following the discovery in 2002 of Hellenistic architectural blocks buried in alluvium in a former course of the river.

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

On early Hellenistic material from Kampyr-tepe, including a river landing stage, see Dvurechenskaya 2016, who also discusses later material.

Abdullaev, et al. 2013 reviews ten years of the Czech-

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Uzbek archaeological project at Jandavlattepa.

### **5.2.5 Derbent – the 'Iron Gates' (Archaeology > Sites: Bactria, Sogdiana, Margiana, Chorasmia >)**

The results of the 2013 field season at the Hellenistic fortress of Uzundara are presented by Rtveldze and Dvurechenskaya 2015.

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

Excavations at Kojtepa are published by Abdullaev and Genito 2014 (to which I have not had access). Genito and Pardaev 2015 report on trial trenches at the site

Reutova and Akhadova 2015 mark fifty years of archaeological excavation at Afrasiab.

### **5.2.8 Herat and Areia (Archaeology > Sites: Bactria, Sogdiana, Margiana, Chorasmia >)**

Although no Hellenistic material has yet been excavated at Herat, new archaeological projects in the city may be followed with interest: see Franke 2015.

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

The recovery and conservation of Begram ivories looted from the National Museum of Afghanistan is recounted in Ambers, et al. 2014.

### **5.3.2 Old Kandahar – Alexandria in Arachosia (Archaeology > South of the Hindu Kush: The Kabul Region, Arachosia and India >)**

For new studies on the administration of Achaemenid and post-Achaemenid Kandahar, see Sections 6.3 and 6.4

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

Previously unpublished archival documents relating to Sir Aurel Stein's archaeological explorations in Swat are discussed by Olivieri 2015a and published in full in Olivieri 2015b.

On recent excavations of the fortifications at Barikot/Bīr-koṭ-ghwaṇḍai, see Iori, et al. 2015.

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

Henkelman and Folmer 2016 discuss the tally sticks among the Achaemenid Aramaic texts from Bactria.

Mairs 2016b presents the Aramaic and Greek documentary texts from Bactria for a papyrological audience.

## **6.4 Other Languages (Language and Texts >)**

See Fisher and Stolper 2015 on the Achaemenid Elamite material from Kandahar.

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