13.30  **Hafiz Latify** (Kabul/Allahabad)
Pre-Kushan Religious Art in the National Museum of Afghanistan

14.00  **Olga Kubica** (Krakow)
Bardaisan’s Account of Indian Religious Practices. The identification of the described phenomena

14.30  Coffee break

15.00  **Juping Yang** (Nanking)
The Deities in China from Hellenistic Central Asia

15.30  **Luca M. Olivieri** (Berlin), **Elisa Iori** (Rome)
Before Indo-Greek Bazira. Complexity and continuity in an early-historic urban town (Swat, Pakistan)

16.00  Coffee break

16.30  **Sören Stark** (New York) and
**Fiona Kidd** (Abu Dhabi)
Hellenism at the Fringes: New excavations at Bashtpa (Bukhara region, Uzbekistan)

17.00  **Paul Bucherer-Dietschi** (Bubendorf)
Pre-Islamic Buddhist Religious Practice at the Main Ziyarat in Bamiyan

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**Program**

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**Second Meeting of the Hellenistic Central Asia Research Network**

**Berlin**

2.-4. November 2017
Thursday, 2 November 2017

11.00  Svend Hansen (Berlin)  
(Director of the Eurasia Department of the DAI)  
Address of Welcome

11.15  Gunvor Lindström (Berlin) and Rachel Mairs (Reading)  
Opening Remarks

11.30  Wu Xin (Shanghai)  
On the Land of the Great King: Ritual and religion in Achaemenid Bactria

12.00  Frantz Grenet (Paris)  
The ex-votos and Offerings in the Oxus and Mir Zakah Treasures: What they tell about the cults

12.30 Lunch break

14.00  Rachel Mairs (Reading)  
The ‘Age of Syncretism’? Conceptualising religious practice in Hellenistic Central Asia

14.30  Milinda Hoo (Kiel)  
Western, Eastern, both, or neither? A community of practice perspective on religious syncretism in Hellenistic Bactria

15.00 Coffee break

15.30  Alberto Cantera (Berlin)  
What Does It Mean the Label ‘Zoroastrian’?

16.00 Lunch break

16.30  Giovanni Lhuillier (Lyon), Julio Bendezú-Sarmiento (Kabul) and Philippe Marquis (Paris)  
Mortuary Practices in Bactria at the Eve of the Hellenistic Conquest: A sepulchral pit from Tepe Zargaran

17.30  Marc Mendoza (Madrid)  
Alexander the Undertaker. Persians, Bactrians and ataphoi

19.00 Conference Dinner

Friday, 3 November 2017

9.00  Viktor Mokroborodov (Moscow)  
The Kindyktepa Temple: Historical, religious and archaeotyptological aspects

9.30  Nargis Khojaeva (Dushanbe)  
The Oxus Temple – did it serve Greek or Zoroastrian religion?

10.00  Anjelina Drujinina (Berlin/Dushanbe)  
The ātašgāh of the Oxus Temple at Takht-i Sangin: Interpreting the archaeological record

10.30 Coffee break

11.00  Gunvor Lindström (Berlin)  
Archaeological Features and Ancient Religion. The case of Torbulok

11.30  Laurianne Martinez-Sève (Lille)  
Religious Life at Ai Khanoum: the sanctuary of the temple à redans and its various cults

12.00 Lunch break

13.30  Lauren Morris (Freiburg)  
Deliberately Deposited Assemblages in Central Asia from the Hellenistic to Kushan Periods

14.00  Hanna Goląb (Princeton)  
Herodorus’ Hymn to Apollo or did Hellenistic Susa stay in close cultural contacts with Bactria?

14.30 Coffee break

15.00 Michele Minardi (Bordeaux)  
Chorasmian Ritual and Funerary Spaces. Recent discoveries and new lines of research

15.30  Alison Betts (Sydney)  
Fire Features at Akchakhan-kala

16.00 Coffee break

16.30  Michael Shenkar (Jerusalem)  
The Chorasmian Gad: On the god wearing a turreted crown from Akchakhan-kala

17.00  Barbara Kaim (Warsaw)  
Cultic(?) Implements of Hellenistic Tradition in Zoroastrian Temple

Saturday, 4 November 2017

9.30  Rolf Strootman (Utrecht)  
A Kingship Ritual in Seleukid Central Asia

10.00  Gunnar R. Dumke (Halle)  
(Ver) Ehrung? Reflections on the meaning of royal (cult?) epithets in Hellenistic India

10.30 Coffee break

11.00 Razieh Taasob (Princeton)  
Development of Greek Religious Practice in Early Kushan Coinage: Integration, adaptation and transformation

11.30 Ladislav Stančo (Prague)  
Cult of Divine Heroes in Hellenistic Bactria: Heracles, Dioscuri and the others

12.00 Lunch break