

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') and previous supplements to hand. It is available online (www.bactria.org), or may be purchased in hard copy from Oxbow Books (www.oxbowbooks.com).

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In November 2017, the second meeting of the Hellenistic Central Asia Research Network took place in Berlin, under the auspices of the Deutsches Archäologisches Institut. A report on the conference, *Ritual Matters: Archaeology and Religion in Hellenistic Central Asia*, has been written by Kristina Junker for the blog ArchéOrient: <https://archeorient.hypotheses.org/7982>

As ever, this Supplement reflects both new publications in the period late-2016-2017, and earlier publications which had not yet come to my attention. Readers are invited to submit corrigenda or details of new publications for inclusion to rachel.mairs@gmail.com – any such information will be gratefully received, and acknowledged in subsequent updates.

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1.2 Chronological and Geographical Parameters

Francfort 2014 brings recent discoveries in steppe archaeology to bear on the question of the nomad conquest of Bactria in the mid-second century BC.

Ghosh 2017 examines the relationship between political power and religion in the divine iconography of coins of the Graeco-Bactrian, Indo-Greek, Śaka and Kushan rulers.

4.2 Synthetic Historical Studies (General Publications >)

Lo Muzio 2017 covers the archaeology of Central Asia from the Bronze Age to the Ninth Century AD, including the Hellenistic and Kushan periods.

Chassanite 2015's unpublished PhD thesis *L'idéologie et les pratiques monarchiques des rois grecs en Bactriane et en Inde* is available online: <https://tel.archives-ouvertes.fr/tel-01308829/>

5.1.1 History of Archaeological Research (Archaeology > Introduction >)

Bendezu-Sarmiento 2017 reviews DAFA activities on the 85th anniversary of the Franco-Afghan accord under which it was established.

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

Abdullaev 2017 discusses royal portraiture (on coins and other media) from Hellenistic Bactria.

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

For the results of the 2014-2016 campaigns of excavation of the Hellenistic period sanctuary at Torbulok, see Lindström 2017.

Lerner 2016 surveys the evidence for the date of fortifications in the Western Pamir, and the Graeco-Bactrian presence in the region.

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

Martinez-Sève 2015 provides an up-to-date overview and analysis of the material from Ai Khanoum.

5.2.4 Termez, the Surkhan-darya and the

North-West (Archaeology > Sites: Bactria, Sogdiana, Margiana, Chorasmia >)

Dvurechenskaya 2015 discusses the early Hellenistic ceramics from Kampyr-tepa.

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

Some ceramics with figurative relief decoration from Uzundara are published by Dvurechenskaya 2017.

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

Stark 2016 examines the relationship between Bactrian and 'Western Sogdiana' (the Bukhara oasis) in the Hellenistic period.

Borodovsky 2017 offers a stylistic analysis of a gold plaque from Zeravshan. The article title assigns it to the 'Hellenistic period' and the main text to the 'Yuezhi-Kushan cultural complex'.

Padayatak-tepe, in the Kashka-darya region, is of particular interest for its uninterrupted occupation from the Early Iron Age to Hellenistic Period (Lhuiller and Hasanov 2013).

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

Morris 2017 proposes a revised chronology for the New Royal City and deposition of the Begram hoard.

6.2 Greek (Language and Texts >)

Tribulato and Olivieri 2017 publish a new Greek graffito from Barikot.

6.2 Greek (Language and Texts >) AND 6.3 Aramaic (Language and Texts >)

The Iron Age site of Chirik Rabat, in the Syr-darya Delta in present-day Kazakhstan, has yielded fragmentary texts in Aramaic (a signature on a ceramic vessel) and Greek (letters on two alabstra, apparently relating to contents and quantity): Ivanchik and Lur'e 2013. I am grateful to Gian Luca Bonora for this information.

6.4 Other Languages (Language and Texts >)

For a comprehensive treatment of *yonas* and *yavanas* in Indian literature, see now Karttunen 2015.

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7.3 Publications (Online Resources >)

The Institute for the Study of the Ancient World at New York University has launched 'Digital Central Asian Archaeology', an online digital repository of Russian-

language publications
(<https://archive.nyu.edu/handle/2451/38228>). Coverage of Soviet-era works is particularly strong.

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