



# Seen from Oxyartes' Rock: Central Asia under and after Alexander

Third Meeting of the Hellenistic Central Asia Research Network

Wednesday 14 November 2018

9:00 – 10:00 Registration

10:00 – 10:30 Opening

10:00 – 10:10 Dean of the faculty

10:10 – 10:20 Ladislav Stančo (Prague) Gunvor Lindström (Berlin) and Rachel Mairs (Reading)

**Opening remarks**

## History

**10:30 – 11:00 Nikolaus Leo Overtoom** A Fight to Reclaim the Central Asian Frontier: The Seleucid and Parthian Rivalry in the 230s BCE

**11:00 – 11:30 Archil Balakhvantsev – Sergey Bolelov** Alexander the Great and Chorasnia

11:30 – 12:00 Coffee break

**12:00 – 12:30 Juping Yang** The Western Region (西域) after Alexander and Zhang Qian

**12:30 – 13:00 Marc Mendoza** The forgotten ones: Thessalians and Thracians in Bactria-Sogdiana

**13:00 – 13:30 Gunnar R Dumke** Indian Rajas and ›Greek‹ Basileis

13:30 – 15:00 Lunch break

## Geography

**15:00 – 15:30 Dmitry A. Shcheglov** Alexander's Central Asian campaign: geographical misconceptions and strategic plans

**15:30 – 16:00 Lauren Morris** "South of the Hindu Kush"? Geographies of the Paropamisus

**16:00 – 16:30 Jakub Havlík** Terra multiplex et varia natura: Settlement patterns of Bactria in the Hellenistic period



**16:30 – 17:00 Mostafa Dehpahlavan** “Dara” City in Dichotomy of Alexander's and Isidore of Charax's Sources

19:00 Conference dinner

Thursday 15 November 2018

### Archaeology

**9:00 – 9:30 Laurianne Martinez-Sève** The beginning of Greek occupation at Maracanda (Sogdiana)

**9:30 – 10:00 Andrei Omelchenko** Pottery assemblages of Early Hellenistic time from Sogd

**10:00 – 10:30 Xin Wu** Mapping the Transition from the Achaemenid to Hellenistic Periods in Ancient Bactria

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break

**11:00 – 11:30 Nigora Dvurechenskaya** Results of the excavations at the Bactrian Hellenistic fortes of Uzundara (2013 - 2017)

**11:30 – 12:00 Ladislav Stančo** In the shadow of the Wall: Hellenistic settlement in the Baysun and Kugitang piedmonts

**12:00 – 12:30 Kristina Junker** Alexander the Great and the potters in Bactria: The Greek influence on the local pottery production from 329 to 145 BCE in Bactria

**12:30 – 13:00 Viktor Mokroborodov** Gishttepa and other: Recent Russian-Uzbek archaeological works in the Pashkhurd area

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch break

**14:30 – 15:00 Shujing Wang** New Excavations of the Kurgan Burials at the Fringes of the Bukhara Oasis (Uzbekistan)

**15:00 – 15:30 Mohamad Ajmal Shah** Semthan: A Hellenistic outpost in Kashmir Himalaya

**15:30 – 16:00 Luca Maria Olivieri – Elisa Iori – Omar Coloru** Swat after the Indo-Greeks. Buddhism, Burials, Techniques and New Fortifications



16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break

**16:30 – 17:00 Gunvor Lindström** Between Hellenisation and innovation: sculptural art in the Hellenistic Far East

**17:00 – 17:30 Adam Kubik** Ram's horns as an element of the Royal Crown in Asia after Alexander the Great: the so called "Wall Painting of Alexander the Great" from Fayaz Tepe

19:00 Conference dinner

Friday 16 November 2018

### Numismatics

**9:00 – 9:30 Olivier Bordeaux – Osmund Boppearachchi** Sophytos and Andragoras: Pioneering coin-strikers in Bactria?

**9:30 – 10:00 Aleksandr Naymark** Hyrcodes' Firebird and Antiochus-Apollo of Nakhsha

**10:00 – 10:30 Razieh Taasob** The Attribution and Chronology of the Heraios Coinage: A Reassessment

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break

### Society and culture

**11:00 – 11:30 Guendalina Daniela Maria Taietti** Alexander III's Empire: Macedonian, Achaemenid or Oecumenic Greek?

**11:30 – 12:00 Marco Ferrario** Memory and Communities in 329 B.C. Bactria: Beyond HDT 4. 204

**12:00 – 12:30 Michail Iliakis** Flipping the Coin: Alexander the Great's Bactrian-Sogdian Expedition from a Local Perspective

**12:30 – 13:00 Olga Kubica** Meetings with the „Naked Philosophers“ as a case study for the Greco-Indian relations in the time of Alexander

**13:00 – 13:30 Rachel Mairs** The Hellenistic Far East in Historical Fiction: Ancient History, Modern Ideologies

13:30 – 14:00 Closing remarks and discussion