Problems of Chronology in Gandharan Art

The first workshop of the CARC Gandhara Connections Project generously supported by the Bagri Foundation and the Neil Kreitman Foundation

The workshop will be held in the Lecture Theatre, Ioannou Centre for Classical and Byzantine Studies, 66 St Giles', Oxford, OX1 3LU.

Attendance is free, but please book a place by contacting carc@classics.ox.ac.uk

Provisional Programme (as of 14 March 2017) - NB changes may occur: please check www.carc.ox.ac.uk/GandharaConnections for updates

Thursday 23rd March, 2017

1015  Welcome and Introduction
      Dr Peter Stewart (Director, Classical Art Research Centre)

1030  Joe Cribb (formerly Keeper of Coins and Medals, British Museum)
      Numismatic Evidence and the Date of Kanishka (title t.b.c.)

1130  Break - coffee and tea

1200  Prof Monika Zin (Saxon Academy of Sciences, Leipzig)
      Buddhist Art’s Late Bloomer: The Genius and Influence of Gandhara

1300  Lunch (provided for speakers only)

1400  Dr Abdul Samad (Director of Archaeology & Museums, Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa)
      Recent Archaeological Excavations and their Relevance to Chronology (title t.b.c.)

1500  Dr Anna Filigenzi (L'Orientale, Naples) & Dr Luca Olivieri (Italian Archaeological Mission in Pakistan)
      On Gandharan Sculptural Production from Swat: Recent Archaeological and Chronological data (in absentia, read by Peter Stewart)

1600  Tea/coffee break
1630 Prof Ciro Lo Muzio (La Sapienza, Rome)
On Some Similarities between Gandharan Toilet-Trays and the Earliest Buddhist Art of Northern India

1730 Concluding comments; reception; dinner for speakers.

Friday 24th March, 2017

0930 Wannaporn Rienjang (Classical Art Research Centre, University of Oxford)
On the Chronology of Stupa Relic Practice in Afghanistan & Dharmarajika, Pakistan, and its Implications for the rise of Popularity of Image Cult

1030 Break - coffee and tea

1100 Dr Stefan Baums (LMU, Munich)
How Can We Use Inscriptions to Help us Date Gandhāran Art?

1200 Robert Bracey (British Museum)
Is it Appropriate to Ask a Celestial Lady's Age?

1300 Lunch (provided for speakers only); meeting of Advisory Committee for the Gandhara Connections project

1400 Prof Juhyung Rhi (Seoul National University)
Positioning Gandharan Buddhas in Chronology: Significant Coordinates and Anomalies

1500 Tea/coffee break

1530 Dr Kurt Behrendt (The Metropolitan Museum of Art)
Late Gandharan Chronology: The 3rd to 6th Century Period

1630 Concluding discussion

NB at 18:00 Prof Harald Hauptmann will deliver a keynote lecture entitled 'Between the Silk Roads and Gandhara – Archaeology along the Upper Indus in Northern Pakistan', as part of the Oxford China Centre's conference Culture Contacts in Ancient Worlds: Theories and Case Studies. To attend please contact our colleague Dr Anke Hein (anke.hein@arch.ox.ac.uk).