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New Numismatic Evidence on the History of Alexander's Successors in Central Asia

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Because of the scarcity of ancient texts and of the available archaeological data, numismatic evidence constitutes the main source for the reconstruction of the history of the Greeks and their successors in Bactria and India. These coins in general carry a great deal of information for the understanding of their role in a historical context. New coin hoards, silver ingots, virgin flans, a coin die and a gold coin revealing the name of new Indo-Greek king came to light in recent years. These importance discoveries give us indications on broad chronological periods, minting techniques, metrology, iconography, monograms and geographical distribution of different kingdoms. This paper also attempts to show how numismatic data can be an important source of information to understand the evolution of the earliest iconography of Brahmanical deities in India from the stage of syncretism to the phase of polarization or codification.

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