

Studies of Cosmetic Trays and Their Culture in the Crossroad of Silk Road—There Origins of Hellenism influence into the Gandhara—

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Large numbers of the Cosmetic Trays were found in Sirkap, Taxila, in the Greek/ Shaka/ Parthian/ Kushan city of the Crossroad of ancient Gandhara, now the boaderland of north-west borderlands between Pakistan and Afganistan, famous as crossroad of the Silk Road. They were excavated from various levels ranging from the second century B.C. to the first century A.D. The compositions of the figure scene on trays generally depict Hellenistic myths, drinking scenes, amorous couples, sea monsters or animals, and they may be used in home use, ritual practices or ceremonies.

The micaceous schist at Gandhara have no doubt products for import outside. This study refer to the trays under the influences from the hellenising and the nomad's similar products .