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Gifts of Rivers and Resources: Art and Power in Ancient Asia
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Regimes of Mobilities: Culture, Economy, and the Early Central Asian Powers

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Cultures/Societies:

Saka, Scythian (mid first millennium BCE)

Xiongnu (2nd century BCE – 2nd century CE)

Yuezhi

Wusun

Kangju

Kushan (1st – 3rd century CE)

Sogdians (3rd – 8th century CE)

Suggested Readings:

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Simpson, St John and Svetlana Pankova, eds. 2017. *Scythians: Warriors of Ancient Siberia*. London: Trustees of the British Museum and Thames & Hudson.

Roberts, Rebecca ed. 2021. *Gold of the Great Steppe*. Cambridge: Fitzwilliam Museum.

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Miller, Bryan K. and Ursula Brosseder. 2017. Global Dynamics in Local Processes of Iron Age Inner Asia. In: T. Hodos, ed., *The Routledge Handbook of Archaeology and Globalization*. New York: Routledge, 470-487.

Brosseder, Ursula and Bryan K. Miller. 2018. Global Networks and Local Agents in the Iron Age Eurasian Steppe. In: N. Boivin and M. Frachetti, eds., *Globalization in Prehistory: Contact, Exchange and 'People Without History'*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 162-183.

Hiebert, Fredrik and Pierre Cambon, eds., 2008. *Afghanistan: Hidden Treasures from the National Museum, Kabul*. Washington, DC: National Geographic.

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