


Kris

Southeast Asian Collection

Accession Nr.:	175.1-2 
Type:	religious or cult object; weapons and armament; metalwork; carving
Date of production:	19th century
Place of production:	Central Java, Surakarta (Solo), Indonesia, Southeast Asia
Materials:	steel; wood
Techniques:	carved; hammered
Dimensions:	tőr length: 50 cm hüvely length: 40 cm
Acquisition:	collection of Ferenc Hopp

Dagger with straight blade, hammered of steel. The carved hilt of the kris (Indonesian: keris) in question has a characteristic Central Javanese motif. The base of the hilt is surrounded by a shaft ring, and the scabbard, like the guard (Indonesian: wranka), is made of wood.

For the Indonesians the kris is much more than a simple weapon, it is a spectacular and effective expression of Javanese spirituality, a bearer of spiritual power, a symbol of heroism and a status symbol. Collected by Ferenc Hopp.

