


Buddha with radiate halo and mandorla

Southeast Asian Collection

Accession Nr.:	4220 
Type:	bone objects; religious or cult object
Date of production:	18 - 19th century
Place of production:	Southeast Asia / Nepál
Materials/Techniques:	ivory, carved, gilt
Dimensions:	height: 15.3 cm width: 7.7 cm depth: 3.7 cm
Acquisition:	donation of Imre Schwaiger

A small, gilded, bone statue of Buddha holding his right hand outstretched and his left hand in vitarka mudra (attitude of elucidation). Standing on pedestal before double-halo (halo and mandorla) with pointed end, wearing monastic robes. The white body forms a subtle contrast with the glitter of the gilded parts. The object follows the dress design of the so-called Gandhara-type Buddhas. It was probably purchased in the Nepalese market and used by lay practitioners of Theravada Buddhism, a religion that spread throughout Southeast Asia.

