

Teaching Buddha

India / South Asia Collection

Accession Nr.: 2238 

Type: relief

Date of production: 1st-3rd c.
Gandhara art

Place of production: Pakistan or Afghanistan, the ancient Gandhara

Materials: slate

Techniques: carved

Dimensions: height: 26 cm
width: 27 cm
depth: 6.5 cm

Acquisition: donation of Imre Schwaiger

Relief fragment with the seated Buddha and an attending figure (Herakles?). The Buddha's right hand is in the gesture of fearlessness, whils his left hand and the object in it are partially fragmentend. He has short hair, ushnisha on the top of the head, moustache, and a circular glory. A pleated shroud covers his both shoulders and arms. Above his head is a semicircular ceiling of leaf bundles representing the bodhi tree, which is broken off on the right side. The head of the attending figure is missing.

Himalayan schist.

