Mauryas Revisited Romila Thapar

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Indigenous Aryanism, also known as the Indigenous Aryans theory (IAT) and the Out of India theory (OIT), is the conviction that the Aryans are indigenous to the Indian subcontinent, and that the Indo-European languages radiated out from a homeland in India into their present locations. It is a "religio-nationalistic" view on Indian history, and …

According to Romila Thapar, the Srauta Sutra of Baudhayana "refers to the Parasus and the arattas who stayed behind and others who moved eastwards to the middle Ganges valley and the places equivalent such as the Kasi, the Videhas and the Kuru Pancalas, and so on. In fact, when one looks for them, there are evidence for migration." Later Vedic …

The earliest Indian rulers are known from epigraphical sources found in Archeological Inscriptions on Asokan Edicts written in Pali language and using brahmi script and then from literary sources Sanskrit literature, Jain literature and Buddhist literature in context of literary sources. Archaeological sources included archeological remains in Indian subcontinent …

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