

# Seal collections

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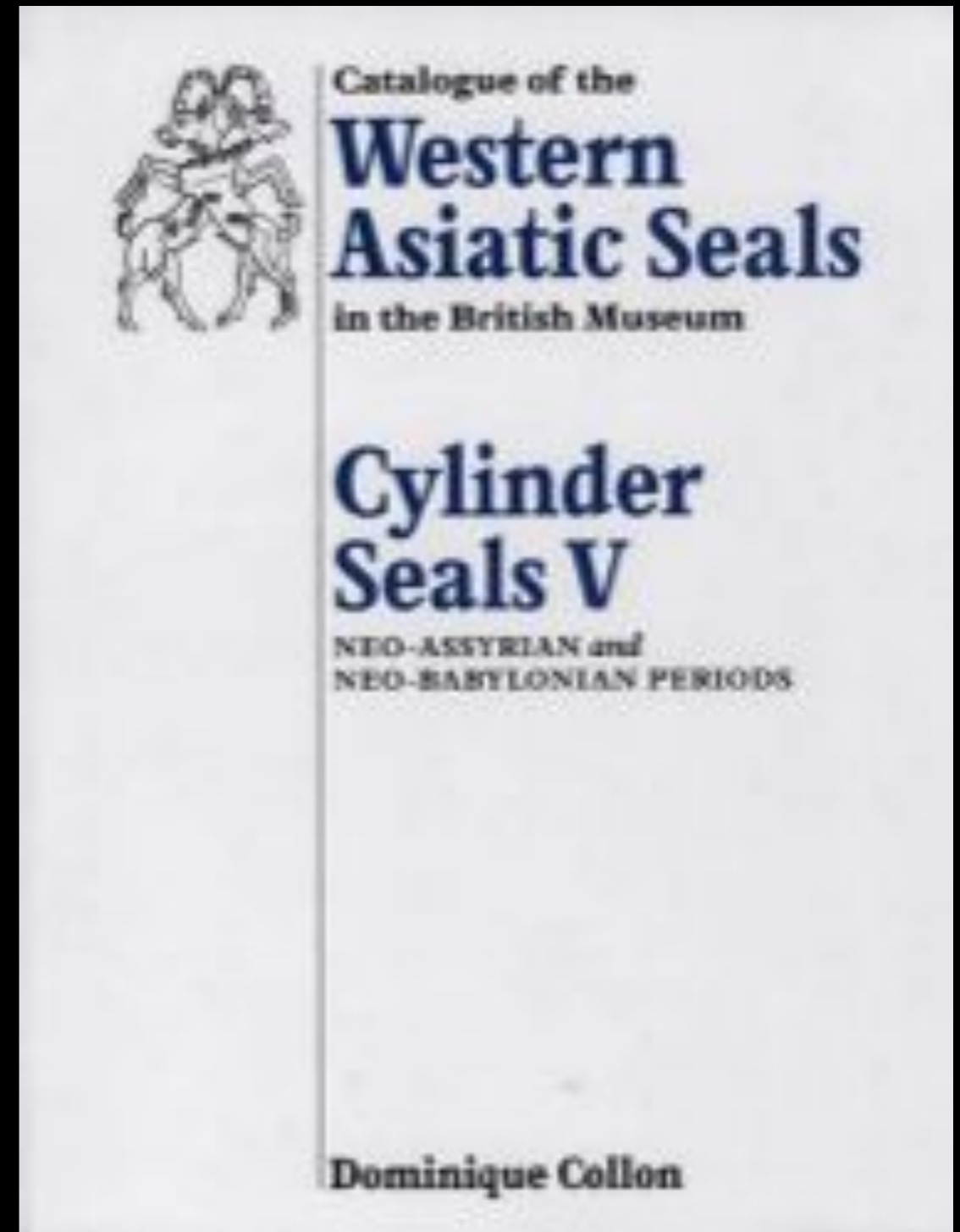


# Major seals collections in central Europe



# British Museum

- around 2,000+ cylinder seals
- online search (“cylinder+seal +mesopotamia”) = 2,204 results
- c. 1,800 published in 5 monographs in the series *Western Asiatic Seals*
  - I: 156 seals (Uruk and ED)
  - II: 489 seals (OA and Ur III)
  - III: 656 seals (OB)
  - (IV: Kassite seals)
  - V: 401 seals (NA and NB)
  - VI: 92 seals (Achaemenid)



# former “Lambert” collection

- in the British Museum
- bequeathed by W. G. Lambert 2013
- 732 results for cylinder seals



Collection online

cylinder seal

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**cylinder seal**

Object type	cylinder seal
Museum number	2013,6001.2261
Description	Faience cylinder seal; depiction of archer and animal.
Culture/period	Neo-Assyrian ?
Production place	Made in: Mesopotamia ?; (Asia,Middle East,Mesopotamia)
Materials	glazed composition ?
Dimensions	Height: 27 millimetres Diameter: 11.5 millimetres
Subjects	archer; animal ?
Acquisition name	Bequeathed by: Prof Wilfred George Lambert ?
Acquisition date	2013
Department	Middle East
Registration number	2013,6001.2261
Additional IDs	40 (Lambert Collection Number)

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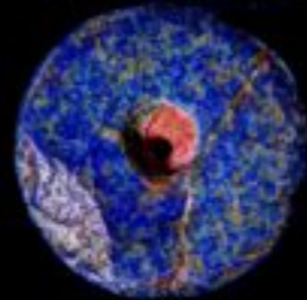
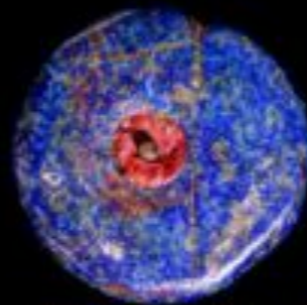
# Louvre

- around 5,000 seals
- L. Delaporte, *Catalogue des Cylindres. Cachets et Pierres Gravées de Style Oriental. I: Fouilles et Missions (1920)*
- L. Delaporte, *Catalogue des Cylindres. Cachet et Pierres Gravées de Style Oriental. II: Acquisitions (1923)*
- Musée Guimet (see L. Delaporte, *Catalogue du Musée Guimet, Cylindres Orientaux [1909]*) > 156 seals



# Bibliothèque Nationale, Paris

- approx. 2,000 seals
  - L. Delaporte, *Catalogue des cylindres orientaux et des cachets assyro-babyloniens, perses et syro-cappadociens de la Bibliothèque nationale* (1910) > c. 600 seals
  - collection Seyrig (unpublished)



# Vorderasiatisches Museum

- more than 2,000 cylinder and stamp seals
- about half of this collection published in Moortgat (1940), *Vorderasiatische Rollsiegel* and Jakob-Rost (1975), *Die Stempelsiegel im Vorderasiatischen Museum*
- digitized by TOPOI
- no information about the remaining part (e.g., share of cylinder or stamp seals)



# Ashmolean Museum

- Briggs Buchanan, *Catalogue of Ancient Near Eastern Seals in the Ashmolean Museum* (1963)
  - > 1116 seals (including a selection of sealings)
- P. R. S. Moorey and O. R. Gurney, "Ancient Near Eastern Cylinder Seals Acquired by the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford 1963-1973", *Iraq* 40 (1978)
  - > 83 seals





# Bibel+Orient Museum, Fribourg

- 253 seals from former Peters collection
- + acquisitions (former collections Erlenmeyer, Marcopoli, Tabet etc.)
- in total 455 cylinder seals



Orbis Biblicus et Orientalis 200

Hildi Keel-Leu / Beatrice Teissier

**Die vorderasiatischen Rollsiegel  
der Sammlungen «Bibel+Orient»  
der Universität Freiburg Schweiz**

The Ancient Near Eastern Cylinder Seals  
of the Collections «Bible+Orient»  
of the University of Fribourg



Academic Press Fribourg  
Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht Göttingen

# Former "Kist" collection

- private collection of Joost Kist
- 442 seals catalogued (b/w photographs of modern impressions)
- no representation of the cylinder itself; no information on the drill hole
- now in the **Allard Pierson Museum**, Amsterdam



**101 Early Dynastic III.** Jumble of animals such as goats, moufflons jumping, walking, standing vertically on their fore-legs or lying at rest; three dots. The design is deeply cut, with fine hatching of the bodies.

Period II.

Serpentinite. 33x12.

Collon, 1987, No. 76 = Moortgat 1940, No. 127.



Ancient Near Eastern Seals  
from the Kist collection

*Three Millennia of Miniature Reliefs*

by  
Joost Kist

with assistance by Dominique Collon,  
Franz Wiggermann, and Geoffrey Tamar

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# Bible Lands Museum

- Approx. 3,000 seals
- in process of cataloguing
- collection established by Batya and Elie Borowski



# Former “Marcopoli” collection

- published by B. Teissier (1984), *Ancient Near Eastern cylinder seals from the Marcopoli collection*
- 719 seals catalogued (b/w photographs of modern impressions)
- now dispersed (some seals, e.g., were bought by the Bibel+Orient Museum)



# Pierpont Morgan Library, New York

- 1,157 seals published in E. Porada, *Corpus of Ancient Near Eastern Seals in North American Collections. I: The Collection of the Pierpont Morgan Library* (1948).
  - < collection of William Hayes Ward
  - + collection of Robert F. Kelley (1977)
  - + collection Jonathan P. Rosen (1986)
- 80-90 seals available for online view (manual rotating; 8 photos)
  - > too few to stitch together
- Searchable database (CORSAIR)  
1,185 entries



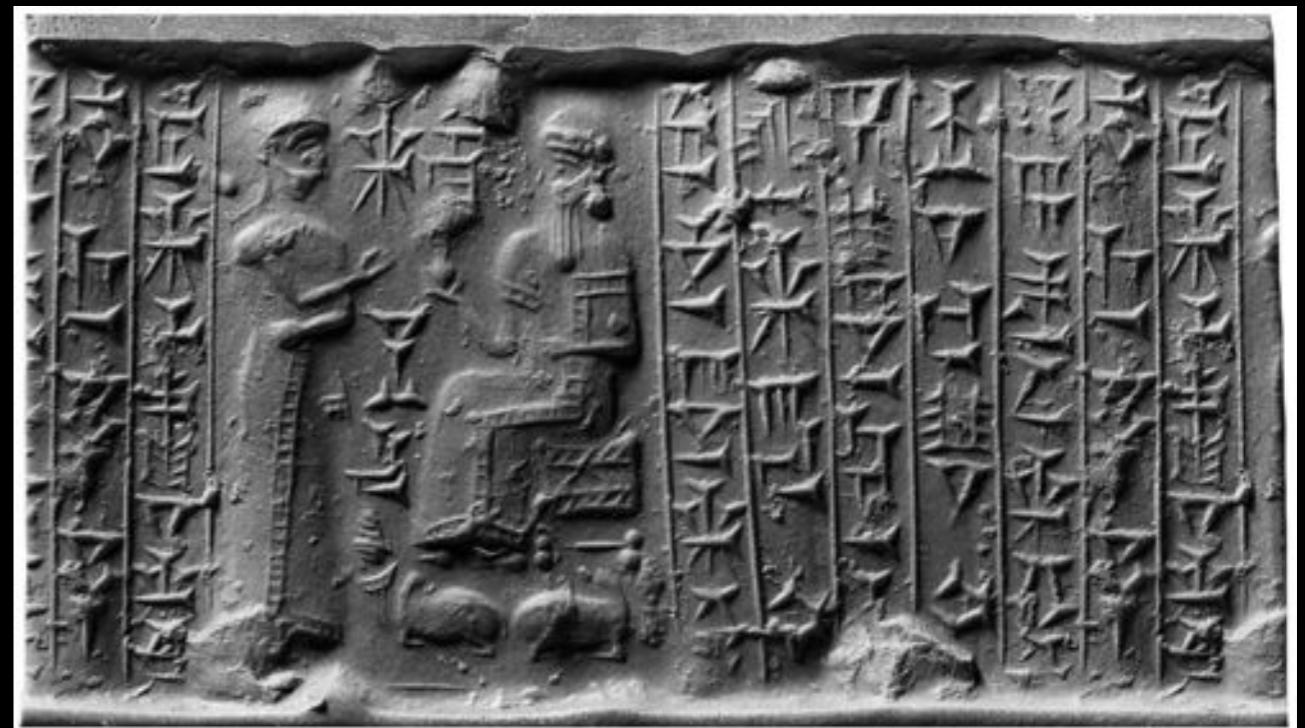
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Morgan Seal  
575

b/w photo of  
modern impression



# Yale Babylonian Collection, New Haven

- B. Buchanan, Early Near Eastern Seals in the Yale Babylonian Collection (1981)
- 1,286 seals and sealings
  - YBC
  - NBC
  - MLC
  - NCBS and NCBT

