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Alexander the Great’s Economic Revolution: Monetary Conventions in Northern Greece (Archaic-Hellenistic)  

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An analysis of monetary conventions in Northern Greece before Alexander the Great reveals three, contemporary yet distinct, monetary systems, in which poleis, koina, kings and ethne participated: the Milesian, the ‘Thrakomakedonian,’ and the Persian. I will employ Social Network Analysis theory, in order to examine the respective monetary networks’ development in conjunction with the region’s economic and political features. I will then show how critical Philip II and Alexander III’s initiative to integrate this region gradually into the Attic monetary system was in reshaping local markets and ultimately in assimilating this ‘multiple-mode’ Northern Greek monetary network into the new, nearly ‘globalised,’ Hellenistic economic market.  

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(Light lunch will be served)  

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