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**Local Economies and the Evidence of Bronze Coinage in the Seleukid Empire**

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Despite much recent and excellent work in analyzing and rationalizing the morass of contradictory and lacunose information our surviving sources have provided us, the Seleukid economy remains a complex and mysterious subject of research. Broad regional variability, the vast dimensions of the empire and the fluctuations of its control, as well as the piecemeal state of the evidence combine to make synthesis daunting. This paper attempts a fresh approach to the subject by focusing on local economic structures, emphasizing the numismatic evidence and tracing the production and dissemination of the less well-studied bronze coinages. Shifts in monetary output and changes to bronze types suggest Seleukid attempts to increase control over local economic autonomy and integration. Contextualizing the numismatic material with a variety of epigraphical and archaeological source materials, I aim to shed light on the complexity of the rural economy and the engagement between local, regional, and imperial economic structures. While our understanding of the Seleukid economy cannot be considered complete, most particularly in the east of the empire, I argue that the evidence as it stands suggests a world of deep interconnection and exchange.