Object: Aureus of Tiberius

Museum: Museum August Kestner
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Collection: Coins and medals

Inventory
number:

Description

The richness of images on Augustan coinage reduced considerably under Emperor Tiberius. Only one innovation can be noted in Tiberian times, if the interpretation is correct for some Tiberian coins with a female bust or female figure. These are supposed to represent Livia in the guise of the goddess Salus and the enthroned Pax, respectively. Livia died in 29 A.D. If the coin was minted before her death, then she was the first Roman woman to be depicted on coins during her lifetime. Before that, living women were never depicted on coins. It is certain that the younger Agrippina (15-59 AD), mother of Emperor Nero, was struck on coins during her lifetime (SV).

Detailed description

Vorderseite: Kopf des Tiberius nach rechts mit Lorbeerkranz. Rückseite: Thronende Göttin (Livia?) nach rechts sitzend mit Zepter und Zweig.

Basic data

Material/Technique: Gold

Measurements:

Events

Created When 14-37 CE

Who Tiberius (-42-37)

Where Lyon

Was depicted When (Actor)

Who Livia (-0058-29)

Where

Keywords

- Coin
- Empress
- Goddess
- Sceptre

Literature

• Berger, Frank (1991): Die antiken Goldmünzen im Kestner-Museum Hannover. Hannover, Seite 34 Nr. 83