The discoveries of this book do not seem to match the well-entrenched models that attribute the second period of urbanism to the late Northern Black Polished Ware period corresponding with the emergence of the Mauryan Empire. The origin or stimulus for this urbanism is either attributed to Achaemenid influence from the west or from socioeconomic and political developments in middle and lower Ganga. Similarly, the Kushana Empire is thought to have its stimulus from contact with the west and north, Iran and Central Asia, as well as the far-off Mediterranean with only minimal contributions from indigenous processes. The well-known literary evidence for the presence of indigenous polities, as well as earlier archaeological evidence for the presence of substantial settlements and local cultural traditions needs to be reevaluated. This chapter focuses on the Indus valley and discusses recent surveys and excavations conducted in Pakistan.