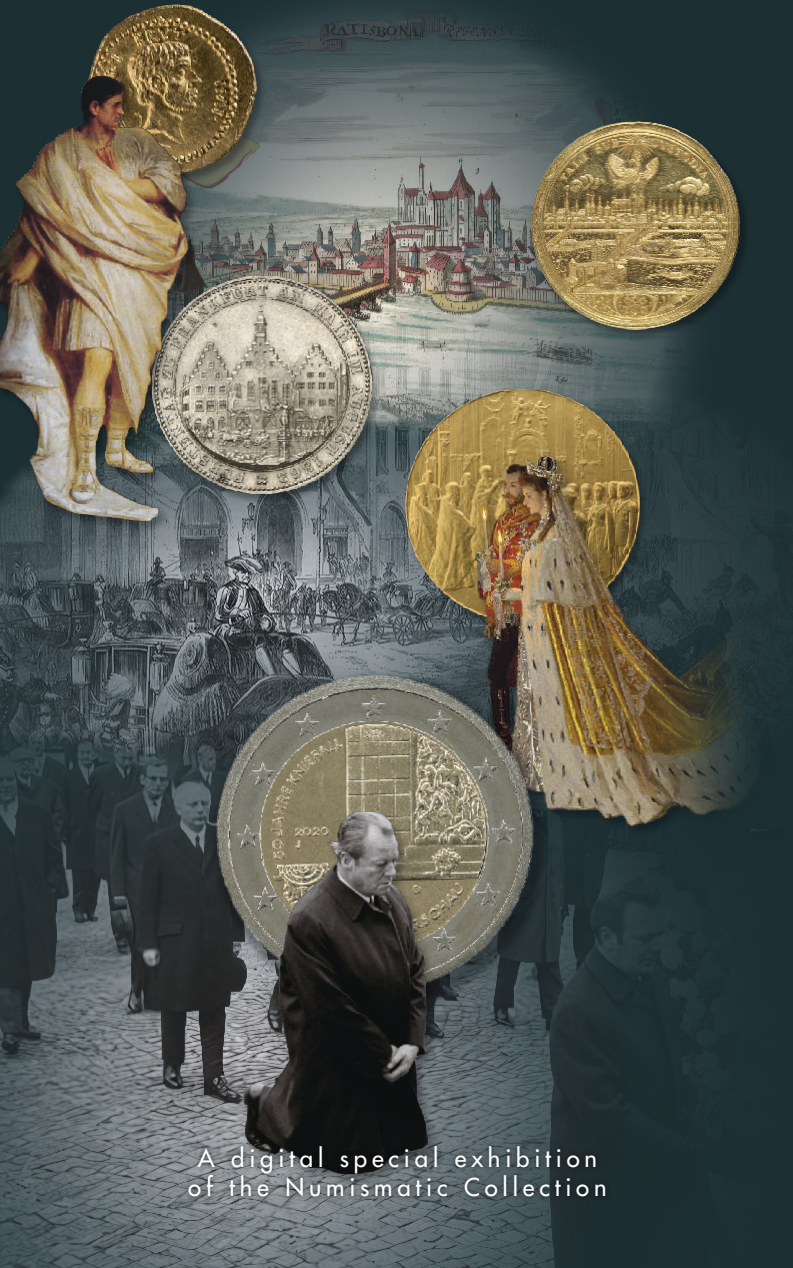


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Coins – little pieces of history that you can hold in your hands. Coins get passed from person to person, ending up in practically every pocket. The pictures and patterns adorning them are instantly recognizable.

In the days before daily newspapers, when there was no internet or television, life was not so full of images as it is today. Coins were everywhere; people paid more attention to them than they do nowadays.

Coins were – and still are – primarily a means of payment, but the images on them are never random. Using coins to spread a message was and is commonplace. A coin might pay tribute to a certain person or event, underline the splendour of a prince or celebrate a big achievement.

Yesterday's news is already today's history; and coins are the minted memories of that history. They are like witnesses from that time still telling their story. An impressive array of these minted memories can be found in the Bundesbank's acclaimed numismatic collection.

The digital special exhibition of the Numismatic Collection **"From Brutus to Brandt. Coins as eyewitness and testament to our past"** gives some of these witnesses to history the chance to tell their tale.

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