



VIKINGS: BEYOND BOUNDARIES

Archaeological Conference, Oslo 2–4 December 2015

Conference venue: Auditorium 1, Georg Sverdrups hus, Blindern, University of Oslo

Wednesday, 2 December

09.00-10.00 Registration

Opening session

- 10.00 Dagfinn Skre, University of Oslo: *Vikings: Beyond Boundaries. Introduction and perspectives*
- 10.30 Jan Bill, University of Oslo: *Vikings in the future*
- 11.00 Søren Sindbæk, Aarhus University: *Vikings – a global perspective*
- 11.20 Lunch

Session 1: Beyond boundaries (Chair: Brit Solli, NTNU)

- 12.20 Jon Gunnar Jørgensen, University of Oslo: *Strangers and foreign lands in the Old Norse literature and law-codes*
- 12.40 Judith Jesch, The University of Nottingham: *Scandinavians overseas - theories and cases*
- 13.00 Neil Price, Uppsala University: *Vikings and other politicians: diversity among the raiders*
- 13.20 Peter Heather, King's College London: *Empires and Barbarians, the 8th–11th-century case*
- 13.50 Discussion
- 14.10 Coffee break

Session 2: The East (Chair: Jón Viðar Sigurðsson, University of Oslo)

- 14.40 Johan Callmer: *Meeting diversity: Various kinds of interaction between different populations on the Eastern Way in the Late Vendel and Early Viking Periods*
- 15.00 Mats Roslund, Lund University: *Exchange and change on the boundary between the East and the West: a socio-cultural background for trade in 10th to 13th century Sigtuna*
- 15.20 Marek Jankowiak, University of Oxford: *Dirhams for slaves*
- 15.40 Discussion and short break
- 16.10 Marianne Vedeler, University of Oslo: *Silk for the Vikings*
- 16.30 Anna Wessman, University of Helsinki: *One of a kind? The significance of "Finland" during the Viking Age*
- 16.50 Nikolaj Makarov, Russian Academy of Sciences: *Vikings and the formation of the new identities and new centers of power in the Upper Volga region*
- 17.10-17.30 Discussion
- 19.00 Social program: Pizza night at Frokostkjelleren – pre ordered. The doors will be opened for non-paying conference participants at 20.30. Wine and beer for sale.

Thursday, 3 December

Session 2: The East (continues)

- 09.00 Hauke Jöns, Lower Saxony Institute for Historical Coastal Research, Wilhelmshaven, co-author Anna Kowalska, Nationalmuseum Szczecin: *Scandinavians on the southern Baltic coasts*
- 09.20 Marika Mägi, Tallinn University: *At the Crossroads: Eastern Baltic' role in the 8th-11th century long-distance communication*
- 09.40 Ingmar Jansson, Stockholm University: *Scandinavian settlement in the east - was it riverbound?*
- 10.00 Charlotte Hedenstierna-Jonson, Stockholm University: *Warriors in Birka and in The East*
- 10.20 Discussion

- 10.40 Coffee
- Session 3: The West** (Chair: Julie Lund, University of Oslo)
- 11.10 Gareth Williams, British Museum: *Meeting Kingdoms: Politics and societies in Britain and Ireland in the Viking Age*
- 11.30 James Barrett, University of Cambridge: *Viking diasporic economy as globalization? Subsistence, commodities, trade and identity*
- 11.50 Clare Downham, University of Liverpool: *Viking kings of Britain and Ireland*
- 12.10 Discussion
- 12.30 Lunch
- 13.30 Zanette Glørstad, University of Oslo: *Dissolving Viking identities*
- 13.50 Frida Espolin Norstein, Gothenburg University: *Funerary rituals and the creation of colonial identities in Viking Age northern Scotland*
- 14.10 Jane Kershaw, University College London: *Down the Generations: Maintaining Scandinavian Identities in England*
- 14.30 Stefan Olson, University of Bergen: *Hostages, Fosterages, and Intermarriages in Peace Agreements during the Viking Age: Examples from England and Iceland*
- 14.50 Discussion
- 15.10 Coffee
- 15.40 John Sheehan, University College Cork: *The use of silver in the British Isles and Ireland*
- 16.00 Stephen Harrison, University of Glasgow: *Viking Graves in Britain and Ireland. Diversity and Conformity*
- 16.20 Catrine Jarman, University of Bristol: *The evidence from mass graves in England*
- 16.40 Julian Richards, University of York (co-author Dawn Hadley, University of Sheffield): *The Viking winter camps - what happened there?*
- 17.00-17.20 Discussion
- 19.00 Social program: Tapas dinner at Frokostkjelleren – pre ordered. The doors will be opened for non-paying conference participants at 20.30. Wine and beer for sale.

Friday, 4 December

Session 4: The South (Chair: Hanne Lovise Aannestad, University of Oslo)

- 09.20 Maria Panum Baastrup, National Museum of Denmark: *Frankish items in the North - who brought and used them?*
- 09.40 Andres Minos Dobat, Aarhus University: *Kings beyond boundaries – The 'Stranger kings' of Viking Age Scandinavia*
- 10.00 Discussion
- 10.20 Coffee
- 10.50 Svein Gullbekk, University of Oslo: *The flow of German silver towards Scandinavia in the Ottonian and Salian periods (919-1124) – in the period c. 990 – 1020s*
- 11.10 Anne Pedersen, National Museum of Denmark: *Ottonian ideals materialised in Jelling?*
- 11.30 Discussion
- 11.50 Lunch
- 13.00 Sarah Croix, Aarhus University: *Ribe: first town of Scandinavia or last town of the continent? Challenged identities among the early medieval trading communities*
- 13.20 Unn Pedersen, University of Oslo: *Lead isotopes in Viking hands*
- 13.40 Discussion
- 14.00-14.30 Lotte Hedeager, University of Oslo: *Vikings from below*



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