



ViS

Centre for Viking Age Studies

The Viking Age as a Foreign Place

ViS-Conference 24.-26. November 2021

Tuesday 23.11 Pre-conference program, Foredragssalen, Historical Museum

19:00 Short presentations of Poster-exhibition for the public (in Norwegian)

Conference Program

Wednesday 24.11 Georg Sverdrups hus, Blindern

12:00-12:30 Registration
12:30-13:00 Welcome and opening of the ViS-conference

Session 1: Viking Age Narratives

13.00-13:10 Introduction by moderator Jan Bill
13:10-13:35 Another story: Returning to Oseberg,
Unn Pedersen
13:35-14:00 CREMATED TOGETHER – BURIED APART. The intricate composition of a grave – and
the past and present narratives it has given rise to,
Charlotte Hedenstierna-Jonson
14:00-14:25 Digging the Orkney Story,
Judith Jesch
14:25-14:50 Not like home: ‘Decolonising’ the Viking presence in Britain and the North Atlantic,
David Griffiths
14:50-15:15 Narrating and Negotiating Difference in the Insular Viking Age and its Long
Aftermath, c.AD 750–1300,
Russell Ó Ríagáin
15:15-15:30 Coffee Break

- 15:30-15:55 Memories of Malevolence: Viking Endeavor in the Later Medieval Saints' Lives of the Low Countries,
Christian Cooijmans
- 15:55-16:20 How foreign were the Vikings? A brief review of how what-caused-the-Viking-age-narratives mirror contemporary society,
Lars Erik Gjerpe
- 16:20-16:45 Narratives of Sacrifice,
Marianne Moen
- 16:45-17:10 Exotic TV Vikings: Casting an orientalisng gaze on the past,
Pragya Vohra

20:30 *Conference dinner at Festningen restaurant, Myntgata 9*

Thursday 25.11 Georg Sverdrups hus, Blindern

Session 2: Speaking Objects

- 9:00-9:10 Introduction by moderator Kristel Zilmer
- 9:10-9:35 Coinage and Identity in Viking England,
Gareth Williams
- 9:35-10:00 Interactions of Change: Pursuing 'Abbasid Coinage from the Caliphate to Northern Europe,
Sara Ann Knutson
- 10:00-10:25 Measuring trust in late Viking Age society,
Svein Gullbekk
- 10:25-10:45 Coffee break
- 10:45-11:10 Global trading during the Viking Age - from walrus ivory to Kufic coins,
Nadia Haupt, Claire Houmard and Ulla Odgaard
- 11:10-11:35 Secret Messages or Random Vandalism – Secondary Treatment of Viking Silver,
Gitte Ingvardson
- 11:35-12:00 From Monuments of the Dead to living communities,
Mari Arentz Østmo
- 12:00-13:00 Lunch
- 13:00-13:25 The Viking Age from Below: Narratives of Captivity, Enslavement, and Coercion,
Ben Raffield
- 13:25-13:50 Inscribed by Narrative: Heirlooms and Other Objects in the Viking Age,
Lesley Abrams
- 13:50-14:10 Coffee break

Session 3: Human-Environmental Interactions

- 14:10-14:20 Introduction by moderator Karoline Kjesrud.
- 14:20-14:45 The Fimbulwinter hypotheses – could they all be right?
Ingar Mørkestøl Gundersen

14:45-15:05 Volcanic Eruptions and their Impacts on Climate, Environment, and Viking Society in 500-1250 CE,
Kirstin Krüger, Manon Bajard, Eirik Ballo, Anna deBode, Evelien van Dijk, Helge Høeg, Kjetil Loftsgarden, Ingar Mørkestøl Gundersen, Michael Sigl, Anna Theresia Maria ter Schure, Sanne Boessenkool, Frode Iversen and the VIKINGS Team

Thursday 25.11 Foredragssalen, Historical Museum, Frederiks gate 3

17:30-19:00 Presentation of poster exhibition for Conference Participants and Tours to the exhibitions “Vikingr” and “Fabelaktige dyr” at the Historical Museum

Poster presentations:

Völva rediscovered? Expressions of magic, power and identity in a Viking Age grave, *Julie Westlye, Leszek Gardeta, Klaudia Karpińska*

From the Outside In? Countering Narratives of Viking ‘Expansion’, *Caitlin Ellis*

King Anlaf Guthfrithsson’s ‘~~Raven~~’ ‘Bird’ Coinage, *Johanne Porter*

“Linnaniemi” –necklace type from a new Perspective *Eeva Jonsson,*

‘Here terrible portents’: Climate Shocks in the Generation before the Viking Age, *Tenaya Jorgensen*

The Viking silver – A story of recycling? *Astrid Tvedte Kristoffersen*

"Hey, I got one of those DNA tests on my birthday. I am 10% Viking!" -"Cool, what kind of Viking are you then?" *Karolina Pallin*

Round or Square? Signaling ethnicity in the Viking Age and Early Middle Age, *Lisbeth Skogstrand*

Entanglements in the landscape: Analysing Icelandic turf houses and earthworks using ideas of Human Ecodynamics and Multispecies Archaeology, *Pablo Barruezo-Vaquero*

19:30-20:30 Pizza-evening in Foredragssalen in extension of the exhibition tours

Friday 26.11 Georg Sverdrups hus, Blindern

Session 3: Human-Environmental Interactions – continued

9:00-9:25 Change, Continuity, Sustainable Development: The Viking Age Environment in the Sagas of Icelanders,
Reinhard Hennig

9:25-9:50 New Paths in Old Mountains. Viking Age Landscape knowledge in medieval manuscripts,
Nora Kauffeldt

9:50-10:15 Combining historical, archaeological, linguistic, and ethnobotanical evidence to infer Viking-Age plant use,
Irene Teixidor-Toneu and Jade Jørgen Sandstedt

10:15-10:40 Cattle, cooperation, and the co-settlement of Iceland,
Harriet J. Evans-Tang and Karen Milek

10:40-11:00 Coffee break

- 11:00-11:25 Reindeer, people, and landscapes – on hunting and trapping in an age of transition,
Brit Solli
- 11:25-11:50 What's in a name? The Nordic personal names containing animal names,
Klaus Johan Myrvoll
- 11:50-12:15 Pulling the threads together. Overall considerations, *Anders Andrén*
- 12:15-12:30 Farewell and thank you