

Welcome to

THE VIKING WORLD: *Diversity and Change*



University of Nottingham 2016

Conference Timetable

**All events, apart from dinners
will take place in the
Sir Clive Granger Building**

Monday 27 June

08:00	Information and registration desk opens
08.00 – 09.00	Coffee
Morning	
08:50- 09:00	Welcome & Housekeeping Christina Lee, University of Nottingham
09:00 - 10:30	
Exploration and Advancement	
	Chair: Christina Lee, University of Nottingham
	1. An Evolutionary Anthropological Approach to the Origins of Viking Raiding Ben Raffield, Simon Fraser University Neil Price, University of Uppsala Mark Collard, Simon Fraser University
	2. Raiding and Crusading: The Vikings in Iberia According to the Scandinavian Sources. Edel Porter, Universidad de Castilla La Mancha
	3. Diversity Leadership: Strength in Compromise in the Viking World Shannon Lewis-Simpson, Memorial University
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee
11:00 - 12:30	Life and Death Chair: Judith Jesch, University of Nottingham
	1. Ship Burials and Royal Origin Myths in Viking Age Norway and Denmark Jan Bill, University of Oslo
	2. The Life of a Slave: Life Histories and Manners of Death, the Slave Graves of Viking-Age Scandinavia Anna Kjellström, University of Stockholm
	3. Come In, and Sit Down: Gesture, Posture and Movement as a Contribution to the Study of Domestic Social Space in <i>Íslendingasögur</i> Teva Vidal, University of Ottawa
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch

Afternoon
13:30 - 15:00

Language Contacts

Chair: Jayne Carroll, University of Nottingham
Transformations: Norse and Gaelic languages/Viking identities.
Roderick McDonald, University of Iceland
2. Ransacking the *wordhord*: the reassessment of purported English loanwords in Old Norse
Nikolas Gunn, University of York
3. The Old Norse Word *Lúðr*: A New Interpretation
Pierre-Brice Stahl, University of Paris Sorbonne

15:00 - 15:20

Coffee

15:20 - 16.50

Art and Visual Narratives

Chair: Roderick Dale, University College Cork
1. Finding the Vikings in Viking art: Makers, Patrons, Users, and Subjects
Nancy L. Wicker, University of Mississippi
2. Visual Narratives in the Viking World
Lilla Kopár, The Catholic University of America
3. Art and Cosmology in Viking Age Norway
Sæbjørg Walaker Nordeide, University of Bergen

16.50 - 17.15

Coffee & Poster Session

Presentations by: WorldTree Project, UCC Cork
Katherine Whitehouse, University of Nottingham
Nina Dworschak, Römisch-Germanische Kommission/ German Archaeological Institute
Jan Bill and Christian Rødsrud, Museum of Cultural History, University of Oslo
Mads Ravn, Vejle Museum
Vikings for Schools

Posters will be on display for the duration of the conference

17:15 - 18:30

Public event: Viking Facts in Fiction? How Much Research Does A Historical Novel Need?

Writers' Round Table

James Aitcheson, Justin Hill, Helen Hollick and Victoria Whitworth
Chaired by Matthew Welton, University of Nottingham

Evening
18:30

Welcome Address Professor Jeremy Gregory, PVC Arts Faculty
University of Nottingham

Public Lecture by Victoria Whitworth followed by
wine reception & book signing

20:00

**Dinner in Senate Chamber, Trent Building
(for conference delegates only)**

Tuesday 28 June

08:30	Information desk opens
Morning 09:00 - 10:30	Viking Law and Rule Chair: Edel Porter, Universidad de Castilla La Mancha 1. Viking Age Law Embedded in Eddic Poetry: What Was It and How Can It Be Dated? Anne-Irene Riisøy, Buskerud and Vestfold University College 2. Judicial Violence in the Viking Age Keith Ruiter, University of Aberdeen Steve Ashby, University of York 3. Imagination of Equity: Coming to Terms with Rulers in the Viking World Roland Scheel, University of Göttingen
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee
11:00 - 12:30	Names and Identities Chair: John Baker, University of Nottingham 1. Linguistic Diversity in the Viking World: Place-name Vocabulary in the Viking Diaspora Eleanor Rye, University of Nottingham 2. Viking Shielings in Northern Britain: <i>sætr</i> and <i>ærgi</i> names Ryan Foster, University of Edinburgh 3. The names Eystribygð and Vestribygð and Norse Greenland's relation to the Norse world Eldar Heide, University of Bergen
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch
Afternoon 13:30 - 14:30	Land and Sea Chair: Kevin Edwards, University of Aberdeen 1. Fishing and Settlement Patterns in Viking Age Iceland: a Geo-Archaeological Approach to Soil and Architectural Remnants. Val Dufeu 2. Medieval Anthropology and the Norse North Atlantic Dayanna Knight, The Viking Coloring Book Project
14:00 - 15:00	Coffee
15:00 - 16:30	Parents and Poetry Chair: Stephen Harrison, University of Glasgow 1. Skaldic Poetry and the Danish Dynasty Judith Jesch, University of Nottingham 2. Fathers and Sons: What <i>viðkenningar</i> can tell us about Viking Age Kinship Kate Heslop, University of California, Berkeley 3. Female Characters' Contributions to the Characterizations of Haraldr harðráði Megan Arnott, Western Michigan University
16:30 - 17:00	Break

17:00 - 18:30	Burying the Past Chair: Torun Zachrisson, University of Stockholm 1. Embedded in the Past? Site Reuse in Early Viking Age Britain and Ireland Stephen Harrison, University of Glasgow 2. 'Imbued with the Essence of the Owner': Personhood and Possessions in the Reopening and Reworking of Viking Age Burials Alison Klevnäs, University of Stockholm 3. The royal site of Jelling in Denmark - latest investigations and results from the Jelling-project Charlotta Lindblom, Vejle Museum
19:00	Dinner & Presentation from the 'Great British Viking Quest' /Oceans Project (Senate Chamber, Trent Building)
Wednesday 29 June	
08:30	Information desk opens
Morning 09:00 - 10:30	Sagas and Mythology Chair: Kate Heslop, University of California, Berkeley 1. <i>Dró ek djarfhött um døkkva skqr</i> : Transformation in Egill's <i>Arinbjarnarkviða</i> Eleni Ponirakis, University of Nottingham 2. Why Vafþrúðnir Did Not Have to Die John D. Shafer, University of Nottingham 3. Remembering 'Good Pagans' in the Early Christian Scandinavian World Alban Gautier, Université du Littoral Côte d'Opale
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee
11:00 - 12:30	Conversion and Kingship Chair: Chris Callow, University of Birmingham 1. Conversion to Christianity: Expectations of Transformation in the Overseas Settlements Lesley Abrams, Balliol College, University of Oxford 2. Transformation on the Borders: Christianization without Missionaries or Kings Margaret Cormack, College of Charleston 3. 'Sacral Kingship' in the North: A New Perspective Sophie Bønding, University of Aarhus
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch for those not on Excursion
Afternoon and Evening	12.30- onwards, Conference Excursion to Lincoln / Dinner at Lincoln Cathedral included (optional, limited numbers, packed lunches will be provided)

Thursday 30 June

08:30	Information desk opens
09:00 - 10:30	Cult and Burial Chair: Mads Ravn, Vejle Museum 1. Norse Cult Sites and Performance Alexandra Sanmark, University of the Highlands and Islands 2. Between Worlds and Across Borders: Burial Customs and Cultural Transformations in 8 th - 9 th Century Ribe Sarah Croix, University of Aarhus & Museums of South West Jutland 3. Gender and Burial Marianne Moen, University of Oslo
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee
11:00 - 12:30	Austrvegr Chair: Judith Jesch, University of Nottingham 1. Eastern Vikings in Arabic Sources Pórir Hraundal, University of Iceland 2. Scandinavians in Eastern Europe; from <i>Rus'</i> to <i>Varjag</i> Elena Melnikova, Russian Academy of Sciences 3. Cnut's Sea-Dominions, the 'East Way' and the 'Byzantine World' Jonathan Shepard, University of Oxford
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch
Afternoon	
13:30 - 15:00	Monuments and Memory Chair: Howard Williams, University of Chester 1. Pagan Conquerors to Christian Settlers: Religious Change and Burial Custom in Viking Age Isle of Man Dirk H. Steinforth 2. Monumental Decisions: Runic Monuments with Multiple Inscriptions in Denmark and Uppland Maja Bäckvall, Universities of Uppsala and Copenhagen 3. Early Christian Grave Monuments and Ecclesiastical Organisation in 11 th Century Sweden Cecilia Ljung, University of Stockholm
15:00 - 15:30	Coffee
15:30 - 16:30	Trade Routes of the Viking Age Chair: Pórir Hraundal, University of Iceland 1. The Gate to Svithiod: Traces of Viking Age in and around the Island of Stockholm Torun Zachrisson, University of Stockholm 2. Where Routes Met: Archaeological Indications of Contacts between Scandinavia and the Trade Routes in Central Asia during the Viking-Age Charlotte Hedenstierna-Jonson, Swedish History Museum and University of Uppsala

16:30 - 17:30	Carved in Stone Chair: Nancy Wicker, University of Mississippi 1. Technologies for Transformation: Smiths on Stones Howard Williams, University of Chester 2. Stone, Style and Salvation: Ecclesiastic Sculpture in the Early Medieval Insular Heidi Stoner, University of York
17:30 - 17:45	Break
17:45 - 18:45	Disease and Diaspora Chair: Christina Lee, University of Nottingham 1. The Viking Period - a Multifaceted Era! Caroline Ahlström Arcini, National Historical Museum, Lund 2. A Conceptual Approach to Infectious Disease in Old English and Old Norse Charms Stefanie Künzel, University of Nottingham
19:30	BBQ (Ancaster Hall)
Friday 1 July	
Morning 09:30 - 10:30	Contacts and Continuity Chair: Sæbjørg Walaker Nordeide, University of Bergen 1. Transforming Traditions? Scandinavian Manuscript Runes in the Middle Ages Aya Van Renterghem, University of Nottingham 2. Long-Distance Cultural Contacts and Names: Onomastic Studies in Bergen, Norway Elisabeth Magin, University of Nottingham
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee
11:00 - 12:00	Rus and Religion Chair: Gareth Williams, The British Museum 1. Rus' Raiding in the Caspian Region and the Norman Theory Vusala Afandiyeva, Azerbaijan University of Languages and Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences 2. Norse Beliefs in Viking Age Poland: Objects, Symbols and Identities Leszek Gardeła, University of Rzeszów
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch
Afternoon 13:00 - 14:00	Progression of Resource Chair: Jan Bill, Museum of Cultural History, University of Oslo 1. Hidden Treasures: Deposited Precious Metal as a Resource on the Island of Gotland (Sweden) during the Viking Age Janina Dieckmann, University of Tübingen 2. The Cottingham Font: An Example of the 9 th Century Conversions in England Christopher Ferguson, Auckland Castle Trust Andrew Ferrara, Auckland Castle Trust
14:00 - 15:00	Coffee

15:00 - 16:30	Trade and Traditions Chair: Charlotte Hedenstierna-Jonson, Swedish History Museum and University of Uppsala 1. Salt and the Earliest Viking Raids in France: Was there a Connection? Stephen Lewis, Bayonne, France 2. Exploring the Great Beyond: Outlands and the Beginnings of the Viking Age Andreas Hennius, University of Uppsala 3. Scandinavian Embroidery and its Influence in Early Medieval England Alexander Lester- Makin, University of Manchester
16:30 - 16:45	Break
16:45 - 17:45	Gareth Williams, The British Museum Chaired by James Graham-Campbell, UCL
Evening 18:30 for 19:00	Conference Dinner & Ceilidh in Great Hall/Trent (optional)

Saturday 2 July

08:30	Information desk opens
Morning 09:30 - 11:00	Power and Succession Chair: Lesley Abrams, Balliol College, University of Oxford 1. The Danish Dynasty in Hedeby: Manifestation of Power on the Frontier Jörn Staecker, University of Tübingen 2. Edmund Ironside: The Forgotten King of 1016 Heather Flack, University of Leicester 3. <i>Thegns</i> in the Danelaw: a case for Scandinavian Usage of the Term in 10-11 th Century England Denis Sukhino-Khomenko, Moscow University
11:00 - 11:30	Coffee
11:30 - 12:30	The Vikings in Ireland and Beyond Chair: Frog, University of Helsinki 1. Norse Stories and a Battle in Ireland: Revisiting Sources Rosemary Power, CAMPS, National University of Ireland, Galway 2. 'Turn and Face the Strange': Changing Regional Ethnic Identities of Vikings along the Scottish and Irish Sea Coasts Danica Ramsey-Brimberg, University of Liverpool
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch
13:30 - 15:00	Studying the Vikings Chair:

1. 'Through a Glass Darkly' Inspiration and Exploration from Fictional Narratives of the Viking Age
Justin Hill, Sheffield Hallam University
2. The Viking Phenomenon: A Ten- Year Research Programme
Neil Price, University of Uppsala
3. The World-Tree Project: A Teaching Resource for the Study of the Vikings
Roderick Dale, University College Cork

15:00 - 15:30 **Coffee**

15:30 - 16:30 **Between Myth and Reality**
Chair: Alexandra Sanmark, University of the Highlands and Islands
1. Viking Age Shields: Intersections between Life, Death and Myth
Kerstin O. Näverskold, University of Stockholm
2. From Spirits to Short People, or What Does a Dwarf Look Like?
Ugnius Mikučionis, University of Bergen

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