

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 Ruitter, 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: *sætr* and *ærgi* names

Ryan Foster, University of Edinburgh

3. The names Eysribygð 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 *viðkenningar* 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 - 18:00

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. 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. *Dró ek djarfhøtt um dökkva skor*: Transformation in Egill's *Arinbjarnarkviða*

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 8th- 9th 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
Þórir Hraundal, University of Iceland
 2. Scandinavians in Eastern Europe; from *Rus'* to *Varjag*
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 11th Century Sweden
Cecilia Ljung, University of Stockholm
- 15:00 - 15:30** **Coffee**
- 15:30 - 16:30** **Trade Routes of the Viking Age**
Chair: Þórir 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 Gardela, 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 9th 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

Authority, ideology and economics: Conflicting or complementary drivers for change in the Viking Age?

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. *Thegns* in the Danelaw: a case for Scandinavian Usage of the Term in 10-11th 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. Näversköld, University of Stockholm

2. From Spirits to Short People, or What Does a Dwarf Look Like?

Ugnius Mikučionis, University of Bergen

- Close -

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