Welcome to

THE VIKING WORLD: Diversity and Change

University of Nottingham 2016

Conference Timetable
All events, apart from dinners and early bird registration, will take place in the
Sir Clive Granger Building

Sunday 26 June

16:00 - 18:00  Early Bird Registration (Ancaster Hall)

Monday 27 June

08:00 - 12:00  Registration

Morning

08:50 - 09:00  Welcome & Housekeeping
                      Christina Lee, University of Nottingham

09:00 - 10:30  Exploration and Advancement

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

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 Íslendingasögur
   Teva Vidal, University of Ottawa

12:30 - 13:30  Lunch

Afternoon

13:30 - 15:00  Language Contacts

1. Transformations: Norse Languages/Viking Identities in Ireland and Scotland
   Roderick McDonald, University of Iceland

2. Ransacking the Wordhord: The Reassessment of Purported English Loanwords in Old West Norse
   Nikolas Gunn, University of York

3. The Old Norse Word Lúðr: A New Interpretation
   Pierre-Brice Stahl, University of Paris Sorbonne
15:00 - 15:30 Coffee

15:30 - 17:00 Art and Visual Narratives
1. Finding the Vikings in Viking Art: A “whodunit” Mystery
   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

17:00 - 18:15 Poster Session
Presentations by: WorldTree Project, UCC Cork
Katherine Whitehouse, University of Nottingham
Nina Dworschak, Römisch-Germanische Kommission/ German Archaeological Institute
Helene Wilhelmson, Lund University
Jan Bill, Museum of Cultural History, Oslo
Mads Ravn, Vejle Museum

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
18:15 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 Ancaster Hall (for conference delegates only)

Tuesday 28 June

08:00 - 10:00 Registration

Morning
09:00 - 10:30 Viking Law and Rule
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
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 Name Eystribygð 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
   Val Dufeu
2. Medieval Anthropology and the Norse North Atlantic
   Dayanna Knight, The Viking Coloring Book Project

14:00 - 15:00  Coffee

15:00 - 16:00  Parents and Poetry
1. Skaldic Poetry and the Danish Dynasty
   Judith Jesch, University of Nottingham
2. Fathers and Sons: What víðkenningar can tell us about Viking Age Kinship
   Kate Heslop, University of California, Berkeley

16:00 - 17:00  Characteristics of Kingship
1. ‘En Konur ungur kunni rúnar’: The Role and Value of Supernatural Wisdom for the Old Nordic Social Order
   Anna Solovyeva, University of Iceland
2. Female Characters’ Contributions to the Characterizations of Haraldr hardráði
   Megan Arnott, Western Michigan University

17:00 - 17:15  Break

17:15 - 18:45  Burying the Past
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

Wednesday 29 June

08:00 - 10:00  Registration
Morning
09:00 - 10:30  Sagas and Mythology
1. Dró ek djarfhótt um døkkva skør: Transformation in Egill’s Arinbjarnarkviða
   Eleni Ponirakis, University of Nottingham
2. Why Vafþrúðnir Did Not Have to Die
   John D. Shafer, University of Nottingham
   Alban Gautier, Université du Littoral Côte d’Opale

10:30 - 11:00  Coffee
11:00 - 12:30 Conversion and Kingship
1. Conversion to Christianity
   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 Early Medieval Scandinavia: New Consideration
   Sophie Bønding, University of Aarhus

12:30 - 13:30  Lunch

Afternoon and Evening
13:00- onwards, Conference Excursion to Lincoln/ Dinner at Lincoln Cathedral included (optional, limited numbers)

Thursday 30 June

08:00 - 10:00  Registration

09:00 - 10:30  Cult and Burial
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

11:00 - 12:30  Austrvegr
1. Eastern Vikings in Arabic Sources
   Þórir Hraundal, University of Iceland
2. Scandinavians in Eastern Europe; from Rus’ to Varjavag
   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
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
   Cecilia Ljung, University of Stockholm

15:00 - 15:30 Coffee

15:30 - 16:30 Trade Routes of the Viking Age
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
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
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

19:00 Dinner & Presentation from the 'Great British Viking Quest' /Ocean’s Project (Ancaster Hall)

Friday 1 July

Morning 09:00 - 10:30 Contacts and Continuity
1. A Rune-Inscribed Bracteate from Wapno (Western Poland) and Its Anthropo-Linguistic Context
   Jacek Mianowski, Kazimierz Wielki University
2. Transforming Traditions? Scandinavian Manuscript Runes in the Middle Ages
   Aya Van Renterghem, University of Nottingham
3. Long-Distance Cultural Contacts and Names: Onomastic Studies in Bergen, Norway
   Elisabeth Magin, University of Nottingham

10:30 - 11:00 Coffee
11:00 - 12:30 Vikings in the Baltic and Poland
1. Scandinavians in the Viking Age Eastern Baltic: Cultural Encounter and Social Transformations
   Andris Šnē, University of Latvia
2. Norse Beliefs in Viking Age Poland: Objects, Symbols and Identities
   Leszek Gardela, University of Rzeszów
3. The Interpretation of the Objects Decorated in the Borre Style from Poland
   Błażej Stanisławski, Polish Academy of Science

12:30 - 13:30 Lunch

Afternoon
13:30 - 15:00 Progression of Resource
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
3. Same, Same but Different: Vikings and Anglo-Saxons
   Amanda Wuopio, University of Uppsala

15:00 - 15:30 Coffee

15:30 - 17:00 Trade and Traditions
1. Salty Vikings: Salt and the Early Scandinavian Raids in France, 799-843 A.D.
   Stephen Lewis
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

17:00 - 18:00 Gareth Williams, The British Museum

Evening
18:30 for 19:00 Conference Dinner & Ceilidh in Great Hall/Trent (optional)

Saturday 2 July

Morning
09:00 - 10:30 Power and Succession
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
10:30 - 11:00  
Coffee

11:00 - 12:30  
The Vikings in Ireland and Beyond
1. Norse Stories and a Battle in Ireland: Revisiting Sources
   Rosemary Power, CAMPS, National University of Ireland, Galway
2. Lucas Revisited: A Statistical Analysis of Raids on Irish Monasteries and Churches in Ulster
   Mark E. Hall, Bureau of Land Management
3. 'Turn and Face the Strange': Changing Regional Ethnic Identities of Vikings along the Scottish and Irish Sea Coasts
   Danica Ramsey-Brimberg

12:30 - 13:30  
Lunch

13:30 - 15:00  
Studying the Vikings
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 - 17:00  
Between Myth and Reality
1. Viking Age Shields: Intersections between Life, Death and Myth
   Kerstin O. Näversköld, University of Stockholm
2. Rus’ Raiding in the Caspian Region and the Norman Theory
   Vusala Afandiyeva, Azerbaijan University of Languages and Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences
3. From Spirits to Short People, or What Does a Dwarf Look Like?
   Ugnius Mikučionis, University of Bergen

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