

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 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

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 *Eystribyggð* 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

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 - 16:00

Parents and Poetry

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

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 *harðráði*
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 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

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
Pórir 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

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

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 Anthro-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 Gardęła, 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 Henniuss, 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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