

The 17th Annual Midlands Viking Symposium

Saturday 17 May 2025

Senate Chamber, Trent Building

University of Nottingham

10.00–10.30 Arrival, Welcome and Registration – Refreshments will be provided.

10.30–12.00 Session One

10.30–11.00 Francesca Squitieri (University of Nottingham) – The Boundaries of the Body: Fáfnir the Dragon in *Völsunga saga*.

11.00–11.30 Jasmin Higgs (University of Nottingham) – Determining the Functions of the Pre-Old English Runic Inscriptions.

11.30–12.00 Prof. Clare Downham (University of Liverpool) – The Siege of Chester and the Date of the Fragmentary Annals of Ireland.

12.00–1.30 Lunch

We encourage you to browse the bookstalls from The English Place-Name Society, Brepols, Bookwise and James Aitcheson, and the stall from Blueaxe Reproductions.

1.30–3.00 Session Two

1.30–2.00 The Body-Politics Project (University of Leicester) – Panel Discussion.

2.00–3.00 Dr Kevin Kay (University of Leicester) – Gaards! Gaards! A game about living together in the Viking Age.

3.00–3.30 Afternoon Break - Refreshments will be provided.

3.30–5.00 Session Three

3.30–4.00 Adam Parsons (Blueaxe Reproductions) – Traces of the Grand Army.

4.00–5.00 Dr James Aitcheson (Author of *The Harrowing* and *The Conquest* series) – Writing the Vikings: A Creative Writing Workshop.

