



December 12 – University Library, Blindern Campus, University of Oslo:

11.00-12.00 Registration at the University Library

Opening session

12.00-12.15 Conference opening
Official opening of the conference by Svein Stølen, Rector of the University of Oslo
Conference information by Zanette T. Glørstad, leader of the ViS-group

12.15-13.00 Key Note:
Theoretical and comparative perspectives on the archaeology of warfare, violence and society
Helle Vandkilde

13.00-13.15 Coffee break

Session 1: Poetry, myths and materiality of violence

Moderator: Julie Lund

13.15-13.40 Realm of the *rógnaðr*: Swords as snakes on the Viking battlefield
Sue Brunning

13.40-14.05 Understanding *berserksgangr* and performative rage in the Viking Age warband
Roderick Dale

14.05-14.30 The sharp and the sacred – considering the symbolic use of whetting stones
Mads Dengsø Jessen

14.30-14.55 The superpowers of the Viking longship – myth or reality?
Jan Bill

14.50-15.10 Coffee break

- 15.15-15.40 Weaving war – weapons and war-metaphors in the tapestries from Oseberg
Marianne Vedeler
- 15.40-16.05 Fabrics of War
Eva Andersson Strand
- 16.05 – 16.30 Within four walls: Personhood and domestic violence in the Viking Age
Marianne Hem Eriksen
- 16.30-17.00 Pecha Kucha 3 x 6,40 minutes:
- 1) Weapons in Legal Rituals: Poetry, Ritual – and Reality?
Anne Irene Risøy
- 2) The Avaldsnes fortification
Mari Arentz Østmo
- 3) Cryptic runes and secret communication
Jonas Nordby
- 19.00 Pizza-night at “Frokostkjelleren”, University of Oslo, Oslo centre.**

December 13 – University Library, Blindern Campus, University of Oslo:

Session 2: Landscapes of conflict
Moderator: Unn Pedersen

- 8.30-9.00 The beginning of the Viking Age in the West
Dagfinn Skre
- 9.00-9.25 Conflict zones in Scandinavia 500-1250 CE
Frode Iversen
- 9.25-9.50 Fires over England – sources for and functions of Viking-age signaling
Stuart Brookes
- 9.50-10.15 A new look on the Viking Great Army in England and the Repton Winter camp
Cat Jarman
- 10.15-10.35 Coffee Break**
- 10.35-11.00 Quantitative Information on Warfare in the Irish Annals, 794-1169
Poul Holm, Richard Breen, Tenaya Jorgensen and Francis Ludlow
- 11.00-11.25 Norse and Picts in Skye and the Western Isles: Revisited from a landscape archaeology perspective
Joseph Thomas Ryder
- 11.25-11.50 Of the Danish king's arrogance and the emperor's castle – Insight into the Franco-Danish conflicts of the early 9th century
Thorsten Lemm
- 12.00-13.15. Lunch at Fredrikke, Blindern Campus**

Session 2: Landscapes of conflict – cont.

Moderator: Svein Gullbekk

- 13.15-13.40 Down by the River: Reassessing Viking Encampment across the Frankish Realm
Christian Cooijmans
- 13.40-14.05 Rune carvers in campaigns
Laila Kitzler Åhfeldt
- 14.05-14.30 Methods of hiring Viking mercenaries along the *Austrvegr*
Csete Katona
- 14.30-14.50 Coffee Break**

Session 3: Violence, identities and communities

Moderator: Bjørn Bandlien

- 14.50-15.15 Women at war – reflections on Birka grave 581, and its possible implications
Charlotte Hedenstierna-Jonson
- 15.15-15.40 Women and Weapons in Viking Age Norway
Leszek Gardela
- 15.40-16.05 Women, war and words
Judith Jesch
- 16.05-16.25 Coffee break**
- 16.25-16.50 Gendered differences, or social similarities?
Marianne Moen
- 16.50-17.15 Judicial Violence and Social Negotiation in the Viking Age
Keith Ruitter
- 19.30: Conference dinner for all attendees registered for dinner, at Südøst Restaurant**

December 14 – University Library, Blindern Campus, University of Oslo:

Session 4: Politics and reception of Viking warfare – past and present

Moderator: Steinar Solheim

- 9.00-9.25 War and diplomacy as complimentary strategies: theoretical considerations
Iver B. Neumann
- 9.25-9.50 Great Heathen Armies: the Viking threat as a stimulus to the development of 'state' warfare in late 9th-century England.
Gareth Williams
- 9.50–10.15 Archaic martial traditions in high medieval Scandinavia
Beñat Elortza Larrea
- 10.15-10.35 Coffee break**

- 10.35–11.00 Ancient Violence / Modern Violence: The Negative Legacy of the Viking Age
Donald Burke
- 11.00-11.25 The Beautification of Viking Symbolism in Political Identity
Karoline Kjesrud
- 11.25-12.00 Closing discussion
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