



Tværfaglige Vikingsymposier

Call for papers: Travelling Viking Age

40. Tværfaglige Vikingsymposium – 40th Interdisciplinary Viking Symposium

3. May 2023

University of Southern Denmark, Odense

The theme of the symposium is *Travelling Viking Age*. The concept of *travelling* is closely connected to the history and research of the Viking Age, and it is widely known from written sources such as Ottar's and Wulfstan's travel descriptions as well as Saga-texts and early chroniclers such as Saxo or Adam of Bremen.

In this symposium we want to broaden the concept of travelling considerably and in addition to travelling of people we want to address infrastructures related to sea- and land-travel as well as travelling objects and resources, travelling of thoughts, ideology, language, and literature as well as concepts of organising society in a broader sense in early urbanity including systems of taxations and coinage etc. All concepts and approaches, however, from an overarching perspective on travel and the dynamism inherent in this concept.

This symposium invites presentations that explore these and other themes in Viking Age research. The theme encompasses all periods, genres and disciplines (archaeology, history, place name studies, religion, aDNA-studies, metallurgy, Runes etc). Papers on open topics may also be considered.

The 40th Interdisciplinary Viking Symposium will be held on Wednesday, May 3rd, 2023, at University of Southern Denmark, Odense. Specially invited guests as well as called proposals will focus on the latest Viking Age discoveries in presentations of 20-30 minutes. Presentations are 15-25 minutes in length and will be grouped into 3-paper sessions of one and a half hour. Please allow 3 to 5 minutes for questions and discussion. All presentations will be held in a room with audio-visual and computer equipment. Abstracts should be no more than 500 words. Papers should be in English.

Abstracts can be submitted until the 1 February 2023 to the organisers at: jh@svendborgmuseum.dk. Please note that the deadline of 1 February is necessary to allow time for the reviewing process and will not be extended. Proposals must be submitted as titles and abstracts. Upon submittal, proposals will be evaluated "blindly" by members of the Interdisciplinary Viking Symposium Board. Decisions regarding which proposals are accepted will be announced by mid-February 2023.

Presentations will be published in peer-reviewed format through the Interdisciplinary Viking Symposium series. It should be noted that submissions for publication are subject to a strict deadline. Questions or problems relating to the submission of proposals may be directed to the organisers via:

jh@svendborgmuseum.dk or thee@sdu.dk

Kind regards,

Thomas Heebøll-Holm and Jesper Hansen (organisers)