Ancient Centres, Special Economic Zones and – Restart!
New Aspects of Viking Age Urbanism, c. 750-1100

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

All presentations of the conference will be given in the Lecture Room of the National Historical Museum (floor 1)

Wednesday, 2013-04-17

17:00 Registration

PUBLIC EVENING LECTURE

18:00 Welcome
Charlotte Hedenstierna-Jonson, National Historical Museum

18:15 – 19:15 Urban Vikings in Birka and Hedeby. The Investigation of two major Centers of the Viking World
Björn Ambrosiani, formally Swedish National Heritage Board
Sven Kalmring, Center for Baltic and Scandinavian Archaeology

Thursday, 2013-04-18

VIKING AGE URBANISM AT LAKE MÄLAREN AND THE SCHLEI FJORD

09:00 Registration and Morning Coffee

09:15 Welcome
Fredrik Svanberg, National Historical Museum

Introduction and Conference aim
Lena Holmquist, Section Archaeological Research Laboratory, Stockholm University

BIRKA SESSION

09:30 The Spaces and Places of the Birka construct
Charlotte Hedenstierna-Jonson, National Historical Museum

10:00 Elites, Networks and Finnish Connections
Ingrid Gustin, Department of Archaeology and Ancient History, Lunds University

10:30 Questions and Short Discussion
HEDEBY SESSION

10:40  
**Hedebay – aspects of plots and town layout of the emporium**  
Joachim Schultze, Archaeological State Museum, Schleswig-Holstein State Museums Trust

11:10  
**Hedeby’s fall in the late Viking age and the shift to Schleswig**  
Volker Hilberg, Archaeological State Museum, Schleswig-Holstein State Museums Trust

11:40  
**Questions and Short Discussion**

11:50 – 13:15  
LUNCH BREAK

GAMLA UPPSALA SESSION

13:15  
**Gamla Uppsala: The largest excavation ever (Ostkustbanan-project)**  
Lena Beronius, Archaeological Excavations Department, Swedish National Heritage Board

13:45  
**Power and Jurisdiction. Gamla Uppsala according to Written Sources and Archaeology.**  
Alexandra Sanmark, Centre for Nordic Studies, University of the Highlands and Islands

14:15  
**Questions and Short Discussion**

FÜSING & HUSBY SESSION

14:25  
**Füsing, Kosel, Schuby: Settlements at the Inner Schlei Fjord – A comparison**  
Andres Dobat, Section for Prehistoric Archaeology, Aarhus University

14:55  
**Husby and the Chamber grave/Equestrian burial-horizon in Anglia**  
Thorsten Lemm, Archaeological State Museum, Schleswig-Holstein State Museums Trust

15:25  
**Questions and Short Discussion**

15:35 – 16:00  
COFFEE BREAK
SIGTUNA SESSION

16:00  
*Sigtuna: The Royal and the Christian Town and the regional perspective c. 970-1100*  
Sten Tesch, formally Sigtuna Museum

16:30  
*Sigtuna and excavations at the Urmakaren and Trädgårdsmästaren sites*  
Jonas Ros, Stiftelsen Kulturmiljövård Mälardalen

17:00  
Questions and Short Discussion

SCHLESWIG SESSION

17:10  
*The Harbour Area of Schleswig: a Place of Major Significance for the Emergence of the Town?*  
Felix Rösch, Institute of Pre- and Protohistoric Archaeology, Kiel University

17:40  
*Medieval Viking Age and Viking Middle Ages – Schleswig between Tradition and Innovation*  
Michaela Schimmer, Institute of Pre- and Protohistoric Archaeology, Kiel University

18:10  
Questions and Short Discussion

SYNTHESIS

18:20  
*Viking age urbanism at lake Mälaren and the Schlei fjord*  
Fredrik Svanberg, National Historical Museum

18:45  
RECEPTION IN THE GULDRUMMET OF THE NATIONAL HISTORICAL MUSEUM  
– Basement

Friday, 2013-04-19

EARLY MEDIEVAL URBANISM. TOWN LAYOUTS AND CENTRAL-SITE FUNCTIONS OF CONTEMPORANEOUS SUPERREGIONAL CENTERS

09:00  
Meeting up and Morning Coffee

WESTERN EUROPE SESSION

09:30  
*Winchester and Hamwic: the Chicken and the Egg*  
Martin Biddle, Hertford College, University of Oxford

10:00  
Questions and Short Discussion
10:10  
*Cologne and Aachen*
Sebastian Ristow, Archaeological Institute, University of Cologne

10:40  
Questions and Short Discussion

**CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE SESSION**

10:50  
*Rjurikowo Gorodischtsche and Nowgorod*
Evgenij N. Nosov, History of Material Culture, Russian Academy of Sciences

11:20  
Questions and Short Discussion

11:30  
*Prague: Hradschin and Suburbium*
Jana Marikova-Kubkova, Institute of Archaeology, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic

12:00  
Questions and Short Discussion

12:10 – 13:30  
LUNCH BREAK

**POSTER SESSION**

13:30-14:30  
Poster Session “New Aspects of Viking Age Urbanism” – with Coffee Serving

**SOUTHERN EUROPE AND MIDDLE EAST SESSION**

14:30  
*Constantinople in the Early Middle Ages*
Jesper Blid Kullberg, Section Classical Archaeology and Ancient History, Stockholm University

15:00  
Questions and Short Discussion

15:10  
*Abbasid Baghdad (Madinat as-Salām) and Samarra*
Andrew Petersen, School of Archaeology, History and Anthropology, University of Wales

15:40  
Questions and Short Discussion

**SYNTHESIS**

15:50  
*Early Medieval Urbanism. Town layouts and central-site Functions of Contemporaneous Superregional Centers*
Lars Jørgensen, National Museum of Denmark
18:00 CONFERENCE DINNER IN THE LIONS HALLWAY OF THE NATIONAL HISTORICAL MUSEUM—floor 1 (Registration required)

Saturday, 2013-04-20

POST-CONFERENCE EXCURSION TO GAMLA UPPSALA (Registration required)

09:00 Departure Main Entrance of the National Historical Museum, Naravägen 13–17
12:00 Lunch at Restaurant Odinsborg (125 SEK, at own expense)
15:00 Stop at Arlanda Airport on Retour
16:00 Arrival at the National Historical Museum