

# VIKING WOMEN SEMINAR

SOCIAL, CULTURAL AND POLITICAL ROLES OF WOMEN IN MEDIEVAL NORTH

MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup> 2018

UNIVERSITY OF SILESIA, FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, UL. BANKOWA 11, 40-007  
KATOWICE, POLAND

THE AIM OF THE SEMINAR IS TO GATHER SPECIALISTS OF VARIOUS DISCIPLINES WHO, FROM DIFFERENT ANGLES AND USING DIFFERENT KINDS OF DATA, CAN SUPPLEMENT OUR KNOWLEDGE ON POSITION OF WOMEN IN SCANDINAVIAN MEDIEVAL SOCIETY AND VARIOUS ROLES/FUNCTIONS THEY WERE UNDERTAKING. REEVALUATION OF PREVIOUS VIEWS AND NEW STUDIES OF EVERYDAY CULTURE, BURIAL CUSTOMS, LEGAL ASPECTS, LOCAL AND REGIONAL MEMORIA IN VIKING AGE AND MEDIEVAL SCANDINAVIA PROVOKE TO DISCUSS AGAIN THESE INTRIGUING AND UNDOUBTEDLY IMPORTANT TOPICS.

## PROGRAMME

9:00 OPENING

9:15 – 10:45

ALEXANDRA SANMARK: *STRONG-WILLED OR PASSIVE? THE DEPICTION OF VIKING AGE WOMEN IN RECENT RESEARCH*

ANNE IRENE RIISØY: *VIKING LADIES IN LEGAL ACTION*

JOANNA SHROLEC-SKÓRZEWSKA: *STEINVÖR SIGHVATSDÓTTIR AND GRÓA ODDSDÓTTIR, WOMEN WHO NEGOTIATE AND WIN*

10:45 – 11:00 BREAK

11:00 – 12:30

CHARLOTTE HEDENSTIERNA-JONSON: *ACTIVE MEN AND EMBLEMATIZING WOMEN*

ANNA KJELLSTRÖM: *HEALTH AND GENDER IN URBAN AND RURAL SITES OF VIKING AGE AND MEDIEVAL SCANDINAVIA*

MARIANNE MOEN: *GENDERING THE VIKINGS' MORTUARY CONTEXTS*

12:30 – 13:30 LUNCH

13:30 – 15:00

TORUN ZACHRISSON: *VIKING WOMEN AND PROPERTY IN SCANDINAVIA*

BJØRN BANDLIEN: *MONSTROUS OR NORMAL: RE-CONSIDERING THE WOMEN IN OSEBERG*

DAVID ASHURST: *GUDRÚN OR BRYNHILDR. CHOOSING BETWEEN ALTERNATIVE TYPES OF A "VIKING" WOMAN*

15:00 – 15:15 BREAK

15:15 – 16:45

JAKUB MORAWIEC: *FEMALE UNDERSTANDING AND TRANSMISSION OF SKALDIC POETRY*

RAFAŁ BORYSŁAWSKI: *THE LADY WITH A BOOK: WOMEN, POETRY, AND THE NATION-BUILDING IN KING ALFRED'S AND ALFRED-INSPIRED CULTURAL POLITICS OF ENGLAND.*

MIRIAM MAYBURD: *MATERIAL ENGAGEMENT THEORY AND OTHER-THAN-HUMAN AMALGAMATIONS. RETHINKING FEMALE WARRIOR FIGURES IN HERVARAR SAGA AND STJÖRNU-ODDADRAUMR*

16:45 – 17:30 FINAL DISCUSSION

