

Old Norse Mythology Conference 2015

Myth, materiality and lived religion

Stockholm University, 4th – 5th November

Program

Wednesday 4 November

Registration (11.00-12.00)

Lunch (12-13) (for speakers and respondents)

Welcome by Olof Sundqvist, Bengt Novén and Annika Olsson (Stockholm University) (13.00-13.15)

Myths in Pictures (13.15-15.30) Chair: Olof Sundqvist

- Anders Hultgård (Uppsala University): “Myth on Stone and Tapestry: Ragnarök in pictures?” **Respondent:** John Lindow (University of California, Berkley)
- Margrethe Watt (Museum of Bornholm): “Do the Gold Foil Figures (gullgubbar) Reflect Norse Mythology?” **Respondent:** Maria Petterson (RAÄ, Linköping)
- Sigmund Oehrl (Georg-August-Universität-Göttingen): “Picture Stones from Gotland Analyzed with the Reflectance Transformation Imaging (RTI) Method” **Respondent:** Anne-Sofie Gräslund (Uppsala University)

Coffee (15.30-16.00) (for all)

Myths in Texts I (16.00-18.15) Chair: Peter Jackson

- Steve Mitchell (Harvard University): “Níðhöggr and his Kin” **Respondent:** Judy Quinn (University of Cambridge)
- Rudolf Simek (University of Bonn): “Demons, Illnesses and Amulets” **Respondent:** Pernille Herrmann (Aarhus University)
- Stefan Brink (University of Aberdeen): “Law and Myth” **Respondent:** Jonas Wellendorf (University of California, Berkley)

Reception and dinner at the City Hall - Host for the reception is Stockholms stad (19.00) (for speakers and respondents)

Thursday 5 November

Myth in Texts II (9.30-11.00) Chair: Catharina Raudvere

- Eldar Heide (University of Bergen): "Old Norse Vision Literature and the Term *leizla*, 'Guiding'. An Introduced Genre and its Indigenous Background" **Respondent:** Carolyne Larrington (University of Oxford)
- Frederik Wallenstein (Stockholm University) "What does Odin do to the *túnriðor*? An attempt at contextualizing Hávamál 155" **Respondent:** Terry Gunnell (University of Iceland)

Coffee (11.00-11.30) (for all)

Myth and Social Practice (11.30-13.00) Chair: Anders Hultgård

- Frog (University of Helsinki): "Understanding Embodiment through Lived Religion: Authority, Social Practice, and Imaginal Experience" **Respondent:** Margaret Clunies Ross (University of Sydney)
- Tommy Kuusela (Stockholm University): "Halls, Gods and Giants" **Respondent:** Eldar Heide (University of Bergen)

Lunch (13.00-14.00) (for speakers and respondents)

Myth, Animals and Sacrifices (14.00-15.30) Chair: Torun Zachrisson

- Christina Fredengren (Stockholm University): "Finitude: Human and Animal Sacrifice in a Norse setting" **Respondent:** Catharina Raudvere (Copenhagen University)
- Ola Magnell (RAÄ, Lund): "Animals of sacrifice: Animals and *blót* in the Old Norse Sources in Relation to Faunal Remains from Settlements and Ritual Depositions" **Respondent:** Kristin Armstrong Oma (Universitetet of Stavanger)

Coffee (15.30-16.00) (for all)

Myth in Texts III (16.00-17.30) Chair: Anders Andréén

- Jens Peter Schjødt (Aarhus University): "Mercury – Wotan – Óðinn: One or Many?" **Respondent:** Peter Jackson (Stockholm University)
- Merrill Kaplan (Ohio State University): "Gruesome gold in Sigurðarkviða in skamma 49-50" - **Respondent:** Agneta Ney (Uppsala University/University of Gävle)

Final words by Peter Jackson, Andreas Nordberg and Olof Sundqvist (17.30-18.00)

Dinner at Ulla Winbladh (Djurgården) 19.45 (for speakers and respondents)

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