Old Norse Mythology Conference 2015

Myth, materiality and lived religion
Stockholm University, 4th – 5th November
Location: City Conference Center (Norra Latin)

Program

Wednesday 4 November
11.00-12.00 Registration
12.00-13.00 Lunch (for speakers and respondents)
13.00-13.15 Welcome by Olof Sundqvist, Bengt Növén and Annika Össon (Stockholm University)
13.15-15.30 Myths in Pictures, Chair: Olof Sundqvist
• Anders Hultgård (Uppsala University): “Myth on Stone and Tapestry: Ragnarök in pictures?” Respondent: John Lidow (University of California, Berkeley)
• Margrethe Watt (Museum of Bornholm): “Do the Gold foil Figures (gullgubbar) Reflect Norse Mythology?” Respondent: Maria Petterson (RAA, Linköping)
• Sigurdur Óhrl (Georg August Universität Göttingen): “Picture Stones from Gotland Analyzed with the Reflectance Transformation Imaging (RTI) Method” Respondent: Anne-Sofie Gräslund (Uppsala University)
15.30-16.00 Coffee (for all)
16.00-18.15 Myths in Texts I, Chair: Peter Jackson
• Steve Mitchell (Harvard University): “Niðhöggr and his Kin” Respondent: Judy Quinn (University of Cambridge)
• Rudolf Simko (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, Berkeley)
19.00 Reception and dinner at the City Hall - Host for the reception is Stockholms stad (for speakers and respondents)

Thursday 5 November
9.30-11.00 Myth in Texts II, Chair: Catharina Raudvere
• Eldar Heide (University of Bergen): “Old Norse Verse Literature and the Term Ælfa, ‘Guiding’. An Introduced Genre and its Indigenous Background” Respondent: Caroline Larrington (University of Oxford)
• Frederik Wallenstein (Stockholm University): “What does Odin do to the tumblr? An attempt at contextualizing Hávamál 155” Respondent: Terry Gunnell (University of Iceland)
11.00-11.30 Coffee (for all)
11.30-13.00 Myth and Social Practice, Chair: Anders Hultgård
• Olof Sundqvist (University of Helsinki): “Understanding Embodiment through Lived Religion: Authority, Social Practice, and Imaginal Experience” Respondent: Margaret Clunies Ross (University of Sydney)
• Tommy Kaukola (Stockholm University): “Halls, Gods, and Giants: The Enigma of Gullveig in Odin’s hall” Respondent: Eldar Heide (University of Bergen)
13.00-14.00 Lunch (for speakers and respondents)
14.00-15.30 Myth, Animals and Sacrifices, Chair: Torunn Zachrisson
• Christina Fredengren (Stockholm University): “Finitude: Human and Animal Sacrifice in a Norse setting” Respondent: Catharina Raudvere (Copenhagen University)
• Ola Magnell (RAA, Lund): “Animals of sacrifice: Animals and biotic in the Old Norse Sources in Relation to Faunal Remains from Settlements and Ritual Depositories” Respondent: Kristin Armstrong Oma (Universitetet of Stavanger)
15.30-16.00 Coffee (for all)
16.00-17.30 Myth in Texts III, Chair: Anders Andrén
• Jens Peter Schjædt (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)
17.30-19.00 Final words by Peter Jackson, Andreas Nordberg and Olof Sundqvist
19.45 Dinner at Ulla Winbladh, Djurgården (for speakers and respondents)

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