



# Open seminar with Thorir Jonsson Hraundal

Time: 17 oktober 2018, 10 - 12 pm

Venue: Room B497, Södra husen, Campus Frescati

On October 17, Thorir Jonsson Hraundal from University of Iceland gives an open talk about "Eastern Vikings in Arabo-Islamic sources".

The most voluminous and diverse source material on the Scandinavian expansion into Eastern Europe in the ninth and tenth centuries is found in Arabic geographical and historical works from this period, yet this material has traditionally received very limited attention from scholars.

The background of this situation is complex and in no small measure due to the fact that the identification of the people named 'Rus' or 'Rusiyyah' in the medieval Arabic geographical and historical literature has long been disputed, especially whether they are to be regarded as Scandinavian or Slavic.

**Photo of Thorir Jonsson Hraundal by Kristinn Ingvarsson**