

ECOCRITICISM AND OLD NORSE STUDIES

Fourth Workshop of the Ecocritical Network for Scandinavian Studies (ENSCAN)

Date: 26-27 November 2020

Venue: Zoom

Conveners: Reinhard Hennig (University of Agder), Emily Lethbridge (Árni Magnússon Institute for Icelandic Studies), and Michael Schulte (University of Agder)

All times in the program are in **Central European Time (CET)**.

Thursday 26 November

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| 10.30 | Welcome and Introduction |
| 11.00 | Short break |
| 11.10 | Stefka G. Eriksen (Norwegian Institute for Cultural Heritage Research)
Nature and Urban Culture in Medieval Norway |
| 11.40 | Jonas Koesling (University of Iceland)
The Sea(s) in Pre-Modern Scandinavian Ritual and Poetry: Collective Memories of Maritime Worship and Oceanic Change |
| 12.10 | Lunch |
| 13.15 | Elizabeth Walgenbach (Árni Magnússon Institute for Icelandic Studies)
Old Norse Environmental Law? Legal Perspectives on the Environment in Old Norse-Icelandic |
| 13.45 | Reinhard Hennig (University of Agder)
Imagining a Viking Age Risk Society: Environmental Risk and Manufactured Uncertainties in the Sagas of Icelanders |
| 14.15 | Coffee break |

- 14.40** [Tiffany Nicole White \(University of California Berkeley\)](#)
Out of the Garden and into the Forest: The Corruption of the Natural World in Old Icelandic Literature
- 15.10** [Philip Lavender \(University of Gothenburg\)](#)
Translating Continental Trees into an Icelandic Context: The Cross-Tree Legends and *Mágus saga jarls*
- 15.40** Coffee break
- 16.00** [Timothy Bourns \(University of Iceland\)](#)
Trees in the Saga Dreamscape

Friday 27 November

- 10.00** [Sarah Künzler \(University of Glasgow\)](#)
Fantastical places and underlying discourses: The ‘More-than-representational’ approach and chivalric sagas
- 10.30** [Emily Lethbridge \(Árni Magnússon Institute for Icelandic Studies\)](#)
Sagas and Gendered Landscapes
- 11.00** Coffee break
- 11.20** [Klaus Johan Myrvoll \(University of Stavanger\)](#)
with a contribution by [Michael Schulte \(University of Agder\)](#)
Climate anxiety on the Rök stone? A critical re-assessment
- 12.00** Final Discussion, Publication Plans and Closing Remarks
- 12.30** Lunch