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A Viking in the Sun: Harald Hardrada, the Mediterranean, and the Nordic World, between the late Viking Age and the Eve of the Crusades

Symposium 2: Women and Power

Swedish Research Institute in Istanbul, 8-11 September 2024



Gold *histamenon* of Zoe and her sister Theodora dating from their joint reign in 1042

PROGRAMME

Sunday 8 September

18:00: Welcome drinks at the Swedish Research Institute

Monday 9 September

9:30-10:30: Welcoming Session

- Welcome by Olof Heilo (Swedish Research Institute in Istanbul) and Bergur Thorgeirsson (Snorrastofa)
- Overview of the Viking in the Sun Project by Gianluca Raccagni (University of Edinburgh)
- Oskar Gudmundsson (Snorrastofa): *Linking the First Two Symposia – Guðrún Ósvífursdóttir: Icelandic Sources for Snorri Sturluson's Saga of Harald Hardrada.*

10:30-11:00: Coffee Break

11.00-12:30: Byzantium – Chaired by Gianluca Raccagni (University of Edinburgh)

- Judith Herrin (King's College London): *Women and Power in Byzantium*
- Leonora Neville (University of Wisconsin-Madison): *Roman Politics, Byzantine Intrigue, and Dangerous Women*
- Larisa Vilimonovic (University of Belgrade): *Mothers and Power: Maternal Love, Maternal Passion, and Maternal Care in the Byzantine Imperial Discourse of the Eleventh-Century*

12.30- 14.00: Lunch

14:00-15:30: The Islamic World – Chaired by Olof Heilo (Swedish Research Institute in Istanbul)

- Delia Cortese (University of Middlesex-London): *Women Out of Order and Lands Out of Control: Glimpses of Fatimid Rule in Harald's Time*
- Jennifer Pruitt: (University of Wisconsin-Madison): *Sitt al-Mulk: A Study in Fatimid Architectural Patronage*
- Glaire Anderson (University of Edinburgh): *Women and Visual Culture as Power in Umayyad Cordoba*

15.30-16.00: Coffee Break

16.00-17:30: The Nordic World: Chaired by Ármann Jakobsson (University of Iceland)

- Audur Magnúsdóttir (University of Gothenburg): *Becoming Visible: Female Friends in Old Norse Society*
- Carina Damm (University of Silesia in Katowice): *(Dis)empowered women? Viking-Age Slavery in Harald Hardradi's world*
- Mabi Angar (Fern Universität in Hagen) – Anja Blode (University of Cologne): *Cherchez la Femme. The Role and Place of Viking Women in Haithabu (770-1066)*

18.00-19.00: Reception in the garden of the Swedish Palace, with a performance by James Cave (University of York)

Tuesday 10 September

9:00-10:30: Entangled Worlds: Chaired by Bergur Thorgeirsson

- Sverrir Jakobsson (University of Iceland): *A Norwegian Princess in Constantinople – The Career of maKritsn Sigurdardottir*
- Krisztina Ilko (University of Cambridge): *The Queen: Medieval Chess and Female Power*
- William Sayers (Cornell University): *Power in check - Royal Noncommittal in the Amatory Verses of Harald Hardrada*

10:30-11:00: Coffee Break

11:00-11:30: Duru Durmaz (Koç University): “Nordic Tales, Byzantine Paths” digital exhibition

11:30-12.30: General Discussion and Concluding Remarks

12:30-13:30: Lunch

13:30 Excursion to the Church of Polyeuctus and the Palace of Boukoleon

19:00: Symposium Dinner at Salkım Meyhanesı, Sakız Ağacı Caddesı 27 (balcony, second floor)

Wednesday 11 September

Voluntary excursions for remaining participants TBA