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Colonial Entanglements and the Medieval Nordic World: *Tensions, Nordic Colonialism and Indigeneity*

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Thursday, 02 February

09:00-09:30 **Introduction and Welcome**

Welcome by Prof. Cordelia Heß

09:30-10:30 **Indigenous methods** (chair: Solveig Marie Wang)

Dr Timothy Bourns (he/them) (Leverhulme Early Career Fellow, Department of Scandinavian Studies, University College London): “Can we access a counter-narrative to the Vinland sagas through *Kaladlit okalluktualliait?*”

Dr Keith Ruitter (he/them) (*Zoom*) (Senior Lecturer, Department of History, Language & Global Culture, University of Suffolk): “What do Windigos Have to Do with Vikings?: Seeing Early Scandinavian Legalism with Two Eyes”

10:30-11:00 *Coffee break*

11:00-12:00 **Colonial medievalisms I** (Chair: Erik Wolf)

Hannah Armstrong (she/her) (PhD Candidate, English and Related Literatures, University of York): “Beyond ‘Lost’ White Communities: Kalaallit Nunaat, Norse medievalisms, and the Indigenous Turn”

Jay Lalonde (they/them) (PhD Candidate, Department of History, University of New Brunswick): “... there is a strong leaven of the old Norse blood in nearly all of us”; Settler Colonialism and the Vínland Mythology”

12:00-13:00 **Colonial medievalisms II** (Chair: Marierose von Ledebur)

Dr Gwendolyne Knight (she/her) (Ahlström and Terserus Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of History and Centre for Medieval Studies, Stockholm University): “Magical Stereotypes and Lived Realities in Medieval Sápmi”

Dr Christina Lentz (she/her) (Lecturer, AHR and ISK, Arctic University of Norway):
“Colonialism 2.0? Perspectives on medieval history in Norwegian textbooks”

13:00-14:30 Lunch break

14:30-15:30 **Crusades** (Chair: Clemens Räthel)

Dr Thomas Morcom (he/him) (*Zoom*) (Postdoctoral Fellow, IFIKK, University of Oslo):
“Raider, Crusader, Far-Traveller? The Complexity of Old Norse Depictions of the Expedition of Sigurðr jórsalafari”

Dr Sabine Walther (she/her) (Adjunct Lecturer, Institut für Germanistik, Universität Bonn):
“The Baltic crusades in an Icelandic mirror? The case of Yngvar the Far-Travelled”

16:00-17:30 **Keynote** (Chair: Cordelia Heß)

Dr Laura Gazzoli (she/her) (Postdoctoral researcher, Institut für Mittelalterforschung, Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften): “From the beginning? Colonial entanglements in the far north and the Baltic and the formation of Scandinavian identities, c. 800–c. 1100”

Friday, 03 February

10:00-11:00 **Spatial dimensions of colonialism** (Chair: Paul Kirschstein)

Basil Arnould Price (he/him) (PhD Candidate, Wolfson Scholar, University of York): “The King and His Skattland: A Postcolonial Approach to Post-Commonwealth Iceland”

Prof. Thomas Wallerström (he/him) (Professor emeritus, Department of History and Classical Studies, Norwegian University of Science and Technology): “The Gulf of Bothnia, 1300–1621, as a ‘third space’”

11:00-12:00 **Colonial semantics** (Chair: Henriette Hellinger)

Carina Damm (she/her) (PhD Candidate, Leibniz Institute for the History and Culture of Eastern Europe, Universität Leipzig): “Sámi and Bjarmar as Brokers in the Medieval Fur Trade”

Dr Alexandra Petrulevich (she/her) (Assistant Professor, Department of Scandinavian Languages, University of Uppsala): “The East Norse Echo: Swedish Medieval and Post-medieval Discourse on *finnar*, *kareler* and *lappar*”

12:00-14:00 Lunch break

14:00-15:00 **Religion** (Chair: Erik Wolf)

Dr Christian Koch Madsen (he/him) (Deputy director, Nunatta Katersugaasivia Allagaateqarfialu): “Far from Rome – Religious Beliefs and Otherness of the Medieval Greenland Norse”

Dr Solveig Marie Wang (she/her) (Postdoctoral researcher, Nordische Geschichte, Universität Greifswald): “Christianity, Conversion and the Saami in the Medieval Period”

15:00-16:00 **Panel discussion and conclusion** (Moderator: Cordelia Heß)