Travels & Transgressions

17 February 2024

Keynote Lecture:
Professor Clare Downham
(University of Liverpool):
"Runaway Irish Princess Saints"

Programme:

9:30  Session 1: Social and Spatial Mobility
Dispossessed Exiles and Marginalised Exploiters: A Class Analysis of the Relations between the Birkibeinir and the Norwegian Peasantry c.1174–1180
–Hugo Small (University of Cambridge)
The Viking ‘Winter’ Camp: A Crisis of Identity. Seasonal Transitional Camp or Much More?
– Ian Russell (University of Liverpool)
Sailing on Up: How Viking Longships Changed Travel
Cecily Warrillow (University of Iceland)

11:00 Tea Break

11:30  Session 2: Words and Worlds
Medieval ‘Road Signs’ – Travelling by the Name of a Hill: Does It Work and, If Not, What Does That Mean?
Abigail Lloyd (University of Nottingham)
Wisdom in Motion: the ‘Travel’ of the Old English Precepts from the 8th Century to the Monastic Reform
– Giovanni Nichetti (University of Bergamo)
Real Places, Liminal Spaces: Accessibility and Authority in Paradise and Other-worlds
Makayla Nichols (University of York)

1:00 Lunch

2:00 Keynote Lecture

3:00 Tea Break

3:30  Session 3: Travelling Women
Traveling female saints in early medieval hagiography: a comparison between the lives of Brigit of Kildare and Leoba of Tauberbischofsheim
Clarissa Mattana (Federal University of Rio de Janeiro / Maynooth University)
The Vikingafog and Sexual Violence
Grace O’Duffy (University of Oxford)
Crossing the Fens: Mercian Royal Women on the East-Anglian Frontier in the Long Eighth Century
Thomas Vare (University of Leicester)

The Colloquium will be followed by a drinks reception and dinner at Newnham College (pre-booking only)