

International Medieval Congress, Leeds 6-9 July 2015

Sessions 1542, 1642, 1742

Slave Trade, Silver, and Society, c. 800 - c. 1100

Thursday 9 July 2015, 09.00-15.45

Abstract: These sessions will review the workings of the slave-trade in Northern Europe (including Rus) and Eurasia, looking for overall patterns of movement of persons and objects across the Viking Diaspora and beyond. Account will be taken of the repercussions of the trade upon local societies, and also of the role of exogenous slaves in slave-owning societies. Particular attention will be paid to the role of silver from the East, as also to the dynamics of exchanges, and the formation of networks, regional, and transnational.

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Organiser: Jonathan Shepard (University of Oxford)

09.00-10.30 Session 1542 (Moderator/Chair: Luke Treadwell, University of Oxford)

Stefan Brink (University of Aberdeen), *Viking Slavery*

Marek Jankowiak (University of Oxford), *Dirhams for Slaves: Flows of Silver and of Slaves between Northern Europe and the World of Islam, 800-1000*

Jonathan Shepard (University of Oxford), *Drivers for Long-Haul Slave-Trading: Generalities and a Case-Study*

Vyacheslav Kuleshov (The State Hermitage, St. Petersburg), *Islamic Coins in Russian Viking Age Hoards*

11.15-12.45 Session 1642 (Moderator/Chair: Marek Jankowiak, University of Oxford)

Jane Kershaw (University College London), *The Sources of Viking Wealth*

Luke Treadwell (University of Oxford), *Did the Samanids Strike Silver Dirhams in Order to Export Them to the Northern Lands?*

Andrew Woods (York Museums Trust), *Interpreting the Coin Finds from the Viking Camp at Torksey*

14.15-15.45 Session 1742 (Moderator/Chair: Jonathan Shepard, University of Oxford)

Mats Roslund (Lunds Universitet), *Slow Burn and Firestorm: Ceramic Evidence for the Presence of Slavic Thralls in 10th- to 12th-Century Southern Scandinavia*

Jacek Gruszczynski (University of Oxford), *Hoards in Pots?: Preliminary Observations on Containers and Reasons for Deposition and (Non-)Retrieval of Silver Hoards*

Katie Hemer (University of Sheffield), *Caethion Cymru: Investigating Slavery in Early Medieval Wales*

Please note also another session on medieval slavery:

Session 1720 "Myths of Manumission: Comparative Perspectives on 'Social Rebirth'"

Thursday 9 July, 14.15-15.45 (time tbc)

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