

SVARTÁRKOT CULTURE NATURE (SCN)

SUMMER COURSE 2018 - PROGRAMME

Minor changes to the programme may occur, such as additional guest speakers and switching of dates due to weather conditions.

DAY 1 - Monday 20 August

- 16:00 Participants picked up in Akureyri.
17:00 Arrival at Kiðagil guesthouse – participants get their rooms and settle in.
18:00 Kiðagil guesthouse: Dinner and **introductory lecture**.

DAY 2 - Tuesday 21 August

- 8:00-9:00 Breakfast at Kiðagil
9:00-12:00 **A joint lecture by all five instructors:** The storyline - a base narrative extracted from a variety of manuscript sources, of tangled family lines from 1703-2000, interspersed with relevant information and analysis: Climate, environmental history, ecology, archaeology, based on research into various sources and documents. 15 min. coffee break c. 10:45.
12:00-13:00 Lunch at Kiðagil
13:00-18:00 Orienting bus tour around Lake Mývatn, visiting farms and sites of interest, guided by Megan Hicks and Ragnhildur (Raga) Sigurðardóttir. Visit to the Mývatn Research Station, **lecture** by the Director, Árni Einarsson.
18:00-19:00 Dinner at Kiðagil
20:00 The Icelandic Documentary film *Hvellur*.

DAY 3 - Wednesday 22 August

- 8:00-9:00 Breakfast at Kiðagil
9:00-10:30 Astrid Ogilvie: **Climate History of Iceland and the Lake Mývatn area.**
10:30-10:45 Coffee break
10:45-12:15 Árni Daníel Júlíusson: **Arctic farming: Contradiction in terms?**
12:15-13:00 Lunch at Kiðagil
13:00-14:00 Viðar Hreinsson: **Heath settlements and the local historian Helgi Jónsson.**

- 14:00-18:00 Hiking on Fljótshéiði, guided by Viðar Hreinsson, Guðrún Tryggvadóttir and/or Sigurlína Tryggvadóttir
- 18:00-19:00 Dinner at Kiðagil – Free evening.

DAY 4 - Thursday 23 August

- 8:00-9:00 Breakfast at Kiðagil
- 9:30-12:00 Ragnhildur Sigurðardóttir: **Ecology and local documents.**
- 15 min. coffee break c. 10:45.
- 12:00-13:00 Lunch at Kiðagil
- 13:00-15:30 Megan Hicks: **The Historical Archaeology of Rural Subsistence and Trade in Myvatn 1703-1910**
- 18:00-19:00 Dinner at Kiðagil
- 20:00- Icelandic Movie *Rams*.

DAY 5 - Friday 24 August

- 8:00-9:00 Breakfast at Kiðagil
- 9:30-12:00 **Guest lecturer, Professor Leslie King: Transdisciplinary Environmental Research: Integrating Humanities, Social and Natural Sciences for Environmental Solutions.**
- 15 min. coffee break c. 10:45.
- 12:00-13:00 Lunch at Kiðagil
- 13:00-18:00 Scenic excursion, waterfalls, Ódáðahraun, Aldey, guided by Guðrún Tryggvadóttir and/or Sigurlína Tryggvadóttir
- 18:00-19:00 Dinner at Kiðagil

DAY 6 - Saturday 25 August

- 8:00-9:00 Breakfast at Kiðagil
- 9:00-12:00 Viðar Hreinsson: **Big farmers, “the first gay in the village”, bohemians and leading writers: Manuscripts and literatures of Mývatn, stories and poetry.**
15 min. coffee break c. 10:30.
- 12:00-13:00 Lunch at Kiðagil
- 13:00-18:00 Excursion to Húsavík Archives. Optional Whale Watching in the late afternoon at own cost.

18:00-19:00 Dinner at Húsavík

DAYS 7-8 - Sunday-Monday 26-27 August

Hiking and excursions: Svartárvot, Sellönd shieling, *Framengjar* hands on, **lectures by the team of instructors** in the farmhouse Þórólfshvoll, on the hydrology, irrigation, ecology, the significance of *Framengjar* for the community (sustenance, trade etc), love-life in the shielings, horny trollwomen etc. Short tours to Krafla and *Jarðböð* (Nature Baths) a possibility.

Breakfast and dinner in Kiðagil both days, packed lunches will be brought along.

DAY 9 - Tuesday 28 August

8:00-9:00 Breakfast at Kiðagil

9:00-10:00 Viðar Hreinsson: **Outlaws and Legendary Landscapes in Iceland**

10:00-10:30 Coffee break

10:30-12:00 Discussions and Q&A (we can add a lecture here)

12:00-13:00 Lunch at Kiðagil

13:00-15:00 Guest lecture. Professor Steven Hartman: **Bifrost and the Global Context.**

15:00-16:00 Coffee and discussion

Free time, students prepare presentations

18:00-19:00 Dinner at Kiðagil

DAY 10 - Wednesday 29 August

8:00-9:00 Breakfast at Kiðagil

9:00-11:00 Guest lecture, to be announced later. 15 min. coffee break c. 10:00.

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11:00-12:00 Students prepare presentations

12:00-13:00 Lunch at Kiðagil

13:00-16:00 Student presentations and final discussions

DAY 11 - Thursday 30 August

8:00-9:00 Breakfast at Kiðagil

Departure of SCN course on bus to Akureyri.