

SCN August 2nd – 16th 2014

Lecture and Course Plan*

- Friday, August 1:* Possible short introductory lectures on Iceland/Icelandic culture at Reykjavik Academy.
- Saturday, August 2:* Possible bus ride if sufficient interest is expressed, Reykjavík to Kiðagil (would likely take most of the day with planned stops at points of interest and for meals).
- Sunday, August 3:* Settle in. Local site exploration.
- Monday, August 4:* Introductory excursion, Bárðardalur Valley, the magnificent waterfalls Aldeyjarfoss and Hrafnabjargafossar, the freshwater wells Suðurárbotnar, the remnants of a medieval settlement at Hrauntunga, Svartárvotn.
- General Introduction to the course over dinner: Vidar Hreinsson, Astrid Ogilvie, Tom McGovern and Steven Hartman.
- Tuesday, August 5:*
- 9:00-11:00 Lawrence Buell: "The Promise of Newer Methods of 'Material Ecocriticism' for the Study of Early Literatures."
 - 11:00-12:30 Lunch, keynote** Michael Twomey: "Ecocriticism: Reading the Environment in Medieval Literature."
 - 12:30-14:00 Viðar Hreinsson: "Overview of Medieval Literatures."
 - 14:30-18:00 Excursion to local saga-sites.
- Wednesday, August 6:*
- 9:00-11:00 Lawrence Buell: "Applying Ecocritical Approaches to Medieval Sagas and other early literatures: Possibilities and Challenges."
 - 11:00-12:30 Lunch, keynote: Chris Fee: "Sagas and Multimedia."
 - 12:30-14:30 Roundtable seminar with Steven Hartman, Michael Twomey and Vidar Hreinsson on: "Ecocriticism and the case of Grettir's Saga."

14:30-18:00	Hiking to Grettir's sword.
Thursday, August 7:	
9:00-11:00	Árni Daníel Júlíusson: "Narratives of Environmental Collapse and Non-Collapse in the North Atlantic Middle Ages."
11:00-12:30	Lunch, Keynote (TBA): "Cultural sustainability."
12:30-14:30	Árni Daníel Júlíusson: "Bones and Documents: A Discussion of Key Sources of Icelandic Medieval Environmental History."
14:30-18:00	Hiking to Fljótshéiði Heath.
Friday, August 8:	
9:00-11:00	Tom McGovern: "Archaeology as a Way of Knowing."
11:00-12:30	Lunch Keynote (TBA).
12:30-14:30	Tom McGovern: "Archaeology of Sustainability in Iceland & Archaeology as a Way of Seeing."
14:30-18:00	Excursion to Hofstaðir.
Saturday August 9:	Symposium -- Full-day
Sunday August 10:	Symposium -- Half-day
Monday, August 11:	Free day. Possible optional full-day excursion, capped by visit to Husavik, museum and site visits.
Tuesday August 12:	
9:00-11:00	Astrid Ogilvie: "Documentary Data of Climate, Sea Ice, and Society in Iceland from the Settlement Period to the Present."
11:00-12:30	Lunch, keynote (TBA).
12:30-14:30	Ragnhildur Sigurðardóttir: "Responses and Resilience of Society and Ecosystems to Disturbances and Climatic Change in 800-1500: Evidence in the Sagas?"

14:30-18:00 Student work.

Wednesday, August 13:

9:00-11:00 Megan Hicks: "Zooarchaeological Viewsheds - Seeing Economies and Landscapes through Animals in Skútustadahreppur, Mývatn."
11:00-12:30 Lunch Keynote: Tom McGovern.
12:00-14:00 Adolf Friðriksson: "Archaeology."
14:30-18:00 Excursion to excavation sites.

Thursday, August 14:

9:00-11:00 Emily Lethbridge: "Sagas, Landscapes, Literary Mapping."
11:00-12:30 Lunch Keynote (TBA).
12:30-14:30 Reinhard Hennig: "Environmental Memory in Sturlunga Saga and in Hagiographic Literature".
14:30-18:00 Student work, hiking.

Friday, August 15:

9:00-11:00 Different points of view – short presentations of topics for discussion.
11:00-12:30 Interdisciplinary round table led by Lawrence Buell.
12:00-14:00 Dialogues, student participation.
14:30-18:00 Student work.

Saturday, August 16:

9:00-11:00 Course summary.
11:00-12:00 Lunch.
13:00 Departure.

* This is a preliminary schedule. It will be revised later in the spring.

** All lunch keynote lectures will be 45 minutes.