

Irish Sea in the Middle Ages Research Network

Events and activities, 2014/15 - 2017/18

2014-15

Seminar: Rosemary Power, 'A Norse View of Brian Boru: context and transmission for Icelandic sources on an Irish event', Liverpool Centre for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, University of Liverpool, Monday 13 October 2014

Seminar: Charles Insley, 'Mercians and the March, 900-950', Liverpool Centre for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, University of Liverpool, Monday 11 May 2015

Conference sessions: Leeds IMC 2015, 'The Anglo-Welsh frontier in the Middle Ages', 8-9 July 2015
Session 1:-

Tudur Davies (Sheffield), 'Pollen, Penllyn and the early medieval environment of north Wales'

Nancy Edwards (Bangor), 'Archaeological Approaches to the Early Medieval Welsh Borderlands'

Andrew Sargent (Keele), '*Mearcstapa*: the Limits of Belonging in Mercia and the March'

Session 2:-

Emma Cavell (Leeds/Swansea), 'Welsh Princes and English Wives: Emma d'Audley and the Clash of Laws in Thirteenth-Century Northern Powys'

Euryn Rhys Roberts (Bangor), 'Orbits of Power and mental geographies: North-East Wales and the Anglo-Welsh frontier in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries'

Andrew Grierson (Sheffield), 'The genetic legacy of medieval kinship and inheritance laws: The case of the Welsh borderlands'

Session 3:-

Lindy Brady (Mississippi), 'The Culture of the Anglo-Welsh Frontier in Bede's *Historia Ecclesiastica*'

Fiona Edmonds (Cambridge/Lancaster), 'Saints' cults and Irish influence in north-east Wales'

Charles Insley (Manchester), 'The Mercians, the North-West and the Anglo-Welsh Frontier, 900-950'

2015-16

Conference: 'Interaction and Identity in the Irish Sea region, c.400-1100', Friday 8th July – Saturday 9th July 2016, University of Liverpool

Howard Clarke (Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland): 'The rocky road to Dublin and the formation of the Irish Sea region in the early Middle Ages'

Nancy Edwards (Bangor University): 'Irish identities and the archaeology of early medieval Wales: problems and perspectives'

Elva Johnston (University College Dublin): 'Religion on the frontiers: reassessing conversion in fifth-century Ireland'

Lindy Brady (University of Mississippi, USA): 'Origin Legends in the Early Irish Sea Region'

Fiona Edmonds (University of Cambridge): 'Gaelic Influence in the Northumbrian Kingdom: the Golden Age and the Viking Age'

David Thornton (Bilkent University): 'Why would seventh-century Irish parents name their son Devotee of Dung? Medieval Celtic Naming and Identity in Comparative Perspective'

Rachel Swallow (University of Chester): 'Square Pegs and Round Holes: 'Misfit' Castle Forms of the Irish Sea Cultural Zone'

Andrew Grierson (University of Sheffield): 'Genetic and historical analysis of medieval Anglesey'

Marios Costambeys (University of Liverpool): 'The transmission of ideas between Ireland and Carolingian Europe: Alcuin, Augustine and Pseudo-Cyprian'

Clare Downham (University of Liverpool): 'What did the vikings ever do for us?'

David Griffiths (University of Oxford): 'The geography and symbolism of Viking settlement around the Irish Sea'

Griffin Murray (University College Cork): 'Art and Identity in Viking-Age Ireland'

Howard Williams (University of Chester): 'Clumsy and illogical? Reconsidering the West Kirby "Hogback"'

Charles Insley (University of Manchester): 'The Mercians, the Merfynion and the Irish Sea World, 880-920'

Ben Guy (University of Cambridge): 'Dynastic interaction between Man and Gwynedd in the ninth century: some further considerations'

Rebecca Thomas (University of Cambridge): 'A chymot Kymry a gwyr Dulyn: the peoples of Armes Prydein Vawr's coalition'

2016-17

Colloquium: 'Kings and Vikings: North-West England and the Irish Sea Region in the Early Middle Ages', Saturday 29 April 2017, Regional Heritage Centre, Lancaster University:-
Fiona Edmonds (Lancaster), 'The Northumbrian Kingdom and the Irish Sea Region'
David Griffiths, (Oxford), 'Wirral and Chester: the Mercian Salient on the Irish Sea'
Charles Insley (Manchester), 'Between the Ribble and the Mersey: West Lancashire and the Irish Sea Zone 850-950'
Marios Costambeys (Liverpool), 'Heirs of Rome? Europe and the Irish Sea Region in the Early Middle Ages'

Colloquium: 'Irish Sea Origin Legends', Wednesday 24th May 2017, University of Liverpool:-
Elva Johnston (University College Dublin), 'From the *Scotti* to the *Góidil*: Changing Irish Origin Legends'
Lindy Brady (University of Mississippi), 'Origin legends in the Irish Sea region'
Bernhard Maier (Universität Tübingen), 'Early modern interpretations of ancient and medieval origin legends'

Conference sessions: Leeds IMC, 6 July 2017, 'Interaction, identity and Space in the Irish Sea, 700-1100'

Session 1:-

Tracey-Anne Cooper (St John's University, NY), 'Images of Sigurd on crosses and carvings'

Caitlin Ellis (Cambridge), 'Eleventh-Century Dublin in the Irish Sea and beyond'

Andrew Sargent (Keele), 'A Viking thalassocracy: raid, trade and lodship'

Session 2:-

Charles Insley (Manchester), 'Between the Ribble and the Mersey: an Irish Sea frontier space, c.890-950'

Rachel Swallow, ' "Misfit" castle forms of the Irish Sea: the Welsh perspective'

David Griffiths (Oxford), 'Mapping maritime cultures: the early medieval Irish Sea region'

Conference: 'The Irish Sea in the Viking Age', 12-13 July 2017, iMuseum, Manx National Heritage, Douglas, Isle of Man (in conjunction with the Scottish Society for Northern Studies)

2017-18

Seminar: 'M6' Medieval seminar, Thursday 7 June, 2018, University of Liverpool

Lindy Brady (Mississippi), 'Law and Regional Identity in Late Anglo-Saxon England'

Stuart Pracy (Manchester), 'Social Mobility, Closure and Status in Anglo-Saxon and Early Anglo-Norman Manumissions'

Conference sessions: Leeds IMC, Monday 2 July 2018, 'Remembering the Viking Age around the Irish Sea'

Session 1: 'International Identities'

Patrick Wadden (Belmont Abbey College): 'A Hiberno-Scandinavian Origin Legend: Community and Identity in 11th and 12th Century Dublin and the Isles'

Caitlin Ellis (Cambridge): 'Impressions of a 12th-Century Maritime Ruler: Somerled - Viking Warrior, Clan Chieftain, or Traitor to the Scottish King?'

Lindy Brady (Mississippi): 'Viking Age Heroic Biography around the Irish Sea'

Session 2: 'Ecclesiastical Encounters'

Victoria Whitworth (Newcastle): 'Remembering the Viking Age while It's Still Going On: The Gosforth Cross as an 11th-Century Antiquarian Exercise'

Danica Ramsey-Brimberg (Liverpool): 'From the Land of Ice and Snow: Case Studies of Viking Settlement and Religious Interaction in the Irish Sea Area'