Maritime Networks and Urbanism in the Early Medieval World

11-12 April 2013 at the Viking Ship Museum, Roskilde, Denmark

Organised jointly by the research project ENTREPOT (Aarhus University, Denmark / University of York, UK) and the Viking Ship Museum, Roskilde, Denmark

Thursday 11 April: Network Urbanism

8:30  Registration

Session 1: Introduction and keynote addresses


9:25-9:45  Søren M. Sindbæk, Aarhus University: Introducing Maritime Networks and Urbanism in the Early Medieval World: global interdependence or parallel patterns?

9:45-10:15  Chapurukha M. Kusimba, The Field Museum of Natural History: Maritime exchange networks and urban-centered states in ancient East Africa

10:15-10:45  Sauro Gelichi, Università Ca' Foscari Venezia: A new urban network in the Adriatic Sea during the Early Middle Ages (8th-9th c. A. D.)

10:45-11:15  Coffee break


11:45-12:15  P.J. Cherian, Kerala Council for Historical Research (KCHR): Indian Ocean maritime network and urbanism: the archaeological evidence from Pattanam, India

12:15-12:30  Questions

12:30-13:45  Lunch

13:15-13:45  Optional tour of the museum exhibitions
Session 2: ENTREPOET projects

13:45-14:05  Stephanie Wynne-Jones, University of York and Jason Hawkes, Aarhus University: India in Africa: trade goods and connections of the late first millennium

14:05-14:25  Paul Lane, University of York and Ashley Coutu, Aarhus University: Ivory working and flows of raw materials – artefactual and isotopic studies of ivory artefacts from the Atlantic to the Red Sea

14:25-14:45  Unn Pedersen, Oslo University: Copper alloy working – technological innovations, learning and adoption

14:45-15:05  Steve Ashby, University of York and Ashley Coutu, Aarhus University: Connecting early medieval trade patterns with a combined artefactual and biomolecular approach to the study of antler combs

15:05-15:25  Mateusz Bogucki, The Institute of Archaeology and Ethnology PAN, Warsaw: Viking Age maritime network, urbanism and monetization in the Baltic Sea area

15:25-15:45  Sarah Croix, Aarhus University: Urban life-style in Northern Europe in the early Middle Ages – the case of Ribe

15:45-16:00  Coffee break

16:00-17:00  Round-table discussion: Researching network urbanism. Chair: Søren M. Sindbæk

Invited short contributions: Mats Mogren, Länsstyrelsen Skåne, Mats Roslund, Lund University, Mark Horton, University of Bristol

19:00  Dinner: invited participants and pre-booked guests

Friday 12 April: Maritime Networks

Session 3

8:50-9:00  Athena Trakadas, Viking Ship Museum: Introduction

9:00-9:30  Jeremy Green, Western Australian Museum: Maritime trade, ports and urbanisation between Southeast Asia and the Indian Ocean

9:30-10:00  Ufuk Kocabaş, Istanbul University: Byzantine-era fleet surfaces again in Istanbul

10:00-10:30  Dionisius Agius, University of Exeter: Sea stories and Arabian-Persian-Indian sealore of third/ninth century: Buzurg Ibn Shahriyār and the Indian Ocean

10:30-11:00  Coffee break

11:00-11:30  Işıl Özsaht Kocabaş, Istanbul University: A ninth century trading vessel from the Theodosian Harbour: Yenikapi 12

11:30-12:00  Tom Vosmer, Government of Oman: Medieval Indian Ocean seafaring: from the Belitung wreck to the Jewel of Muscat

12:00-12:30  Jun Kimura, Murdoch University: Historical dynamics of Asian maritime activities

12:30-13:45  Lunch
13:15-13:45  Optional tour of the museum harbour and boat yard

Session 4

13:45-14:15  Anton Englert, Viking Ship Museum: Ohthere’s voyages – traces of an early maritime network in the North

14:15-14:45  Hauke Jöns and Sunhild Kleingärtner, Niedersächsisches Institut für Historische Küstenforschung: Coastal sea trading sites and their harbours on the Southern Baltic shore

14:45-15:15  Sorna Khakzad, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven/East Carolina University: The forgotten maritime history of Siraf


15:45-16:00  Coffee break

16:00-17:00  Round-table discussion: Exhibiting maritime networks. Chair: Athena Trakadas

Invited discussants: Sven Kalmring, Schloss Gottorf, J.D. Hill, British Museum, Lucy Blue, University of Southampton

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Registration fee: 500 kr.
Dinner on 11 April: 350 kr.
Registration and payment via webshop by 1 April: https://auws.au.dk/maritime_networks
The conference is limited to 80 participants. Registration will close when the event is fully book; please consider signing up early.