

## 64. Internationales Sachsensymposium

Arbeitsgemeinschaft zur Archäologie der Sachsen  
und ihrer Nachbarvölker in Nordwesteuropa - IVoE

**7.-11. September 2013, Paderborn**

Ausstellungsgesellschaft Paderborn  
Altertumskommission für Westfalen



## Dying Gods – Religious beliefs in northern and eastern Europe in the time of Christianisation

### Preliminary Programme

All lectures will take place in the Theologische Fakultät, Kamp 6, 33098 Paderborn, lecture hall 2. Here, you will also find the conference bureau.

#### Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2013

14.00 – 16.00	Arrival and registration at the conference office
14.00 – 17.30	Workshop: New and developing fields of research relevant to Archaeology with particular regard to aDNA
18.00	Welcome and keynote lecture (Lutz E. von Padberg)
19.30	Reception at the historic Town Hall Paderborn

#### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2013

8.30	Conference office
9.00	Welcome and introduction (Christiane Ruhmann/Vera Brieske)
9.15 – 10.45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>How supra-regional, how local was early medieval pre-Christian religion in northern Europe?</b> Charlotte Behr, London</li><li>• <b>In the shadow of the gods – tradition and variation in the holy places of the North</b> Torun Zachrisson, Stockholm</li><li>• <b>'Endzeiterwartung' – Expecting the End of the World</b> Karen Høilund Nielsen, Beder</li></ul>
10.45 – 11.15	Coffee break

#### 11.15 – 12.45

- **Franks Casket**  
Leslie Webster, London
- **Workboxes or reliquaries? The significance and function of small containers in seventh century female Anglo-Saxon graves.**  
Catherine Hills, Cambridge
- **Christianity and portable material culture: recent finds from East Anglia**  
Sam Lucy, Cambridge

12.45 – 14.00                      Lunch

#### 14.00 – 15.30

- **Burial and Religion in pre-Christian Anglo-Saxon England**  
John Hines, Cardiff
- **Chronology, Burial and Conversion: the case of England in the 7<sup>th</sup> century**  
Christopher Scull, London
- **Neue Forschungen zum Grab von Prittlewell (working title)**  
Lyn Blackmore, London

15.30 – 16.00                      Coffee Break

#### 16.00 – 18.00

- **Sterbende, überlebende und auswandernde Götter**  
Alexandra Pesch, Schleswig
- **Plants, magic and natural places: pre- and post-conversion practices in Anglo-Saxon England**  
Sarah Semple, Durham
- **Anglo-Saxon placed deposits before and during Christianisation (5th–9th c.)**  
Clifford M. Sofield, Oxford
- **Doing God's work? The role of the church in the expansion of the early medieval Irish economy, AD 400-1100 - exploring the archaeological evidence from the early medieval monastic site at Clonfad, County Westmeath, Ireland**  
Paul Stevens, Dublin

19.00                                      Meeting of the coordinating committee

### Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2013

8.30                                      Conference office

#### 9.00 – 10.30

- **Recent archaeological excavations at the South-Scandinavian central place of Uppåkra**  
Bengt Söderberg, Lund
- **Forms of religious expression at the central place of Uppåkra, southern Sweden**  
Lars Larsson, Lund

- **Hinterland around Uppåkra seen in pagan/Christian context (working title)**  
Bertil Helgesson, Kristianstad
- **Gotland's Last Pagans: 11th Century Interreligious Relations**  
Martin Rundkvist, Stockholm

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee Break

**11.30 – 13.00**

- **A Window on Christianisation: transformation at Anglo-Saxon Lyminge, Kent, England**  
Gabor Thomas, Reading
- **Domestic objects and the middle Anglo-Saxon worldview: Using artefact biography to help archaeologists to access belief systems.**  
Alexandra Knox, Reading
- **The Fate of Otherworldly Beings after the Conversion of the Anglo-Saxons**  
Barbara Yorke, Winchester

13.00 – 14.30 Lunch

14.30 – 16.30 Guided tour through the exhibition CREDO – Christianisierung Europas im Mittelalter

16.30 – 18.00 Opportunity for discussion on site

19.30 Conference Dinner at Hotel Aspethera

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2013 – Field Trip**

8.30 – ca. 19.00 Field trip to Helmarshausen (Krukenburg and Monastery), Kloster Corvey and to the Externsteine

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2013**

8.30 Conference office

**9.00 – 11.00**

- **"Christian" gestures and fertility cult(?) in 6<sup>th</sup> century southern Scandinavia.**  
Margrethe Watt, Dyssegård
- **A lost world? – Religious identity and practice in the Lake Mälaren region during the introduction of Christianity**  
Sten Tesch, Annika Larsson, Michael Neiß, Uppsala
- **Rune stones as evidence for conversion in Scandinavia**  
Anne-Sofie Gräslund, Uppsala

- **Conceptions of death in the time of upheaval – changing religious ideas in the Viking Age**  
Asbjørn Engevik jr, Bergen

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee Break

**11.30 – 13.00**

- **Ein Skelettgrab nomadischen Charakters aus dem 5. Jahrhundert n. Chr. (Ostpommern)**  
Magdalena Maczynska, Universität Lodz, Dr. Bartosz Kontny, Warschau
- **Maestro project: "Migration Period between Odra and Vistula"**  
Aleksander Bursche, Warschau
- **Aktuelle Forschungen an frühmittelalterlichen Häfen im deutschen Küstengebiet von Nordsee und Ostsee**  
Hauke Jöns, Wilhelmshaven

13.00 – 14.15 Lunch

**14.15 – 15.45**

- **Gegenstände mit karolingerzeitlicher Ornamentik aus Westfalen**  
Christoph Grünewald, Münster
- **Wurmbunte Klingen. Studies on pattern-welded swords in early medieval Westphalia based on digital computed tomography**  
Ulrich Lehmann, Münster
- **Textile Botschaften? Zum Informationsgehalt textiler Artefakte und anderer organischer Materialien im frühmittelalterlichen Grabbefund**  
Christina Peek, Esslingen

**15.45 Conclusion and Goodbye**

\* Goldbracteate with runic inscription, Typ C from Uppåkra. A human head on the back of a four-legged animal is depicted. This picture is usually interpreted as the god Odin on his horse Sleipnir. The runic inscription on both sides of the head reads alu, meaning "beer", and sima?ina, which might be read as "wine" (Lars Larsson kindly provided these information). The bracteate will be on display within the exhibition CREDO – Christianisierung Europas im Mittelalter (Paderborn 26.7.-3.11.2013)