

RESEARCH NETWORK OF URBAN LITERACY

Conference II, January 17-18, 2019

Aarhus University

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Auditorium 3 (Building 1441, Room 113)



Research Network of Urban Literacy (RUL) brings together scholars who work with either urbanity or literacy or a combination of the two in Scandinavia c. 800-1550. This RUL conference aims at a broad spectrum of subjects related to urban culture and literacy in Scandinavia and beyond. The focus of the conference will be on different aspects of "urban literacies" which include all forms of written communication in towns, but also their hinterlands, and on the two-way dynamics between urbanity and literacy.

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Programme

Thursday, January 17

8.30-9.00: Registration and coffee

9.00-9.15: Kasper H. Andersen, Danish Centre for Urban History: *Introduction*.

9.15-10.00: Keynote: Christian D. Liddy, University of Durham: *Writing as a Language of Protest in Late Medieval Towns*.

Session I: Reading and writing in specific towns I

Moderator: Jeppe Büchert Netterstrøm, Aarhus University

10.00-10.30: Elise Kleivane, University of Oslo: *Politics, prayers and protection in Hamar*.

10.30-11.00: Michael Lerche Nielsen, University of Copenhagen: *When Aesop visited Svendborg. On book production and the Latin school curriculum in a 15th century Danish town*.

11.00-11.15: Coffee and snacks

Session II: Epigraphy and texts in town cathedrals

Moderator: Jeppe Büchert Netterstrøm, Aarhus University

11.15-11.45: Christian Etheridge, Centre for Medieval Literature: *Approaching Medieval Literature in Urban Scandinavian Institutions*.

11.45-12.15: Andreas Manhag, Historical Museum at Lund University: *Aphorisms, poems and letters from the Choir Stalls of Lund Cathedral*.

12.15-12.45: Karen Langsholt Holmqvist, University of Oslo: *Runic and Roman Scripts Literacy on the Nidaros Cathedral in the High Middle Ages*.

12.45-13.45: Lunch

Session III: Vernacular and Latin in Scandinavian towns and beyond

Moderator: Lisbeth Imer, Danish National Museum

13.45-14.15: Rikke Steenholt Olesen, University of Copenhagen: *Latin in Runes in the Middle Ages*.

14.15-14.45: Sean Vrieland, University of Copenhagen: *The shift to the Vernacular in Danish Charters*.

Session IV: Writing on objects I

Moderator: Lisbeth Imer, National Museum of Denmark

14.45-15.15: Johan Bollaert, University of Oslo, *Norwegian Epigraphy and its visual design in urban and rural contexts*.

15.15-15.45: Elisabeth Magin, University of Nottingham: *Between a rock and a hard place: Runic literacy in Bergen 1100-1400*.

15.45-16.00: Coffee and cake

Session V: Reading, writing and literature in a broader perspective I

Moderator: Kasper H. Andersen, Danish Centre for Urban History

16.00-16.30: Johnny Grandjean Gøgsig Jakobsen, University of Copenhagen: *The Dominican Order and Urban Literacy in Medieval Scandinavia*.

16.30-17.00: Lars Boje Mortensen, Centre for Medieval Literature: *Between Palermo and Rome: The top level of urban literacy in the 13th century*.

19.00: Conference dinner for all speakers at a restaurant (tba) near the hotel in Aarhus.



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Friday, January 18

Session VI: Reading, writing and literature in a broader perspective II

Moderator: Kasper H. Andersen, Danish Centre for Urban History

9.30-10.00: Janne Harjula, University of Turku: *Runes, Letters and Signs: Expanding conceptions of written communication in Medieval Finland.*

10.00-10.30: Peter Carelli, National Historical Museums in Stockholm: *Literacy and the Creation of an Artificial Memory Understanding the Emergence of Latin Written Culture in High Medieval Denmark.*

10.30-10.45: Coffee and snacks

Session VII: Writing on objects II

Moderator: Morten Søvstø, Museum of Southwest Jutland

10.45-11.15: Gitte Tarnow Ingvardson, Historical Museum at Lund University: *Literacy reflected in coin production and coin use.*

11.15-11.45: Frauke Witte, Museum Sønderjylland: *The writing on the plate.*

11.45-12.45: Lunch

Session VIII: Reading and writing in specific towns II

Moderator: Morten Søvstø, Museum of Southwest Jutland

12.45-13.15: Kristel Zilmer, Western Norway University of Applied Sciences: *Writing and Reading in Medieval Bergen: The Evidence of Inscribed Artefacts.*

13.15-13.45: Simeon Dekker, University of Bern: *The development of conceptual literacy in Medieval Novgorod.*

13.45-14.00: Bjørn Poulsen, Aarhus University: *Final comments and further perspectives.*