

The 20th Aarhus Old Norse Mythology Conference, Berlin

Thursday, 20 November 2025

08:30–09:00 *Registration and Coffee*

09:00–09:30 Welcome – Beate Lütke (Dean of the Faculty of Language, Literature and Humanities, Berlin) and Lukas Rösli (Berlin);
Introduction – Verena Höfig (München)

Theorizing Myth

09:30–10:00 Jürg Glauser (Basel/Zürich) — *Do Myths Have Origins?*

10:00–10:30 Nicolas Meylan (Lausanne) — *Ymir in Chicago: Eliade, Smith, Lincoln*

10:30–11:00 *Coffee*

Bloody Beginnings

11:00–11:30 Kate Heslop (Berkeley) — *Bloody Origins*

11:30–12:00 Carolyne Larrington (Oxford) — *Creation: Cosmogony and Anthropogony in a Comparative Context*

12:00–12:30 Henning Kure (Independent Researcher) — *On the Origin of the Myth of the Origin of Humans*

12:30–14:00 *Lunch*

Mythic Knowledge and Origins

14:00–14:30 Stephen A. Mitchell (Harvard) — *Knowledge and the Origins of Wisdom*

14:30–15:00 Brittany Schorn (Cambridge) — *‘all these, I think, stem from me alone’: Locating the Origins of Ancient Myths in Old Norse Poetry*

15:00–15:30 Pierre-Brice Stahl (Sorbonne) — *Vafþrúðnismál: On the Origins of a Myth of Origins*

15:30–16:00 *Coffee*

17:15 Taxi transport to Icelandic ambassador's residence

18:00–18:30 *Reception at the residence*

18:30–19:30 Roundtable discussion

Twenty Years of the Aarhus Old Norse Mythology Conference: Origins, Present, and Future.

Moderation: Lukas Rösli; Participants: Margaret Clunies Ross (Sydney), Frog (Helsinki), Terry Gunnell (Reykjavík), Simon Nygaard (Aarhus), Jens Peter Schjødt (Aarhus), Rudolf Simek (Bonn), Stefanie von Schnurbein (Berlin)

19:30–20:30 *Dinner Buffet*

Friday, 21 November 2025

Myth and Identity

- 10:00–10:30 Guðrún Nordal (Reykjavík) — *Making Sense of Your Own Time: Proto-National Myths in Sturlunga saga*
- 10:30–11:00 Ela Sefcikova (Berlin) — *Translating Origins: Ethnicity and Mythology in Mallet and his Translators*

11:00–11:30 *Coffee*

Heroes and Warriors

- 11:30–12:00 Declan Taggart (Reykjavík) — *The Myth of the Warrior*
- 12:00–12:30 Judy Quinn (Cambridge) — *Where do Heroes Come from?*

12:30–14:00 *Lunch*

Gods, Myths, and Legends

- 14:00–14:30 Lars Lönnroth (Götebrog) — *The Origin of Freyr and the Rällinge Statuette*
- 14:30–15:00 John Lindow (Berkeley) — *Gefjón dró frá Gylfa: Perspectives on an Etiological Legend*
- 15:00–15:30 Richard Cole (Aarhus) — *Óðinn and the Fairies: Some Comparisons between Late Medieval England and Sweden*

15:30–16:00 *Coffee*

16:00–16:30 *Closing Notes*

18:00 *Conference Dinner*
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