Sydney Symposium in Old Norse-Icelandic Studies
2 April 2008

H.L. Rogers Room
N397, John Woolley Building
University of Sydney

Programme

8.45 - 9.15 Registration and Coffee (N303-5, Centre for Medieval Studies)

9.15 - 9.30 Opening remarks - Professor Margaret Clunies Ross (Sydney)

9.30 - 11.00 Session 1 - ‘Other’ Worlds. Chair: Lauren Goetting (Indiana)
  Geraldine Barnes (Sydney), “‘Things Greek and the riddarasögur’: A Reconsideration’
  Anna Hansen (Sydney), ‘Characteristics of Fantastic Space in the Sagas’
  Leon Wild (Sydney), ‘Ravens in Old Norse Myth and Literature’

11.00 - 11.30 Morning coffee

11.30 - 1.00 Session 2 - Cultural Issues behind Saga-Telling. Chair: Sam Fletcher (Sydney)
  Lisa Bennett (Flinders), ‘Two Important Sites of Cultural Memory in the Íslendingasögur’
  Hannah Burrows (Sydney), ‘Cold Cases: Law and Legal Detail in the Íslendingasögur’
  Kári Gíslason (QUT), ‘Within and Without Family in the Icelandic Sagas’

1.00 - 2.00 Lunch

2.00 - 4.00 Session 3 - Poetry and Poetics. Chair: Diana Whaley (Newcastle-upon-Tyne)
  Kari Ellen Gade (Indiana), “…en kennarlaust, ek mönnum engan styrk, en myrkvafagnað” - at least in Háadarlag
  Bernard Mees (RMIT), ‘Between Prose and Poetry’
  Torfi Tulinius (Reykjavík), ‘The “Conversion” of Sonatorrek’
  Tarrin Wills (Aberdeen), ‘The New Meissner’

4.00 - 4.30 Afternoon tea

4.30 - 6.00 Session 4 - The Viking Diaspora: Then and Now. Chair: Emily Baynham (Sydney)
  Katrina Burge (Melbourne), ‘Winds of Change: The Impact of Climate and Weather on the Viking Age’
  Shane McLeod (UWA), ‘Migration and Acculturation: The Norse Experience in Ninth-century England’

6.00 Close

There will be post-conference drinks in the Woolley Building, followed by dinner at 7.30pm at the Thai Pothong restaurant, Newtown.

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