Vikings and Their Enemies
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Most peoples of early Europe had contact with vikings as they traded, raided and settled across a wide geographical area. Traditionally vikings have been seen as enemies of the peoples they encountered, and of the Christian church. This symposium invites a broad exploration of the concept of ‘viking enemies’ from the traditional to emerging concerns such as the challenging climate of the Scandinavian homelands, the arrival of Latin-based culture or the current marginalisation of medieval studies within many Australian universities.

Due to the wide sphere of viking activity, researchers working in virtually every area of early European studies can contribute to this theme. It is hoped that this symposium will bring together post-graduates, early career researchers and senior academics from a variety of disciplines to exchange views and perceptions of vikings and their enemies.

Call For Papers

Papers relating to any aspect of the theme ‘Vikings and their Enemies’ are invited for the symposium. Please submit your proposal including an abstract of 100-200 words, working title and your contact details to the symposium convenor by 1 October, 2007. Selected papers from the symposium will be published as an independent volume.

Further information will be available at the conference website: http://home.vicnet.net.au/~medieval/vikings/

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