European Connections: Cultural Transfer to and from the Baltic Sea Region

Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn, 12 November 2021 via Zoom

10:15 Zoom room open

10:30 Welcome and introduction: Sabine Walther, Kathrin Chlench-Priber (University of Bonn)

11:00-12:30

Elena Melnikova	Runic inscriptions of the Scandinavian diaspora in the Baltic lands
Russian Academy of	
Sciences	
Kendra Willson	Language contact reflected in runic inscriptions
University of Turku	
Jesse Barber	Óðinn and Väinämöinen: A comparison of the archetypal ritual specialist in the Nordics
University of Helsinki	
12:30-13:30 lunch break	

13:30-15:00

Anneli Sundkvist	The context of amulet rings: an overlooked type of artefact?
Societas Archaeologica Upsaliensis	
Olle Möllervärn	Bear transformation in Scandinavian folklore
Mid Sweden University	
Frog University of Helsinki	Migration Period Christianity Spreading through the North? Or, Is Old Norse Mythology a Creolized Christianity?

15:00-15:30 coffee/tea break

15:30-17:00

Andris Šnē University of Latvia	Grobiņa archaeological complex: a melting point of the Baltic and Scandinavian cultures in the Pre-Viking Age
Adam Engvall Uppsala University	The Puzzling towers of Gotland - some thoughts regarding 12th century towers from Gotland
Jhonny Therus Kalmar County Museum/Linnaeus University	Small finds and large networks. Using beads and knife sheet fittings to trace networks in the 11 th and 12 th century Baltic and beyond.

17:15 general discussion

18:00 wine hour

All are welcome to attend! To receive the link to the meeting, please register by writing to <u>swalther@unibonn.de</u> (if you have not already done so). The link will be sent to all registered participants shortly before the conference.