

## **Moving objects – moving people**

Object analysis and the technical and social processes of transformation, innovation and migration

**76<sup>th</sup> International Sachsensymposion,  
September 20. – 24. 2025, in Oldenburg**



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### **General Information**

#### **Registration:**

**Please register by 30.06.2025 under [sasy@landesmuseen-ol.de](mailto:sasy@landesmuseen-ol.de).**

**Please wait with the transfer of the costs until you receive an additional reference number from us and use this as subject together with the addition “Sasy 2025 name of participant”.**

#### **Conference venue:**

Landesmuseum Natur und Mensch, Damm 38-46, D-26135 Oldenburg, Germany

#### **Contact information:**

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#### **Transport:**

The nearest airport is Bremen. From there, tram number 6 runs to the main railway station, from where there is a regular train service to Oldenburg.

There is a regular bus service from Oldenburg main station to the museum, bus stop Staatsarchiv/Museum Oldenburg. It takes about 15 minutes to walk from the main railway station to the museum.

#### **Accommodation:**

Hotel rooms can be booked via *Tourismus und Marketing Oldenburg iO*. Please use the attached booking forms for this purpose. The number of hotel rooms available in Oldenburg is limited, so early booking is recommended.

**Conference program:**

You are the museum's guest during the conference, and you can visit the exhibitions of the Landesmuseum Natur und Mensch and the Landesmuseum Kunst und Kultur during museum opening hours by showing your name badge

**Saturday, 20. September 2025**

from 13.00 registration in the museum

14.00-15.00 Guided Walk through the "Schlossgarten", which is owned and managed by the Museum

15.30-16.30 Guided City Tour Oldenburg

16.45-17.30 Guided tour through the exhibition of the Landesmuseum Natur und Mensch

17.30 Opening of the 76th Sachsensymposium and reception with wine and light refreshments at the museum

17.45 official opening of the conference by the museum director Ursula Warnke

18.00 keynote lecture NN

19.00 Happy Hour with drinks in the garden of the museum

**Sunday, 21. September 2025**

9.15-16.50 Lectures in the Auditorium of the Landesmuseum

8.45 Registration opens

**Session I:****The work of the Landesmuseum Natur und Mensch Oldenburg**

9.15-9.30 general information and introduction into the history of the Museum

9.30-09.50 Ursula Warnke: Current projects at the museum. An introduction

09.50-10.10 Ivonne Kaiser: Who made them and how were they made? New technological and digital approaches to provenance research using the example of the materiality of objects

10.10-10.30 Sigrid van Roode: Power Objects in Motion: the many lives of Egyptian zār jewellery

10.30-11.00 Coffee break

11.00-11.20 Kara Schmidt: Only friends you haven't met yet – Strangers and unusual funeral rites at the medieval cemetery of Schortens

11.20-11.40 Annette Siegmüller and Birte Meller: Gods, charioteers, scrap metal: statuettes from the Roman Iron Age in the NuM collection

11.40-12.00 Hajnalka Herold: Archaeological traces of long-distance trade/communication networks in early medieval Europe

12.00-13.00 Lunch in the open space of the Landesmuseum (included in the conference fee)

## **Session II**

### **Societies, trade and networks (I):**

13.00-13.20 Marion Heumüller: Ways through the bogs in the Roman Iron Age

13.20-13.40 Mads Leen Jensen: Materialising Roman Diplomacy: What can analysis of bronze vessels from the Roman Iron Age in Denmark tell us about contact between Rome and the North?

13.40-14.00 Lene Heidemann Lutz: Moving women – moving objects. Female burials from Southern Jutland as a reflection of identity and migration in the Late Roman Iron Age.

14.00-14.20 Dagfinn Skre: The kingdom of the Danir: a transcultural approach

14.20-14.40 Bente Majchczack: The island of Amrum (Nordfriesland, Germany), a maritime hub for migrating people and ideas in the first millennium AD

14.40-15.10 Coffee break

## **Session III**

### **Societies, trade and networks (II):**

15.10-15.30 Nina Schreuder: Circulating Colours: Typochronological and Chemical Analyses of Glass Beads at the Cemetery of Zweeloo, the Netherlands

15.30-15.50 Mats Skare: Animal Styles Across the Sea – “Strict” Style II as proxy for exchange, mobility, and transformation, c. AD 550–700

15.50-16.10 Thomas Eriksson: Networks and contacts: New analyses of the Fine-ware at Helgö and in Sweden

16.10-16.30 Jaroslaw Prassolow und Konstantin Skvortsov: An exotic fibula finding on a medieval Prussian settlement in Samland

16.30-16.50 Johan Nicolay: Small long brooches of type Domburg in a changing world Migration, ethnogenesis and the formation of a ‘Frisian’ identity in the Dutch-German coastal area (3th-7th c. AD)

19.00 Reception by the Mayor of Oldenburg

**Monday, 22. September 2025**

8.00-18.00 Excursion to Butjadingen with traditional "Grünkohlessen"

sightseeing points:

- Langwarder Groden nature reserve
- Dwelling Mound Langwarden with historical church and organ
- Floating bog in Sehestedt with boardwalk
- Reconstructed boardwalk at Wittemoor with 'cult figures'

19.00 Meeting of the Coordinating Committee at the Museum

**Tuesday, 23. September 2025**

9.00-17.00 Lectures in the Auditorium of the Landesmuseum

8.45 Registration opens

9.00-9.05 general information about the conference dinner in the evening

9.05-9.20 News from the Management Board and the Coordinating Committee

**Session IV****Finds, techniques and analyses (I):**

9.20-9.40 Katrin Struckmeyer: Pottery traditions of Early Medieval shell-tempered ware in north-western Central Europe

9.40-10.00 Tessa Krol-Karsten: Anglo-Saxon style pottery of the northern Netherlands in an international context: pottery as a reflection of migration and cultural exchange (4th-6th centuries)

10.00-10.20 Menno Dijkstra: Hunting high and low. Detection and distribution of identical roulette stamps on Merovingian wheel thrown pottery in the Netherlands

10.20-10.40 Marcin Wołoszyn, Stephen W. Merkel, Iwona Florkiewicz, Sylwia Wajda, Olena Zhurukina: Beyond the Vikings. Rus' relations with East-Central Europe in the light of Lead Isotope Analyses

10.40-11.10 Coffee break

**Session V:****Finds, techniques and analyses (II):**

11.10-11.30 Dieter Quast: Between Need, Sustainability and Showing off. Some thoughts on Early Medieval Recycling

11.30-11.50 Guntram Gassmann, Andreas Gutekunst, Jonathan Scheschkewitz, Doris Schmid und Robin Dürr: Non-ferrous metal recycling, iron smelting and processing in an early Alamannic settlement in Mengen (Sigmaringen district, Baden-Württemberg)

11.50-12.10 Alexandra Hilgner: Moving Gems: Garnet Jewellery and the Transfer of Materials, Techniques, and Ideas in the Early Middle Ages

12.10-12.30 Grégoire Chêne, Britt Claes, Frédéric Hatert, Nelly Kieffer, Femke Lippok, Cédric Malherbe, Elke Otten, Line Van Wersch, Helena Wouters: Provenance, design and skill. Material and techniques used in the creation of early medieval jewellery in Belgium.

12.30-13.20 Lunch in the open space of the Landesmuseum (included in the conference fee)

## **Session VI**

### **Object biographies and Archives (I):**

13.20-13.40 Olivia Russell: In Life, through Death: Bracteate Biographies and Microscopic Use Wear Analysis as Windows into Past Personal Actions

13.40-14.00 Frida Antonia Weise: The Iconography of the Lady with the Mead Cup

14.00-14.20 Tönno Jonuks: Bronze rings for decoration or ritual purposes?

14.20-14.40 John Hines: Object and Subject: an inscribed great square-headed brooch from Eye, Suffolk

14.40-15.00 Coffee break

## **Session VII**

### **Object biographies and Archives (II):**

15.00-15.20 Claus von Carnap-Bornheim: The Prussia Archive from Königsberg - a lost archive is recovered

15.20-15.40 Ulrich Lehmann und David Mannes: Revealed by neutrons - the golden Roman socket lock from Petershagen-Frille

15.40-16.00 Sanni Salomaa: Reconsideration of the find materials from the Finnish Iron Age cairns

16.00-16.20 René Proos: The Rijnsburg basin

16.20-16.40 Dieter Bishop und Stephanie Böker: A new discovery of a statuette of seated god from the Roman Iron Age

17.00-18.00 Presentation and guided tour of the historical document "Oldenburger Sachsenspiegel" for the participants of the Sachsensymposion in the Landesbibliothek Oldenburg, Pferdemarkt 15, 26123 Oldenburg

19.30 Conference dinner in the Klinkenburg

After the dinner: sundowner (at own cost) at the Gleispark (just a few metres away from the Klinkenburg)

### **Wednesday, 24. September 2025**

9.15-13.00 Lectures in the Auditorium of the Landesmuseum

9.00 Registration opens

9.15-9.20 general information

#### **Session VIII**

##### **Rituals, graves and organic finds (I):**

9.20-9.40 Rica Annaert und G. van den Eynde: Multidisciplinary research of two Early Medieval graves from Tilburg (Noord-Brabant, The Netherlands)

9.40-10.00 Esther Cameron, Jonathan Clark, Sue Harrington, Faye Minter, Christopher Scull: Recovering the Irretrievable: re-calibrating approaches to the excavation and analysis of early medieval furnished burials in England

10.00-10.20 Stuart Brookes and Sue Harrington: A mutual darkness of objects: furnished burial and an individual

10.20-10.40 Sam Lucy: Excavations at Foundry Field, Burnham Market, Norfolk: a major new early medieval cemetery

10.40-11.00 Coffee break

#### **Session IX**

##### **Rituals, graves and organic finds (II):**

11.00-11.20 Christoph Krekel, Ben Krause-Kyora, Stephanie Dietz, Andrea Fischer, Theresa Hinterkörner, Christina Peek: Colourful North and people from the South? In search of the polychromy of the Fallward households and the genetic characteristics of its population.

11.20-11.40 Melanie Augstein, Hauke Jöns, Christina Peek: Different identities! Studies on the various burial traditions in the cemetery at the Fallward (district of Cuxhaven)

11.40-12.00 Mike Belasus and Hauke Jöns: Travelling the North Sea coast: The fifth century A.D. burial boats from Fallward in context

12.00-12.20 Symposium Summary

12.20-12.40 General Discussion

12.40 Invitation to the 77<sup>th</sup> Sachsensymposium

Lunch for takeaway (included in the conference fee)

### **End of the Symposium**

#### **Posters:**

1. Angelique Kaspers: Crossing borders. The distribution of early medieval imported pottery in the coastal area of the Northern Netherlands.
2. Signe Helles Olesen, Martin Krog Nielsen and Katrine Balsgaard Juul: Lærkenfeldt burial III – preliminary results of a new chamber burial in Horsens, Denmark.
3. Nina Lau und Andreas Rau: On selected categories of finds from the supposed Roman landing site at Bentumersiel.
4. Selina Pohl: The beads of the early medieval cemetery of Dunum - A typological and chronological analysis.
5. Svenja Biedinger: The role of women between the Viking Age and Early Middle Ages
6. Bente Sven Majchczack, Ruth Blankenfeldt, Dennis Wilken, Sarah Bäuml, Eileen Eckmeier, Roland Filzwieser, Wiebke Kirleis, Søren Munch Kristiansen, Jutta Lechterbeck, Jens Schneeweiss, Philippe de Smedt, Immo Trinks, Jeroen Verhegge, Tina Wunderlich, Wolfgang Rabbel: Uncovering farmsteads, villages, harbours and burials: New geophysical approaches to the settlement landscape of the island of Amrum (Nordfriesland, Germany).
7. Martha Görlitz: Old whorls - new thread. The spindle whorls of the Feddersen Wierde , district of Cuxhaven