



Cambridge Colloquium in  
Anglo-Saxon, Norse and Celtic

# Travels & Transgressions

17 February 2024

Keynote Lecture:

**Professor Clare Downham**

(University of Liverpool):

**"Runaway Irish Princess Saints"**

Programme:

9:30 **Session 1: Social and Spatial Mobility**

*Dispossessed Exiles and Marginalised Exploiters: A Class Analysis of the Relations between the Birkibeinar and the Norwegian Peasantry c.1174–1180*

–Hugo Small (University of Cambridge)

*The Viking 'Winter' Camp: A Crisis of Identity. Seasonal Transitional Camp or Much More?*

– Ian Russell (University of Liverpool)

*Sailing on Up: How Viking Longships Changed Travel*

Cecily Warrilow (University of Iceland)

11:00 Tea Break

11:30 **Session 2: Words and Worlds**

*Medieval 'Road Signs' – Travelling by the Name of a Hill: Does It Work and, If Not, What Does That Mean?*

Abigail Lloyd (University of Nottingham)

*Wisdom in Motion: the 'Travel' of the Old English Precepts from the 8th Century*

to the Monastic Reform

Giovanni Nichetti (University of Bergamo)

*Real Places, Liminal Spaces: Accessibility and Authority in Paradise and Other-worlds*

Makayla Nicholis (University of York)

1:00 Lunch

2:00 Keynote Lecture

3:00 Tea Break

3:30 **Session 3: Travelling Women**

*Traveling female saints in early medieval hagiography: a comparison between the lives of Brigit of Kildare and Leoba of Tauberbischofsheim*

Clarissa Mattana (Federal University of Rio de Janeiro / Maynooth University)

*The Vikingalög and Sexual Violence*

Grace O'Duffy (University of Oxford)

*Crossing the Fens: Mercian Royal Women on the East-Anglian Frontier in the Long Eighth Century*

Thomas Vare (University of Leicester)

The Colloquium will be followed by a drinks reception  
and dinner at Newnham College (pre-booking only)

