

## Viking Society Student Conference 2010

The Viking Society is holding its annual student conference in London on 13 February. Everybody is welcome to attend – whether a student or not or a Society member or not.

The theme of this year's conference is **Skaldic Poetry**, and the programme is as follows:

10.30 Coffee, Registration (Jeremy Bentham Room)

11.00 Richard North (London): 'Skaldic verses. How to read them; how not to fear them'.

11.45 Debbie Potts (Cambridge): 'Myth and metaphor in the self-referential language of early skaldic verse'.

12.30 Erin Goeres (Oxford): 'My hope of wealth died": Personal gain and personal grief in the commemorative verses of Glúmr Geirason and Eyvindr skáldaspillir'.

1.15 LUNCH

2.00 Alaric Hall (Leeds): 'Kennings, personal names, and understanding supernatural beings' (across the skaldic corpus as a whole, but definitely with some reference to *Ragnarsdrápa*).

2.45 Heather O'Donoghue (Oxford): 'Skaldic verse in saga prose'.

3.30 David Ashurst (Durham): 'Verse as sex act: chiefly in *Kormaks saga*'.

4.15 TEA

The conference will be held in the Gustave Tuck Lecture Theatre, University College London. (South Junction of the main building, at the top of the stairs. Registration and refreshments will be in the Jeremy Bentham Room.)

**To Register:** Please email Alison Finlay <a.finlay@bbk.ac.uk> by Monday 8 February to inform us of your intention to attend. The conference costs £10 — which covers the cost of coffee, tea and a sandwich lunch. Please send a cheque for this sum to Alison Finlay, Department of English, Birkbeck, University of London, Malet Street, WC1E 7HX (to arrive by 12th February) OR pay using a credit card via PayPal at the Society's website..