

Deutsches Schiffahrts museum

The “Travel-Workshop” is the first workshop of the interdisciplinary research project “Between the North Sea and the Norwegian Sea: Interdisciplinary Studies of the Hanse” funded by the Leibniz Association (Leibniz-Gemeinschaft) (2015-2018). The project focuses on the cultural and social links between the German cities of Bremen and Hamburg with the North Atlantic islands Faroe, Shetland and Iceland in the period c. 1400-1700.

The aim of this workshop is to bring together specialists from different disciplines and countries to shed light on several aspects of the process of traveling, and the stay of the Germans in their destination ports. The workshop is organized in two parts. The first session concentrates on the journeys: which ships were used for these journeys, what do we know about the crews, how did navigation work and which sea routes were used at that time? What were the climatic conditions and how did this affect sailing and navigation? The second session addresses questions regarding daily life on board. How was the provisioning on board and what happened when sailors fell ill? How was space on board organized? What do we know about religious life on board and on land?

Venue

Deutsches Schiffahrtsmuseum (DSM), Leibniz-Institut für deutsche Schiffahrtsgeschichte, Hans-Scharoun-Platz 1, D-27568 Bremerhaven, Sitzungszimmer.

Registration

The conference is open to everyone but the number of participants is limited to 20. For registration and information please contact Natascha Mehler at mehler@dsm.museum. We kindly ask you to make your own travel arrangements.

Conference fee

During the conference unlimited refreshments (coffee, tea, water) and lunch will be provided for which we kindly ask you to provide a participation fee of 25,- €. Please make your payment cash at the registration desk at the conference (no card payment possible).

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Travelling to Shetland, Faroe and Iceland during the 15th to 17th centuries

Interdisciplinary workshop of the project “Between the North Sea and the Norwegian Sea. Interdisciplinary studies of the Hanseatic League”

*Deutsches Schiffahrtsmuseum Bremerhaven,
2 - 4 November 2015*



Workshop programme

Monday 2 November (venue: DSM, lecture theatre)

18:00-19:00 Introductory lecture: *“The Icelandic Dried Cod is Much Esteemed...”: Reflections on Icelandic Fisheries History*

(Prof Dr Astrid E.J. Ogilvie, Stefansson Arctic Institute, Akureyri)

19:30 Dinner at Restaurant Speisesaal

Tuesday 3 November (venue: DSM, Sitzungszimmer)

9:00-10:00 Welcome and introduction (PD Dr Natascha Mehler and Prof Dr Sunhild Kleingärtner, DSM Bremerhaven)

Underwater Archaeology in Iceland

(Dr Ragnar Edvardsson, Háskóli Íslands, Bolungarvík)

Underwater Archaeology in Shetland

(Philipp Grassel, Kiel University)

10:00-12:30 **Session I: The Journey**
chair Dr Mark Gardiner, Queen’s University Belfast
tea / coffee provided throughout the morning

The ships that headed North

(Dr Mike Belasus, DSM Bremerhaven)

Reconstructing the crew of a ship going North, or how to make written sources tell what they don’t want to tell

(Bart Holterman MA, DSM Bremerhaven)

Negotiating the North Sea. Some considerations about the navigational aspects of early modern sea links between the Hanseatic cities and the North Atlantic islands

(Dr. Albrecht Sauer, DSM Bremerhaven)

12:30-14:00 Lunch

Sagas and sea ice: documentary sources of climate and environment in Iceland and the surrounding seas c. AD 1300 to 1700

(Prof Dr Astrid E.J. Ogilvie, Stefansson Arctic Institute, Akureyri)

Discussion of session I.

15:00-15:30 **Session II: Life on board and on land**
chair Dr Mark Gardiner, Queen’s University Belfast

Life aboard ships sailing between the Baltic Sea and Shetland, Faroe and Iceland

(Dr Niklas Eriksson, Södertörn University)

15:30-16:00 Tea / coffee

16:00-18:00 Guided tour through the German Maritime Museum

19:00 Dinner at Restaurant Seute Deern

Wednesday 4 November (venue: DSM, Sitzungszimmer)

9:00-12:30 **Session II: Life on board and on land**
chair Dr Mark Gardiner, Queen’s University Belfast
tea / coffee provided throughout the morning

Broad beans and salted meat. The provisionings on board the ships

(Dipl-Biol Hans Christian Küchelmann, DSM Bremerhaven)

Medical care on board the ships during the 15th to 17h centuries in Northwest Europe

(Dr Simone Kahlow, DSM Bremerhaven)

Religious life on board and on land

(PD Dr Natascha Mehler, DSM Bremerhaven)

The worries of a Bremen Shetlandfarer: the last will of Cordt Folkerts from 1543

(Dr Adolf E. Hofmeister, State Archive Bremen)

Tórshavn and Faroe in the 16th century

(Símun V. Arge, Søvnlósi, Tórshavn)

Discussion of session II.

12:30 Lunch and end of workshop