



# WANG CHURCH SYMPOSIUM

Late Paganism and the Beginning of Christianisation  
in Scandinavia and Central Europe.  
Temples – Churches – Rituals – Magic  
and Superstitions

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### 3<sup>th</sup> October

9.30 – 10.00

Prof. Leszek Słupecki (University of Rzeszów),  
Dr. Marie Novotna (Charles University)  
and Prof. Igor Kąkolewski (Head of the Centre for Historical Research  
in Berlin, Polish Academy of Sciences)

*Conference opening: Late Paganism, Christianisation  
and Early Churches in Scandinavia and Central Europe*

Edwin Pech (pastor of the Wang Church in Karpacz)  
Welcome address

10.00 – 10.30

Dr. Renata Leśniakiewicz-Drzymała, *Dragons and mysterious faces.  
On the iconography of the portals of the Vang Church*

10.30 – 11.00 / coffee break

11.00 – 11.30

Dr. Kendra Willson, *The runic inscription in the Vang church*

11.30 – 12.00

Prof. Rudolf Simek, *Icelandic demons vs. bishop Gudmund the Good*

12.00 – 13.00

guided tour through the Wang church

13.00 – 15.00 / free time

15.00 – 15.30

Prof. Jakub Morawiec, *Hallfreðr Óttarsson's 'Conversion verses' revisited*

15.30. – 16.00

Prof. Anna Waško, *Rituals of death in Saint Olaf's Saga*

16.00 – 16.30

Prof. Daniel Sävborg, *Pagan survival in late 11<sup>th</sup> century Sweden*

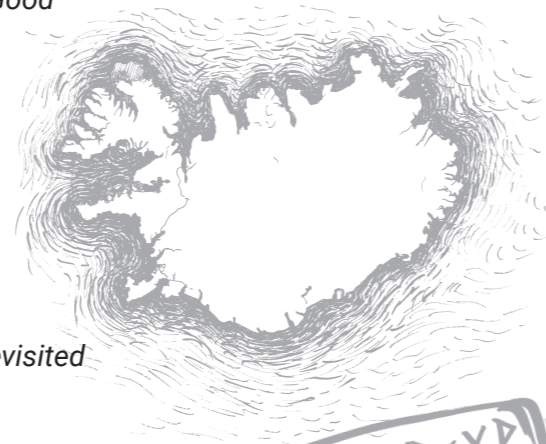
16:30 – 17:00

Dr. Sabine H. Walther: *Sigurd the Crusader, the Cross and the Pagan Swedes*

17.00 – 17.30

Dr. Marta Rey-Radlińska, *Tracing the roots: the emergence  
of Cistercians in medieval Sweden*

17.30 / dinner at the hotel



### 4<sup>th</sup> October



9.30 – 10.00

Dr. Carina Damm, *VI KRI VOLŠA: christianisation in medieval Polabia*

10.00 – 10.30

Prof. Christian Lübke, *Living in times of transition.  
Polabian Pagan gentes and their baptized princes*

10.30 – 11.00

Prof. Stanisław Rosik, *On the „domestication” of native gods  
in pre-Christian communities of Baltic Slavs*

11.00 – 11.30 / coffee break

11.30 – 12.00

Dr. Jiří Dynda, *Tracing syncretism:  
exploring the “illegitimate offering”  
for Rožanicy in Old Russian Liturgical Practice*

12.00 – 12.30

Prof. Vladimir P. Goss, *“Cathedral” before the Cathedral.  
The Kaptol of Zagreb between Paganism and Christianity*

12.30 – 15.00 / free time

15.00 – 15.30

Dr. Jiří Stary, *Nauðir níu.  
An attempt to parallel reading of ON runic charms  
and “Papyri Graecae Magicae”*

15.30 – 16.00

Dr. Lucie Korecká, *The power of the word: verbal magic  
and Christian invocations in Old Norse literature*

16.00 – 16.30

Dr. Jakub Jagodziński, *Truso.  
Between Paganism and Christianity*

16.30 – 17.00

General discussion and resume moderated  
by Dr. Pavel Vondricka

17.30 / dinner at the hotel