



MIDDELALDERKLYNGEN

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1) Medieval Research Cluster

2) Alrekstad – a royal farm from the Viking Age

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Knowledge Clusters





The Medieval Research Cluster



Bergen approx. 1320. www.Arkikon.no

- Art history
- Comparative literature
- Philology
- Archaeology
- The study of religions
- History
- Geology
- Botany
- Music





Who are we?



Partners in the Medieval Research Cluster:

- Bergen Municipality
- Hordaland County Council
- Norwegian Institute for Cultural Heritage
- Directorate of Cultural Heritage
- Western Norway University of Applied Science
- Bergen City Museum
- Museum West
- University of Bergen

Steering board

Work group

Cluster-administration





«Co-locating»



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Common arena: The town of Bergen and Western Norway





**I vesterled
Westward bound**
17.-18. oktober




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City walk




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Consert




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Public debate




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Sagastad -

Explore the Viking Saga



Tre inn i vikingkongens verden!

10. Mai opnar Sagastad Kunnskapssenter for fyrste gong dørene inn til fortida på Nordfjordeid. Du er herved invitert til ei opning ein Konge verdig.

Dagen for opninga nærmar seg med stormskritt. Vi håpar folk frå nær og fjern ønskjer å ta del av denne historiske hendinga. Set av andre helga i mai – dette blir stort!



Aktuelt





PhD Workshop: The Literature, Literary Culture and Historiography of the Middle Ages

UiB and the Centre Universitaire de Norvège à Paris invite to an interdisciplinary PhD Workshop 4-7 November 2019.



The PhD school is held only a stone's throw from the medieval university in Paris. Photo: Medieval University

The University of Bergen, the [Bergen Medieval Research Cluster](#) and the [Norwegian University Centre in Paris](#) are happy to welcome all PhD candidates to apply to an

04.11.2019 - 09.00-07.11.2019 - 15.00

PhD-relay at the Medieval Research Cluster

Do you have a medieval aspect to your dissertation? Sign up for the interdisciplinary PhD seminar on 7. June 2019 to meet your fellow researchers.



An early example of a PhD-seminar, at the Sorbonne. Photo: Wikimedia Commons / History Today

The [Bergen Medieval Research Cluster](#) invites all PhD candidates in Bergen with a project containing a medieval aspect to an interdisciplinary PhD relay.

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NEWS

Bergen Medieval Forum, Spring 2019

The programme for Bergen Medieval Forum is ready!

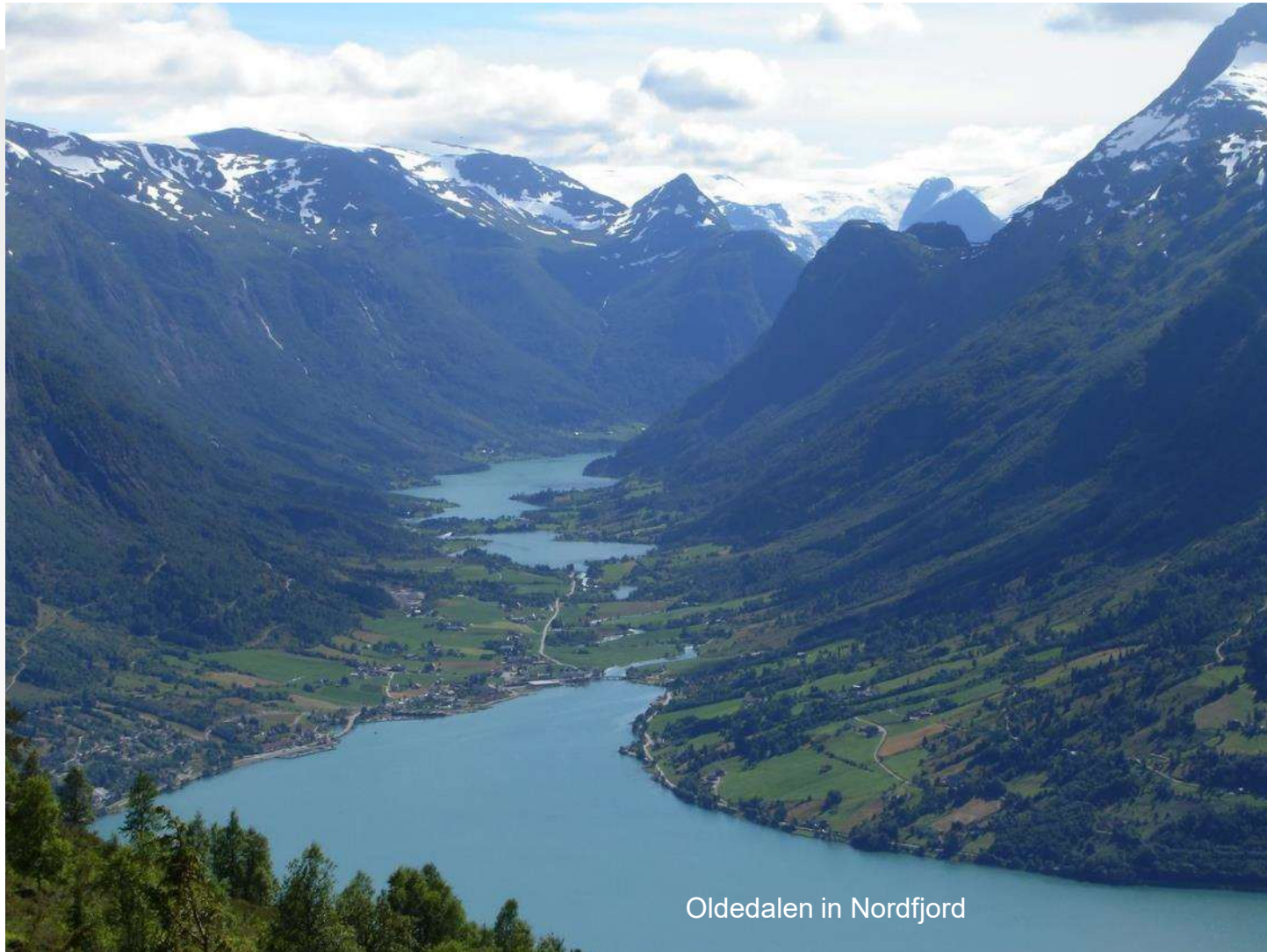


Academic debates could be rough in the Middle Ag
Photo: Wikimedia Commons

By PETER SEBASTIAN HATLEBAK AND IRENE BAUG

- Lectures by different scholars – open to the public





Oldedalen in Nordfjord





<https://www.utemagasinet.no/magasin/padleperler>

- Coastline littered with thousands of islands, islets and reefs.
- Protected the coastal sailing route – the Norðvegr.



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Norðvegr

North

Way

The Northern Way





Norðvegr





Norðvegr

The five manors belonging to King Harald Fairhair (c. 850-930)





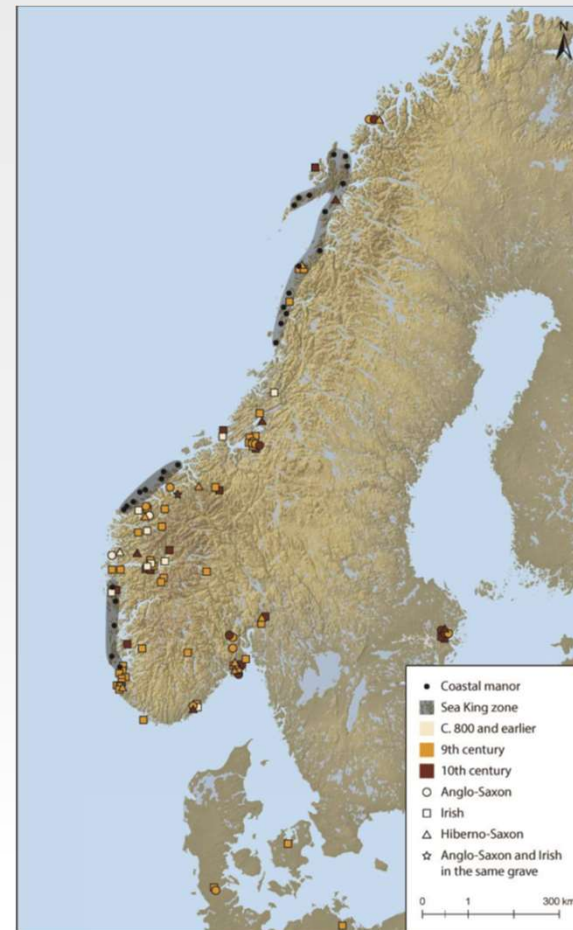
King Harald Fairhair

Harald and his army searched the islands and outlying skerries, pursued the Vikings that camped there, and drove them over the sea to the west – all the way to the Irish Sea.





- 700-800: high-level political agents along the coast – the Sea Kings





- The king and his men travelled around in the kingdom in order to keep the power
- No geographical defined centrum in this kingdom and no permanent capital for the governing men

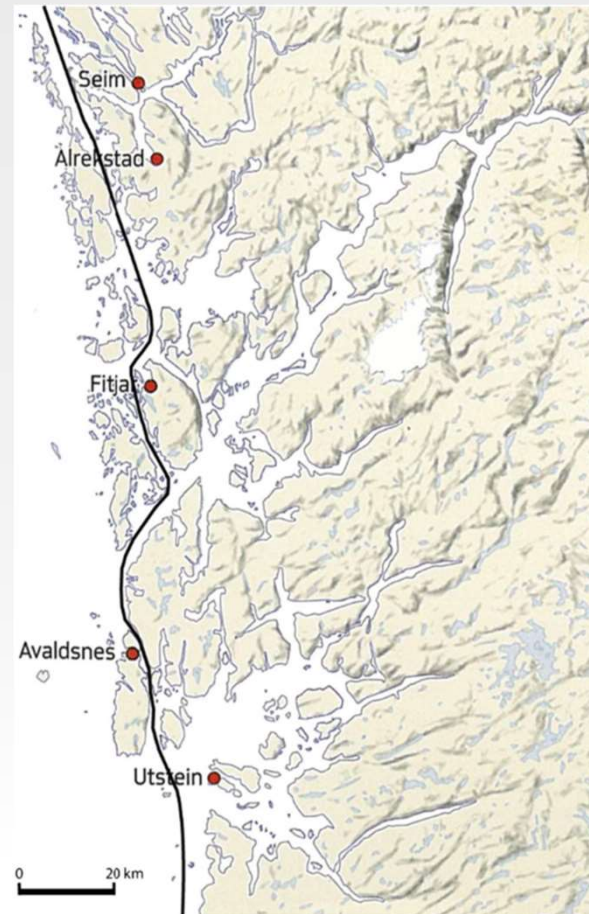


King Harald Fairhair





- They travelled between the different royal manors





Development of sailing ships





Alrekstad



- Was King Alrek an early King at this manor?



Archaeological excavations at Alrekstad



<https://www.hordaland.no/nn-NO/nyheitsarkiv/2016/nye-funn-pa-historisk-grunn-i-bergen>



Cooking pit (Foto: S. Diinhof)





Alrekstad

- Viking Age Burial mound at Alrekstad





King Olav Kyrre

- Founded Bergen in 1070
- The owner of Alrekstad in the 11th century





- King Øystein Magnusson (1102-23) moved the royal residence from Alrekstad to Bergenhus





Alrekstad

- Royal farm and residence (Viking Age)
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- Donated to Munkeliv Monastery (1277)
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- Transferred to Vincent Lunge (16th century)



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**Thanks for your
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