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Call for Papers 2024

Scandinavian & Nordic Studies

April 18th-20th, 2024 · University of Kentucky · Lexington, Kentucky

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The Challenges of Defining Diversity in a Globalized World

We encourage submissions for papers and panels guided by this theme for the 2024 edition of the KFLC. As always, though, we welcome all scholarly submissions relevant to our many tracks.

Hybrid Conference

Thursday, April 18th: virtual panels

Friday and Saturday, April 19th and 20th: in-person panels

Deadline for Abstract Submission & Panel Proposals:

Wednesday, November 15th, 2023, 11:59 PM EST

Abstracts are invited in all areas and aspects of this field, including, but not limited to:

- Representations of diversity (ethnic, cultural, gender, sexuality, ability, etc.) in Scandinavian & Nordic literature
- New interpretations of the Eddas & the Sagas
- Construction of national identities and borders (physical, social, and political)
- Multilingualism and Multiculturalism in Scandinavian & Nordic context
- Youth Language and Culture
- Vikings in Videogames and other popular depictions of early medieval Scandinavian & Nordic peoples
- Scandinavian & Nordic Crime fiction and its international reception
- Movement and migration (including travel literature)
- Sámi and other indigenous discourses in language, literature, art, film, etc.
- Folklore, Myth, and the Supernatural in Scandinavian & Nordic literature, art, film, etc.
- Scandinavian & Nordic religion and belief systems (including modern appropriations and reinterpretations)
- The use and abuse of Scandinavian and Nordic symbols, belief systems, etc. by white supremacists and ethnonationalists
- Runes and Runestones
- Experimental Archaeology & historical reproduction
- Critical pedagogy and the politics of teaching Scandinavian & Nordic Studies, especially in a North American context
- Material Culture (textiles, ships, art, tools, etc.) & Memory

The KFLC has a tradition of attracting scholars from a broad range of languages and specializations. This year we particularly encourage submissions related to our theme—*The Challenges of Defining Diversity in a Globalized World*—but, as always, we welcome all scholarly submissions relevant to our disciplinary tracks.

Paper presentations are 20 minutes followed by a 10-minute question & answer session. In addition to **individual abstracts** for paper presentations, **proposals for panels of 3-5 papers** will be considered.

Individually submitted abstracts should be no more than 250 words. *Participants should submit no more than one abstract as first author.*

Panel proposals of 3-5 presentations should be submitted per the following instructions:

- *The panel organizer MUST electronically submit a panel proposal.* The panel proposal cannot exceed one page in length and should include the theme of the panel, the organizer's name and contact information, and the names, contact information and affiliations of the panel participants.
- *Each participant MUST submit an individual abstract using our online system in addition to the panel proposal.* Please indicate that your presentation is part of a pre-organized panel and list the title and organizer of the panel following the abstract.

Please visit our website for details pertaining to the track that interests you. Be sure that your paper or panel is prepared according to the track's guidelines including, but not limited to, the format and the language of presentation. Acceptance of a paper or complete panel implies a commitment on the part of all participants to register and attend the conference. **All presenters must pay the appropriate registration fee by Friday March 1st, 2024 to be included in the program.** *Failure to pay by this deadline will result in the immediate removal of your abstract from the conference program. We will attempt to contact you before removing your presentation.*

For questions about the Scandinavian and Nordic Studies track, please contact the track organizers Brenna Byrd brennabyrd@uky.edu and Tyler Sergent sergentf@berea.edu. For general information about the conference and paper presentation guidelines, and to submit abstracts and panel proposals **BY NOVEMBER 15th, 2023**, please visit our website: <https://kflc.as.uky.edu/>