

From Central Space to Urban Place (2:2)

Spaces, places and the earliest urbanization of South Scandinavia

The Lindholm Høje Museum, November 30th and December 1th 2021

With a generous donation from the VELUX FOUNDATION the project “*From central space to urban place. From the central spaces of the Iron Age to the cities of the Middle Ages*” is conducted over the years 2017-2021. The project analyzes the earliest urbanization process in South Scandinavia within the chronological frame c. AD 400-1100. The means is, with Odense and Aalborg as cases, to explore the development from the central spaces of the Late Iron Age, defined as concentrations of localities characterized by wealth and functions like trade, crafts, cult and defense to the urban places (cities) of the Middle Ages, where the structures of power are concentrated at one spot (<https://odensebymuseer.dk/forskning/forskningsprojekter/from-central-space-to-urban-place/>).

The theoretical dialogue between space and place is a general perspective for the project, both in research and dissemination. The same goes for the two international seminars, as part of the project. The first seminar, held in May 2018, dealt with aspects of **space**, whereas this second seminar will focus on the aspects of **place** and the connection between space and place. The seminar has a natural focus on the main concepts of the *From central space to urban place* project, but just as important is an interest in relating these issues with other theoretical and methodological concepts as well as other spatial and chronological areas dealing with urbanization processes. Additionally, we hope that the two days will give plenty of room for discussion of a formal and unformal nature. The presentations are planned as 25 minutes of lectures and 5 minutes for discussion and clarifying questions. Each session ends with a general discussion on the theme.

The seminar will be published online in the form of abstracts, the power point-presentations as well as summaries of the presentations and discussions, written by two archaeologists with this dedicated function of the two days. This form was also used in the first seminar (<https://odensebymuseer.dk/forskning/forskningscentret-centrum/udgivelser-fra-centrum/kulturhistoriske-studier/social-organisation-of-land-in-south-scandinavia-ad-400-1100/>).

*Price: 500 DKK, including lunch, sweets, fruit and coffee/tea. It is also possible to sign up for dinner in the evening at a restaurant in the city center. The price for dinner including two glasses of wine is 500 DKK. Register by payment of either 500 DKK (participation in seminar) or 1.000 DKK (participation in seminar and evening dinner) to Odense City Museums (registration number: 6866; account number: 1074044, IBAN: DK8868660001074044, Swift: NSBKDK21. Write: name, email, phone number, institution, dietary requirements, allergies etc. and mark it “seminar November 2021th”). **Deadline for registration: November 1th.***

November 30th

10.15-10.45: *Coffee, tea and bread.*

10.45-11: Torben Sarauw: Welcome & practical information.

Session 1: Urbanization & interaction; definitions, theories & methods (chair: Torben Sarauw)

- 11-11.30: Mads Runge (Odense City Museums): Introduction. Urbanization in a space & place perspective.
- 11.30-12: Søren Sindbæk (UrbNet): Past, present and future approaches to research in the earliest urbanization.
- 12-12.30: Johan Sandvang Larsen (UrbNet): Field methods in Danish urban archaeology: innovations, developments, and movements.
- 12.30-13: General discussion.

Kl. 13-14: Lunch.

Session 2: Organization and networks of the emporia (chair: Malene Refshauge Beck)

- 14-14.30: Morten Søvsø (Museum of Southwest Jutland): Were the emporia “islands” in an agrarian hinterland?
- 14.30-15: Sara Croix (Aarhus University): Northern Emporium. The archaeology of network urbanism in Viking Age Ribe.

15-15.30: *Coffee, tea and cake*

- 15.30-16: 15.30-16: Annemarieke Willemsen (National Museum of Antiquities, Leiden): “Vicus famosus”: How urban was Dorestad?
- 16-16.30: Sebastian Messal (German Archaeological Institute, Berlin): Baltic coastal trading places in the transition area between the Continent and South Scandinavia.
- 16.30-17: General discussion.

18.30-: *Banquet.*

December 1th

Session 3: Networks of the earliest cities (chair: Jesper Hansen)

- 9-9.30: Malene Beck (Museum of Eastern Funen): The metal rich sites – between the city and the agrarian hinterland.
- 9.30-10: Kirstine Haase (Odense City Museums): Trade, import and urban development.

10-10.30: *Coffee/tea, croissant & fruit.*

- 10.30-11: Torben Sarauw (Historical Museum of Northern Jutland): Largescale in production? Pit houses and the formation of the earliest cities.
- 11-11.30: Mads Runge (Odense City Museums): Odense and Nonnebakken. City, fortress and the military system of the hinterland.
- 11.30-12: General discussion.

12-13: *Lunch*

Session 4: Spaces & places of the earliest cities (chair: Stig Bergmann Møller)

- 13-13.30: Jens Ulriksen (Museum Southeast Denmark): Urbanization in a challenged landscape. Manipulation or adaption to the natural conditions.
- 13.30-14: Jakob Tue Christensen (Odense City Museums): The making of memorial landscapes in the Medieval city.
- 14-14.30: Christian Vrångmose (Historical Museum of Northern Jutland): Urban fortifications and urbanization processes in the case of Aalborg and beyond.
- 14.30-15: General discussion

15-15.30: *Coffee/tea*

Session 5: On site dissemination of spaces and places; new methods and strategies (chair: Mads Runge)

- 15.30-15.50: Line Borre Lundø (Odense City Museums) & Nicolai Knudsen (Museum of Eastern Funen): The From Central Space to Urban Place project: Strategy and results in dissemination and learning.
- 15.50-16.10: Hanna Dahlström (Museum of Copenhagen): On site dissemination of complex research results. Results of the Urban Encounters project.
- 16.10-16.40: Matthias A. Maluck (State Archaeology Department of Schleswig-Holstein): Spatial planning and stakeholder involvement in cultural heritage management. The case of the Hedeby-Dannewirke World Heritage Site.
- 16.40-17: General discussion.