

**INSTITUTE OF ARCHAEOLOGY / BRITISH MUSEUM MEDIEVAL SEMINAR  
2019–20 PROGRAMME**

**6.15pm**

**Wednesday 23rd October 2019 (IoA Lecture Theatre G6)**

**The Sir David Wilson Lecture in Medieval Studies by Prof. Neil Price (University of Uppsala):  
*Engendering the Viking Age***

From September 2017 discussion has continued around the reinterpretation of a Viking-Age chamber grave from the island settlement of Birka in Sweden. In this talk, Professor Price will not primarily focus on the 'female warrior' in burial Bj.581, but instead reflect on the wider state of gender studies relating to the Viking Age, as illuminated by the research team's experiences during the ensuing controversies. Archaeologists and other scholars often claim to seek a pluralistic view of the early medieval past, one that recognises diversity and rejects prejudice; this applies especially to the arena of gender, in its widest sense. But are they, are we, succeeding, in this project for which all must work together? Balancing his innate optimism with something perhaps a little bleaker, this lecture will work through some of Professor Price's current thinking on engendering the Viking Age.

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***party for the seminar series in the IoA Staff Common Room***

**Tuesday 19th November (IoA Room 612)**

**Ole Nordland (UCL): *Viking Age ironmaking in Norway***

The Viking Age is a period where there can be no doubt that large quantities of iron were needed. In Norway, well-established and long-running iron-making traditions lasted from the start of the Iron Age until about AD 600, at which time a complete collapse of iron-making is apparent in the archaeological record. During the Viking Age, a completely different type of iron-making furnace spread throughout the country, coinciding with the

**Tuesday 14th January 2020 (IoA Room 612)**