

The Fröslunda Shields and the Late Bronze Age World

Conference at University of Gothenburg
20-21 October 2025

PROGRAMME

MONDAY 20 OCTOBER

9:00-9:10 Welcome by Johan, Marion and Annelie.

Session 1. Fröslunda: shields and site

Session leader: Johan Ling

9:10-9:30 Annelie Nitenberg, University of Gothenburg/Västergötlands museum/Västsvensk arkeologi: **The Fröslunda shield hoard: landscape setting, deposition practice and liminality.**

9:30-9:50 Marion Uckelmann, Durham University: **Fröslunda Revisited: the shields, the Herzprung type and the state of the research.**

9:50-10:00 Discussion

10:00-10:30 *Coffee break*

Session 2. The Nordic Late Bronze Age: hoards and society

Session leader: Lena Grandin

10:30-10:55 Peter Skoglund, Kalmar University, Courtney Nimura, University of Oxford and Leif Häggström, Varbergs museum: **The Nackhälle Shield in Context.**

10:55-11:20 Anna Sörman, Stockholm University and Karin Ojala, Uppsala University: **Scandinavian Late Bronze Age hoards – Depositional practises and exchange networks in western and eastern Sweden.**

11:20-11:45 Magnus Artursson, Swedish National Historical Museums/ University of Gothenburg: **Modelling Late Bronze Age Farmsteads and Settlements in Southern Scandinavia.**

11:45-12:10 Christian Horn, University of Gothenburg: **Nordic Bronze Age economies and local cooperation.**

Session 3. Offerings and ritual sphere in Late Bronze Age Europe

Session leader: Christian Horn

- 13:30-13:55 Anne Lene Melheim, University of Oslo: **Synaesthesia! Metal hoards and rock art in Late Bronze Age ritual landscapes.**
- 13:55-14:20 Regine Maraszek, State Museum of Prehistory Halle, Saxony-Anhalt, Germany: **The Fröslunda shields in the panorama of the European hoarding traditions in the Late Bronze Age.**

Session 4. Connectivity across Europe: mobility, waterways, trade & exchange

Session leader: Kristian Kristiansen

- 14:20-14:45 Serena Sabatini, University of Gothenburg: **Late Bronze Age mobility and metal trade between Scandinavia and the Mediterranean.**
- 14:45-15:10 Marta Diaz-Guardamino, Durham University: **Between the Atlantic and the Mediterranean: Iberian warrior stelae and transregional connectivity in Late Bronze and Early Iron Age Europe.**
- 15:10-15:40 *Coffee break*

Session 5. Warfare and prestige: functional or display weapons?

Session leader: Marion Uckelmann

- 15:40-16:05 Heide Wrobel Nørgaard, Aarhus University: **Locally made or imported: the Viksø helmets reinvestigated.**
- 16:05-16:30 Yannick de Raaff, University of Gothenburg & Youp van den Beld: **Shields in the Greek Bronze Age: warfare, ideology, and symbology.**

TUESDAY 21 OCTOBER

Session 6. Metal provenance, mining evidence & circulation of raw materials

Session leader: Johan Ling

- 9:00-9:25 Lena Grandin, Historical Museum of Sweden: **The sampling and the geochemical properties of the Fröslunda shields.**
- 9:25-9:50 Daniel Berger, Mannheim University: **The metals of Fröslunda: Composition and origin of the copper, tin and lead in the shields.**

- 10:00-10:30 *Coffee break*
- 10:30-10:55 Zofia Stos-Gale, University of Gothenburg & Geoffrey William Grime, University of Surrey Ion Beam Centre: **A new mathematical approach to lead isotope provenancing of Bronze Age metal artefacts originating from groups of ores with similar lead isotope ratios.**
- 10:55-11:20 Alan Williams & Benjamin Roberts, Durham University: **From St Michael's Mount and Salcombe to Sardinia, Sweden and the Southern Levant: exploring Bronze Age tin trade networks and connections.**
- 11:20-11:45 Mark A. Hunt Ortiz, Universidad de Sevilla: **Mining evidence in Iberia in the Bronze Age reconsidered.**

Session 7. 'The bigger picture'
Session leader: Marion Uckelmann

- 13:00-13:25 Kristian Kristiansen, University of Gothenburg: **Trade, mobility and colonisation in the age of the Fröslunda shields. The role of Seddin and Pommerania.**
- 13:25-13:50 Mikael Fauvelle, Lund University: **Macroeconomics and Metal Trade during the Bronze Age.**
- 13:50-14:15 Johan Ling, University of Gothenburg: **The Shields, Copper Exchange and the Bronze Age World System.**
- 14:15-15:30 *Coffee break and visit to the Antiquity Museum.*