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# Viking Phenomena: current research on late Iron Age Scandinavia

Introducing

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## **Textile Resources in Viking Age Landscapes –TRiVAL**

Knowledge of textile history is a key to our understanding of society. In the last decade, there has been a growing interest in the use and exploration of Viking Age landscapes and its connection to the development of production and trade. Research has suggested the intensification of iron and tar production, implying new ways of organizing production, which influenced the whole structure of Viking Age society. Textile research clearly indicates a new and increasing need of sails and a change in the textiles and clothing produced in the Viking Age. However, textile resources as a marker of large-scale production and exploration of land have hitherto never been investigated.

In a new project Textile Resources in Viking Age Landscapes –TriVaL funded by the Independent Research Fund Denmark we combine landscape analysis of textile resources with analysis of textiles, textile tools, and contexts investigations to determine the variation, organization and impact of textile production on the Danish Viking Age landscape and settlement structures. The overarching aim of is to contribute to the understanding of the great needs for textiles resources and its impact on the use of the Danish landscapes and influences on settlement structure with case studies around Limfjorden and East Zealand. Furthermore, to integrate the results and make them visible and accessible to the study of socio-political structures. The project is truly interdisciplinary with participants covering different research fields, humanities, as well as natural and digital disciplines.

In this presentation, I will give a brief overview of the project as well as an introduction to the changes and needs of textiles in this time period.

Welcome!

Neil, John & Charlotte