



Call for Papers

TEACHING ECOCRITICISM IN SCANDINAVIAN STUDIES

Fifth Workshop of the Ecocritical Network for Scandinavian Studies (ENSCAN)

University of Bonn, Germany, and online, 9-10 June 2022

Ecocriticism is a rapidly growing field not only within research, but also in teaching. In Scandinavian studies, more and more courses on ecocriticism are offered at all levels, and the need for supervision of ecocritical bachelor, master and ph.d. theses is likewise increasing. This necessitates critical reflection on our pedagogics, didactics as well as on practical experiences of and with such teaching and supervision. However, while there is a lot of collaboration within research in ecocritical Scandinavian studies now, there has so far been only very little such collaboration concerning the teaching of ecocriticism.

The fifth workshop of the *Ecocritical Network for Scandinavian Studies* therefore provides a platform for critical reflection on pedagogical and didactic issues in Scandinavian studies ecocriticism, as well as for knowledge exchange and the discussion of concrete experiences with such teaching. Questions to be discussed may include (but are not limited to):

- What are the learning objectives of ecocritical teaching in Scandinavian Studies?
- Which texts, theoretical perspectives and teaching methods are especially relevant in our field?
- What can or should be part of an ecocritical curriculum in Scandinavian studies?
- What are the differences between teaching ecocriticism in Old Norse and modern Scandinavian studies, and between teaching in physical, digital, or hybrid formats?
- Is the activist perspective that is present in much ecocritical research problematic or beneficial when applied or conveyed within teaching?

We invite proposals for regular paper presentations, roundtables and creative formats, both in physical and in digital/hybrid form. Academics from all career stages are encouraged to submit a proposal of up to 300 words to t.fechner.smarsly@uni-bonn.de by **31 January 2022**. Please indicate your preferred form of participation (on site or digitally). The workshop will be held in English and the Scandinavian languages.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the workshop organizers **Thomas Fechner-Smarsly** (t.fechner.smarsly@uni-bonn.de), **Judith Meurer-Bongardt** and **Brigitta Jaroschek** (judithmb@uni-bonn.de). Further information can also be found on the ENSCAN website at www.enscan.net.