



Castle and Comfort: Everyday Life in Scandinavian Castles, 1050–1660

27–29 April 2026, Lund University, Sweden

Venue: LUX Building, Lund University, Helgonabacken 3, Hall C121

Program

Monday 27th of April

9:00 - 10:00 Registration and coffee

10:00 -10.15 Welcome and practical information, Claus Fredrik Sørensen, Østfyns museer & Martin Hansson, Lund university

Session 1 Comfort, Technology and the Material Environment:

10:15 - 10:45 “Gardens for Health Leisure and Cellarium” Anna Andreasson Sjögren, Arkeologerna SHM

10:45 – 11:15 “The Rise and Fall of the Hypokaust Heating”, Rainer Atzbach, Aarhus university

11:15 - 11:45 “Kalmar Castle and the Governor's Residence. In search for a comfortable house during the 17th century”, Gunhild Eriksdotter, Uppsala University

Lunchbreak 11:45-13:00

Session 1 Comfort, Technology and the Material Environment cont.

13:00 -13:30 “Castles as places of comfort in historiography (1050-1200)”, Christian Frey, Europäisches Burgeninstitut

13:30-14:00 ”Hygiene und Baderäume”, G. Ulrich Großmann, Freiberufliche Bau- und Burgenforscher???

14:00-14:30 “Die Ausstattungen der Uraniborg auf Hven“, Ulrich Klein, Marburger Geschichtsvereins im Verein für Hessische Geschichte und Landeskunde ???

14:30-15:00 ”Windows and light in late medieval and renaissance stately homes and churches in Uppland”, Linda Qviström, Uppsala University

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Coffe break 15-15.30

Session 2: Food, Feasting and Social Order

15:30-16:00 "Banquets, Entertainment and Music at Danish Castles during the Middle Ages, based on accounts and finds", Vivian Etting

16:00-16:30 "Northern (dis)comfort – Living conditions of residents and prisoners in the early and mid-17th century Kajanaborg", Tarja Knuutinen, Helsinki University

16:30-17:00 "The Banqueting hall and the Archers' loft of Glimmingehus – a broadening of perspective", Jan Olofsson, Glimmingehus

Conference dinner: 19:00 venue to be announced

Tuesday 28th of April

All-day excursion with visits to castle sites at Turestorp, Bollrup, Glimmingehus, Månstorp and Torup. Departure from the LUX Building 8:30.

Wednesday 29th of April

Venue: LUX Building, Hall C121

Session 2 Food, Feasting and Social Order cont.

9:00-9:30 "Meals in Hans the Elders castle hall – a duke's courtly procedures", Lennart S Madsen, Museum Sønderjylland

9:30-10:00 "Food consumption reveals the social differences in the castle", Anna-Maria Vilks, Metropolia University of Applied Sciences, Helsinki

Session 3 Work, Authority and Everyday Life

10:00-10:30 "Court artists in medieval Scandinavia", Herman Bengtsson, Upplandsmuseet

Coffe 10.30-11:00

11:00-11:30 "The Workers At The Archbishop's Residence - Flying during the Medieval Ages", Elias Engdahl, Lund University

11:30-12:00 "Everyday life and living comfort at the court of the Grand Master of the Teutonic Order in Marienburg around 1400", Christofer Herrmann

12:00-12:30 "Letters of Lords and Ladies of the Castles", Tuula Hockman, Tampere University

Lunchbreak 12:30-13:30

13:30-14:00 "The Stories of Small Things: Metal-detector Finds, Comfort, and Everyday Life at Søborg and Hovgårdspynt", Kjartan Langsted, Museum Nordsjælland

Session 3 Work, Authority and Everyday Life cont

14:00-14:30 "Bishop's Comfort – Inside the Bishop's Residence of Medieval Norway", Kristian Reinfjord, Anno Museum

14:30-15:00 "Becoming Swedish – Life in the royal castles of a reestablished monarchy", Felix Schmieder, Cultural Institute for East Prussia, Ellingen

15:00-15:30 General assembly, Magt, Borg og Landskab

15:30 Closing of the conference