Seminarium
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Eurasian mobility and interactions, considering Central Asia and Scandinavia
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The concept of the 'Silk Roads' should be understood as a vast network of routes connecting regions, cities, and peoples. Trade, cultural influences, ideas, and various forms of human exchange flowed across the Eurasian continent, extending as far east as China and as far west as Europe. Within this context, cultural exchanges between Central Asia and Northern Europe are less known to the general public and still not extensively studied by specialists. As a result, this topic remains, in light of recent discoveries, one of the most important for understanding European history.

Before the Vikings, Baltic populations had already integrated external influences from Asia into their lives and even their genes. Nomadic Xiongnu groups, for example, during the late Iron Age were in contact with Scandinavians. Trade in precious materials from the Baltic Sea existed during this period, spanning vast distances as far as China or Mongolia. The Vikings, building upon these past connections, greatly expanded contacts with the Islamic regions and empires, such as the Tahirid, Samanid, and Abbasid dynasties.

The main goal of this seminar is to highlight how far-reaching and active the Vikings were across Eurasia and how intense were the interactions between communities of North Europe and Central Asia.

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