

Official Conference Announcement!!

The VII Conference on Easter Island and the Pacific – 2007 Gotland University, in Collaboration with the Easter Island Foundation

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Migration, Mobility and the Rise of Maritime Chiefdoms
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Current Theory and Method in Pacific Archaeology
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West Polynesian Archaeology
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Easter Island Anthropology and Traditional History
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Easter Island Archaeology: Chronology, Architecture and Agriculture
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East Polynesian Archaeology: Recent Archaeological Research and Implications for Explaining Pacific Pasts
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Easter Island Human Osteology
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Human Impact on Environment and Landscape on Pacific Islands
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Melanesian Archaeology and Lapita Interactions
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GIS and Computer Applications in Island Landscapes
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Seascapes and Island Archaeology
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State of the Art: Theory, Interpretation, and Symbolism of Oceanic Rock Art
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Language Contacts and the Rongorongo script
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Pacific Linguistics and Linguistic Anthropology
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Pacific Osteology and Ancient DNA
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World Heritage: International and Pacific Perspectives
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General Session

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CONFERENCE DATES 2007

- Monday August 20: Check-in and registration, Gotland University
Welcome reception, The Historical Museum of Gotland
- Tuesday August 21: Opening of Conference; Sessions and Workshop
- Wednesday August 22: Sessions and Workshop
- Thursday August 23: Sessions
- Friday August 24: Sessions
- Saturday August 25: Excursion of Gotland from the Stone Age to Medieval Times; Final Medieval Banquet

Post Conference Activities

Sunday August 26: Gotlandic Games at Almedalen, plays, tournaments, parade, and jousting. Visitors may feel like they have been transported back to the year 1361!

Post Conference Tour

Monday 27-Thursday 30. Main highlights: The World Heritage rock carving site of Vitlycke on the Swedish coast; the Viking Ship Museum, and the Kon-Tiki Museum in Oslo; the Medieval castle at Örebro; the kings' grave at Uppsala; and the Wasa Museum in Stockholm. Three nights/3½ days. The tour ends in Stockholm.

Conference fliers and sign-up forms will be mailed out in June 2006.

See also website <http://mainweb.hgo.se/amnen/arkeologi.nsf>

The island of Gotland is the largest island in the Baltic Sea, and lies 100 km off the east coast of Sweden. Although settled during the Stone Age, it is best known as the “Viking Island.”

Gotland's main city, Visby, is ringed by ancient stone walls and towers and was a busy trading center of the Hanseatic League. Its 13th century ramparts make it the best fortified commercial city in northern Europe. Visby was declared a UNESCO World Heritage City in 1995.

Gotland's archaeological sites range from the Bronze, Iron and Stone Ages, monastery ruins from the Middle Ages, and Medieval churches. It has the world's largest treasury of silver hoard, dating from the Viking Age. Some of the silver hoard is on display at Visby's Historical Museum.

Today Visby is known for its excellent shopping, seven golf courses, charming gabled houses, and archaeological ruins. The island's extensive beaches attract visitors; Gotland has more hours of sunshine than anywhere else in the country.