

**INSTITUTE OF ARCHAEOLOGY / BRITISH MUSEUM MEDIEVAL SEMINAR
2019–20 PROGRAMME**

6.15pm

Wednesday 23rd October 2019 (IoA Lecture Theatre G6)

**The Sir David Wilson Lecture in Medieval Studies by Prof. Neil Price (University of Uppsala):
*Engendering the Viking Age***

From September 2017 discussion has continued around the reinterpretation of a Viking-Age chamber grave from the island settlement of Birka in Sweden. In this talk, Professor Price will not primarily focus on the 'female warrior' in burial Bj.581, but instead reflect on the wider state of gender studies relating to the Viking Age, as illuminated by the research team's experiences during the ensuing controversies. Archaeologists and other scholars often claim to seek a pluralistic view of the early medieval past, one that recognises diversity and rejects prejudice; this applies especially to the arena of gender, in its widest sense. But are they, are we, succeeding, in this project for which all must work **together**? Balancing his innate optimism with something perhaps a little bleaker,

Tuesday 14th January 2020 (IoA Room 612)