



5th International St Magnus Conference Call for Papers Island Histories and Herstories

Shetland Islands, Scotland, 16-19 April 2020

The Institute for Northern Studies, University of the Highlands and Islands, would like to welcome abstracts for panel sessions, papers and poster proposals for the *5th International St Magnus Conference*, which will be held in the Shetland Islands, Scotland, 16-19 April 2020.

The theme of the conference is *Island Histories and Herstories*. It is undeniable that island life would have been impossible without the equal contribution of both women and men. Women have often taken leading roles in island communities, running them when their men have been off-island seeking employment, as fishermen, whalers, serving in the navy or as merchant seamen. However, is this reflected in the stories that are told?

This conference seeks to explore both the female and the male experience of island life from the Viking Age, or earlier, to the present. The primary research focus will be the islands of the North Atlantic, but research and stories from other island communities are welcomed. It will be a multi-disciplinary exploration, and we encourage contributions from historians, archaeologists, folklorists, and cultural studies, gender studies and literary scholars. However, this is not an exclusive list.

Initially, the Committee invites proposals for multi-paper panel sessions. However, individual papers will also be considered. We would hope to receive panel titles and abstracts, of no more than 300 words, no later than **15 March 2019**. All proposals should be emailed to ins@uhi.ac.uk. Conference registration will open on March 15 2019, please see our [website](#) for this and all other information.

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