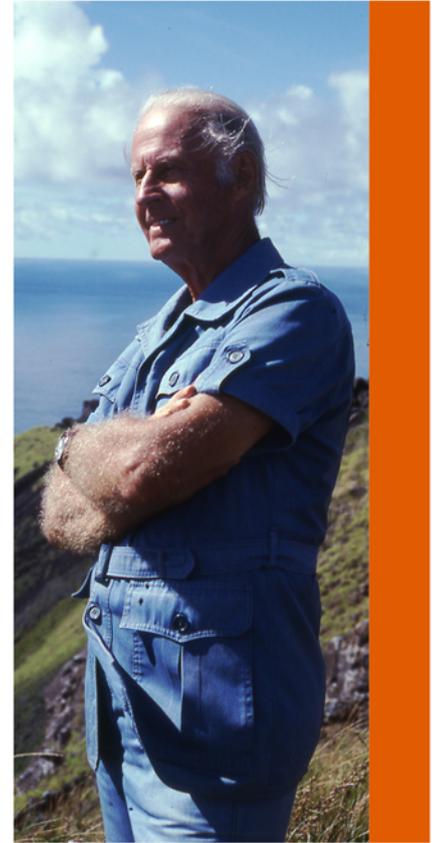


# The Thor Heyerdahl International Day 2023

## MIGRATION AND CLIMATE CHANGE



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Municipality of Andora

Palazzo Tagliaferro  
andora



Larvik Kommune  
Municipality of Larvik

## The Thor Heyerdahl International Day (THI Day)

The Thor Heyerdahl International Day series on the topic of MIGRATION has been organized for the last 3 years in cooperation between The Vestfold Museums by The Thor Heyerdahl Institute, Augsburg University, USA and Vestfold and Telemark County Council.

This year's International Day will conclude our series where we have emphasized three different components to migration. They are:

In 2021, we highlighted MIGRATION AND IDENTITY

In 2022, we highlighted MIGRATION AND ETHNICITY

This year, in 2023, we will focus on MIGRATION AND CLIMATE CHANGE.

Mass migration is caused by CLIMATE change. According to the UN Refugee Agency, the impacts of climate change already cause an average of more than 20 million people worldwide to leave their homes and move to other areas each year.

This kind of migration occurs when people leave their homes due to extreme weather events including floods, heat waves, droughts, and wildfires, as well as slower-moving climate challenges such as rising seas and intensifying water stress.

All three years, we have cooperated with Vest-Agder Museum's EU-project, Identity on the Line, with partners from 7 European countries, a large-scale research project based on interviews with three generations of families. This project aimed to explore how they had coped with migration and how this had an impact on their development.



THE VESTFOLD MUSEUMS,  
THE THOR HEYERDAHL INSTITUTE  
CONTINUE TO DEVELOP THOR HEYERDAHL'S  
CULTURAL LEGACY

Thor Heyerdahl was a Norwegian explorer (1914-2002) born in Larvik, Norway. He rose to international fame because of his success with many brave expeditions, in collaboration with international teams. Thor Heyerdahl's archives were included in UNESCO's World Heritage list from 2011.

Key areas of focus are Thor Heyerdahl's global efforts to protect and conserve the environment, his understanding for and ability to engage in dialogue between people from different cultures, his dissemination of information about global challenges, and his strong will to challenge people to debate across established scientific boundaries.

He was a citizen of the world and lived in many places during his life, including 25 years in Colla Micheri, Andora, Italy.

The institute has collaborated with Larvik and Andora since 2015 with the aim of establishing a partnership between the two municipalities. A formal town twinning agreement between Larvik and Andora was signed in 2018.

The city of Andora is located in the region of Liguria, the province of Savona in northwestern Italy, 75 km from the border with France.

## Inspired by UNESCO World Science Day for Peace and Development



Celebrated every 10<sup>th</sup> November, UNESCO World Science Day for Peace and Development highlights the important role of science in society and the need to engage the wider public in debates on emerging scientific issues. It also underlines the importance and relevance of science in our daily lives. The theme of World Science Day on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023 is: Building trust in science. The role of science in society and the shaping our collective ([www.unesco.org](http://www.unesco.org))



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## The goals of The Thor Heyerdahl International Day 2023 are:

**To act** and put the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals on the agenda

**To contribute** with lectures on international matters

**To learn** from one another and inspire to action

The Thor Heyerdahl International Day will be a streaming event which is accessible on several national and international digital platforms.

The International Day focuses on the following United Nations Sustainable Development Goals:



Demichelis Mauro  
Mayor of Andora, Italy



Mr. Johan Christopher Vibe  
Norwegian Ambassador  
in Rome



Lene Walle  
Director of the  
Vestfold Museums,  
Norway



Liselotte Aune Lee  
Lawyer and Politician  
Vestfold & Telemark  
County Council



Dr. Paul C. Pribbenow  
President of  
Augsburg University,  
Minneapolis, MN, USA



Mauro Spotorno  
Professor  
University of Genoa, Italy



Luisa Faldini  
Assistant Professor  
University of Genoa,  
Italy



Patrick Mulvihill  
Assistant Provost  
Augsburg University,  
Minneapolis, MN, USA



Dr. Kathrin Pabst  
PhD in Professional Ethics  
Vest Agder Museum IKS,  
Vest Agder, Norway



Claire Guillotin Street  
Senior Administrative and  
Policy Officer  
CPMR-Conference of  
Peripheral Maritime Regions



Alberto Giordano  
Senior Assistant Professor,  
University of Genoa  
PhD in Political Philosophy,  
Senior Lecturer



Bettine Hoff Hermanson  
Master of Ceremonies  
Augsburg University,  
Minneapolis, MN, USA

# The Thor Heyerdahl International Day 2024

## OUR THIRSTY PLANET II-WATER



# The Thor Heyerdahl International Day 2023 PROGRAMME NOVEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> 2023



- 11.00 – 11.30** **Welcome** by conferencier Bettine Hoff Hermanson, Director, Augsburg University, USA  
**Opening remarks** by Mayor of Andora, Mr. Demichelis Mauro  
**Opening remarks** by Norwegian Ambassador in Rome, Mr. Johan Christopher Vibe  
**Opening remarks** by Director Mrs. Lene Walle, The Vestfold Museums  
**Opening remarks** by Regional Politician Liselotte Aune Lee, Vestfold and Telemark County Council

## THE THOR HEYERDAHL INTERNATIONAL LECTURES 2023:

- 11.30 – 12.00** **So That All May Flourish: Higher Education and the Immigrant Experience**  
 Dr. Paul C. Pribbenow  
 President of Augsburg University,  
 Minneapolis, MN, USA
- 12.00 – 12.20** **The Impact of Global Climatic Change on Rural Societies: Migration vs Transformation**  
 Mauro Spotorno  
 Professor of Economic and Political Geography  
 University of Genoa, Italy
- 12.20 – 12.40** **Climate, Crisis and Population Movements**  
 Luisa Faldini  
 Assistant Professor of Ethnology  
 University of Genoa, Italy

- 12.40 – 13.00** **The Human Impacts of Mass Migration: Lessons from Study Abroad**  
 Patrick Mulvihill  
 Assistant Provost for Global Education and Experience  
 Augsburg University, Minneapolis, MN, USA
- 13.00 – 13.25** **Personal Experiences of Migrants in Light of Climate Change and Sustainability**  
 Dr. Kathrin Pabst  
 Researcher, Speaker and Project Leader / PhD in Professional Ethics  
 Vest Agder Museum IKS, Vest Agder, Norway  
 EU-project - Identity on the Line, Stories and research about Migration from seven countries, highlighting Croatia and what happened to the Italians in Istria.
- 13.25 – 14.15** **Break**
- 14.15 – 14.35** **European Interregional Cooperation on Migration in a Long-Term Perspective**  
 Claire Guillotin Street  
 Senior Administrative and Policy Officer  
 CPMR-Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions
- 14.35 – 14.55** **Green Infowars. Public Opinion, Propaganda and Climate Change**  
 Alberto Giordano  
 Senior Assistant Professor of the University of Genoa  
 PhD in Political Philosophy, Senior Lecturer in Political Thought and Public Opinion
- 14.55 – 15.15** **The Thor Heyerdahl Scholarships 2023 Winner Presentation**  
**2nd Place: KLIMA-FLYKTNING**  
 Jonas Teksum, Fredrik Vollebæk, Magnus Eik Silihagen, Sigurd Røen Rotnebo
- 15.15 – 15.35** **The Thor Heyerdahl Scholarships 2023 Winner Presentation**  
**1st Place: ClimateXodus**  
 Olaf Stanislaw Filipiak, Ayub Jamal Hassan, Marius Balchen Thomassen,  
 Casper Alexander Solvang, Abdulkadir Ahmed Saed
- 15.35 - 16.00** **Closing Reflections** by previous hosts of The Thor Heyerdahl International Days:  
 2021 on Migration and Identity, Former Ambassador of the Czech Republic in Oslo,  
 Mr. Jaroslav Knot  
 2022 on Migration and Ethnicity, Former Ambassador of Turkey in Oslo,  
 Mr. Fazlı Çorman  
 2023 on Migration and Climate Change, Mayor of Andora, Mr. Demichelis Mauro



## Bettine Hoff Hermanson

Master of Ceremonies  
Director of Norway Hub, International Student and Scholar Services  
Augsburg University, Minneapolis, MN, USA

**Session Title**  
11.00 – 11.30

### Welcome

#### Biography

Welcome by conferencier Bettine Hoff Hermanson. Hermanson is the Director of the International Student & Scholar Services (ISSS), and runs the Norway Hub initiatives at Augsburg University. She brings over 25 years of experience in teaching, project management and conference planning in education. In her work, Hermanson designs meaningful global experiences that increase cultural competence and understanding.



## Dr. Paul C. Pribbenow

President of Augsburg University, USA

**Session Title**  
11.30 – 12.00

### So That All May Flourish: Higher Education and the Immigrant Experience

#### Biography

Paul Pribbenow, the 10th president of Augsburg University in Minneapolis. He is recognised as one of the country's most engaging commentators and teachers on ethics, philanthropy, and American public life. Pribbenow holds a bachelor's degree (1978) from Luther College (Iowa) and a master's degree (1979) and doctorate (1993) in social ethics from the University of Chicago. He received the Distinguished Service Award at Luther College in 2008.



## Mauro Spotorno

Professor of Economic and Political Geography  
University of Genoa, Italy

**Session Title**  
12.00 – 12.20

### The Impact of Global Climatic Change on Rural Societies: Migration vs Transformation

#### Biography

Mauro Spotorno is Full Professor of Economic and Political Geography at the Department of Political and International Sciences (DISPI) of the University of Genoa. His main research field concerns the migratory phenomena and the territorial changes, mainly in the Mediterranean area, in the perspective of the Global Climatic Change. He participated in the European Union project "Mediterranean changing relationships: global change, networks and border openings" as coordinator of the work package "Uneven impact of climate change on migration flows, tourism, rural development and socio-economic stability in the Mediterranean countries". He is the author of more than one hundred publications appearing in Italian and scientific magazines and some monographs.



## Luisa Faldini

Assistant Professor of Ethnology  
University of Genoa, Italy

**Session Title**  
12.20 – 12.40

### Climate, Crisis and Population Movements

#### Biography

Americanist anthropologist, Assistant Professor of Ethnology at the University of Genoa since 1973. Then Associate Professor from 1989. Since 2005, a full Professor of Ethnology at the Faculty of Foreign Languages at the University of Genoa and later at the Faculty of Political Sciences. Professor in two Doctorates (Turin and Genoa), national and international reviewer, author of more than 100 publications, is specialized in Americanist anthropology, especially in the areas of Brazil and the Caribbean. Translator from Brazilian and French to Italian, consultant for Museums and Institutions, coordinator of many research projects, from 2006 to 2012 she was President of the Associazione Nazionale Universitaria degli Antropologi Culturali (ANUAC) and from 2012 to 2014 she was the creator and Scientific Director of the international ethnoanthropological journal ANUAC. Coordinator of book collections, she is currently President of Jacarandá, an Interdisciplinary Association of Italian Brazilianists.



## Patrick Mulvihill

Assistant Provost for Global Education and Experience  
Augsburg University, Minneapolis, MN, USA

**Session Title**  
12.40 – 13.00

### **The Human Impacts of Mass Migration: Lessons from Study Abroad**

#### **Biography**

Mulvihill brings 30 years of experience in global and experiential education. He holds a bachelor's degree in history (1992) from St. Olaf College (Minnesota) and a master's degree in international development from the University of Minnesota (1998). His graduate studies focused on microenterprise and post-communist stabilization in Eastern Europe, where he has lived and worked.



## Dr. Kathrin Pabst

Researcher, Speaker and Project Leader / PhD in Professional Ethics  
Vest Agder Museum IKS, Vest Agder, Norway

**Session Title**  
13.00 – 13.25

### **Personal Experiences of Migrants in Light of Climate Change and Sustainability**

#### **Biography**

Dr Kathrin Pabst is a German ethnologist, researcher, author, and speaker who holds a Ph.D. in professional ethics and has broad experience in both practical and theoretical sides of challenging sensitive or taboo-related subjects. She is currently on leave from her position as Head of the Scientific Department at the Vest-Agder Museum in Kristiansand, Norway, to lead "Identity on the Line," a large-scale cooperation project, co-funded by the EU, which aims to explore seven historical migration processes and their long-term consequences for the migrants and their descendants.



## Claire Guillotin Street

Senior Administrative and Policy Officer  
CPMR-Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions

**Session Title**  
14.15 – 14.35

### **European Interregional Cooperation on Migration in a Long-Term Perspective**

#### **Biography**

Claire Street is Senior Administrative and Policy Officer at the Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions of Europe (CPMR). Since 2015, she has been coordinating the CPMR Task Force on Migration Management, in which voluntary member Regions work together to examine the added value and needs of regional authorities in both the internal dimension (reception and integration) and external dimension (partnerships with third countries) of EU migration policies.



## Alberto Giordano

Senior Assistant Professor of the University of Genoa  
PhD in Political Philosophy, Senior Lecturer in Political Thought and Public Opinion

**Session Title**  
14.35 – 14.55

### **Green Infowars. Public Opinion, Propaganda and Climate Change**

#### **Biography**

He has been teaching a wide variety of courses in the areas of history and social and political sciences, such as Sociology, Political Rhetoric, History of Public Opinion and History of Political Thought. Despite the obvious differences as to the approach, he has always tried to involve students as much as possible within the current boundaries of the educational system. He has been supervising many BA and MA dissertations in Political Philosophy, History of Public Opinion and History of Political Thought, devoted to a great number of authors and themes.

14.55 – 15.35

### **The Thor Heyerdahl Scholarship 2023 Winners**

15.35 - 16.00

### **Closing Reflections**

## Small to our students, Big for the world

### The world is your classroom

Augsburg University educates students to be informed citizens, thoughtful stewards, critical thinkers, and responsible leaders. An Augsburg education is defined by excellence in the liberal arts and professional studies, guided by the faith and values of the Lutheran church, and shaped by its urban and global settings.

Students from 38 U.S. states and 44 countries call Augsburg University home. The university has maintained a strong academic reputation defined by excellence in the liberal arts and professional studies since 1869. A safe and welcoming campus in the heart of Minneapolis, Augsburg offers undergraduate and graduate degrees to nearly 3,200 diverse students.

To increase global understanding, the university's Center for Global Education and Experience (CGEE) supports the mission by delivering high-impact, experiential programming in Africa, Europe, and Latin America and at home. These programs are designed to learn from communities and groups working for social change, and students engage in their own transformation to bring about the changes they envision for our world. CGEE believes that global education leads to greater personal and social responsibility.

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## Vestfold & Telemark County Council

**Vestfold is known for its strong seafaring roots and proud traces of Viking heritage, while Telemark is known as a center for industry, developed over the centuries from its vast raw materials and hydroelectric resources.**



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VERDENS ENDE  
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Vestfold and Telemark County Council is one of the region's largest and most important workplaces with more than 4,000 employees. The county has 419,000 inhabitants, and all of its 23 municipalities have a positive settling of refugees, where in 2022, 13 % of the population consisted of immigrants.

The County Council works according to the UN's sustainability goals, and to fulfill its four-part social mission of being a:

- 1. Democratic Arena**
- 2. Service Provider**
- 3. Authority Executive**
- 4. Community Developer**

As climate change is one of the biggest challenges facing the world today, the County Council has a goal of reducing their greenhouse gas emissions by 60 % by 2030, and by 2050 to have a low-emission society.

The aim is to contribute to a climate policy that at least meets the county's share of the national environmental targets and to make Vestfold and Telemark a pioneering county for environmentally friendly energy use. The County Council must have a consistent environmental and climate focus in all its areas of responsibility.



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## The Thor Heyerdahl Scholarship 2023 Winners

### MIGRATION & CLIMATE CHANGE

The background for the Thor Heyerdahl Scholarship was a gift from the Norwegian Government to the institute on the occasion of Thor Heyerdahl's 100th anniversary in 2014. Since 2016, the institute has announced a competitive annual Thor Heyerdahl Scholarship of EURO 5 000. The scholarship is aimed at the age group from 16-19 and is open to all high school students in Norway. Its objective is to stimulate young people to continue to develop the cultural legacy of Thor Heyerdahl.

**The Thor Heyerdahl Scholarship 2023 Winners**  
14.55 – 15.35



**1<sup>st</sup> Place:**  
**ClimateXodus**  
Olaf Stanislaw Filipiak, Casper Alexander Solvang, Marius Balchen Thomassen, Ayub Jamal Hassan and Abudkadir Ahmed Saed all from Jessheim High School



**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:**  
**KLIMA-FLYKTNING**  
Jonas Teksum, Fredrik Vollebæk, Magnus Eik Sillhagen and Sigurd Røen Rotnebo also from Jessheim High School

## EU-PROJECT, IDENTITY ON THE LINE, VEST AGDER MUSEUM SEVEN COUNTRIES 2019-2023, HAS WON TWO EUROPEAN PRIZES

was awarded the Prize from the European Museum Academy

### 2022 European Museum Academy Prize Winner "I-ON: Identity on the Line" project

In 2022, the European Museum Academy Award was given to the European project "I-ON: Identity on the Line", led by Vest Agder Museum.

### 2023 International Film Award to the "I-ON: Identity on the Line" project

Even after Identity on the Line has officially ended, the project continues to reap awards and international recognition: This time the Heritage Audiovisuals Special Commendation 2023 award for a 45-minute documentary about the project and its sub-projects!

The documentary "Identity on the Line" is an outstanding study of the effects of a relevant historical process that is still part of the political and social agenda: human migration. The topic is relevant for the European identity and sense of belonging that the documentary deeply explains. This special mention is a recognition for its humanistic approach to migration that helps contemporary citizens to reflect on the issue.

## The Scholarship Committee



**Bettina Heyerdahl**  
Daughter of Thor Heyerdahl  
Managing director of Ingrid Lindbäck Langaard's Foundation, and Eva and Erik Ankers Legat.



**Liv Arnesen**  
Norwegian expedition manager, author, educator, cross-country skier, adventurer, guide, and former board member of the Thor Heyerdahl Institute.



**DR. Kathrin Pabst**  
German ethnologist, conservator and author, with a doctorate in ethics.



**Torgeir Higrapp**  
Norwegian expedition manager of Tangaroa 2022 and Kon Tiki 2016. Author, teacher, journalist and explorer.

## The committee's reasoning:

- No. 1:** The winning entry has presented a clear message illustrating refugee displacements from different countries due to climate challenges caused by previous generations.
- No. 2:** The runner up has emphasized (or highlighted) issues related to the prejudices migrants experience when fleeing their home countries, both within the migrant communities themselves and along their escape routes.

The Vestfold Museums  
strive to be:

DYNAMIC

INCLUSIVE

RELEVANT

VALUABLE



CHILDREN EXPLORING THE THOR HEYERDAHL CULTURAL LEGACY AT  
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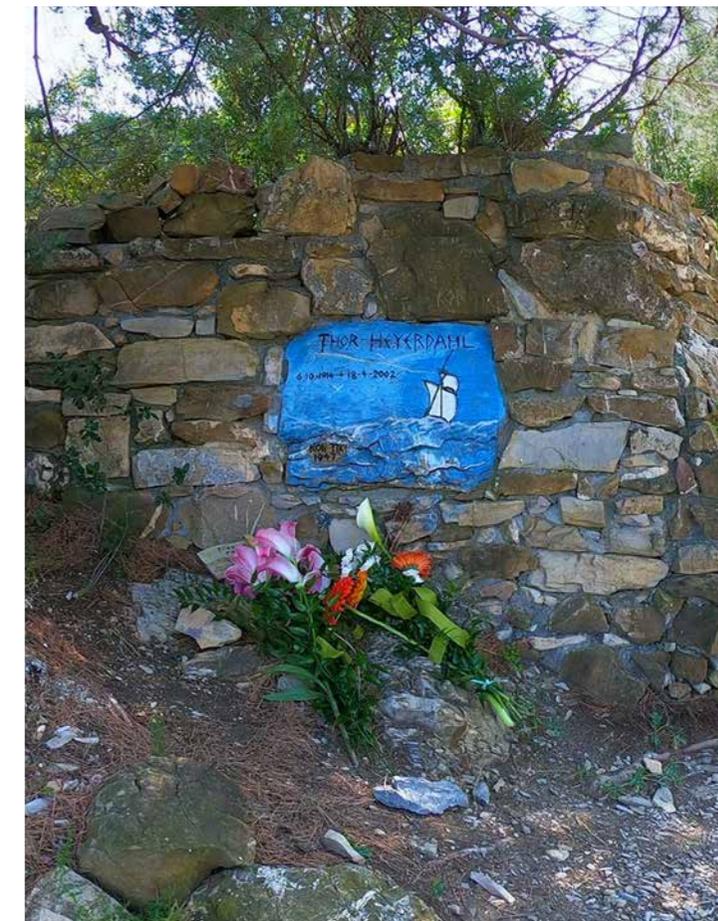
STUDENTS PRESENTING ABOUT THOR HEYERDAHL, ANDORA LIGURIA, ITALY  
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## Experience Thor Heyerdahl's cultural legacy in Andora, Italy

The twinned cities of Andora and Larvik made their friendship official in 2018 and we celebrate the important essences of mankind such as inspiration, environmentalism and world peace, all of which are embodied and seen in the life and work of Thor Heyerdahl!

The city of Andora has dedicated a permanent exhibition at the Luciano Dabroi Mineralogical Museum of Palazzo Tagliaferro in the cultural heart of Andora where the Mineralogical Museum "Dabroi" and the Contemporary Culture Center are located.

In this section entitled, "Thor Heyerdahl, the man who wanted to change history", objects, artifacts, documents, drawings and photographs are displayed relating to the life and expeditions of Thor Heyerdahl.



THOR HEYERDAHL'S GRAVE IN COLLA MICHERI, ITALY  
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11<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2023 5 PM, OPENING OF EXHIBITIONS  
RELATED TO THE CONFERENCE

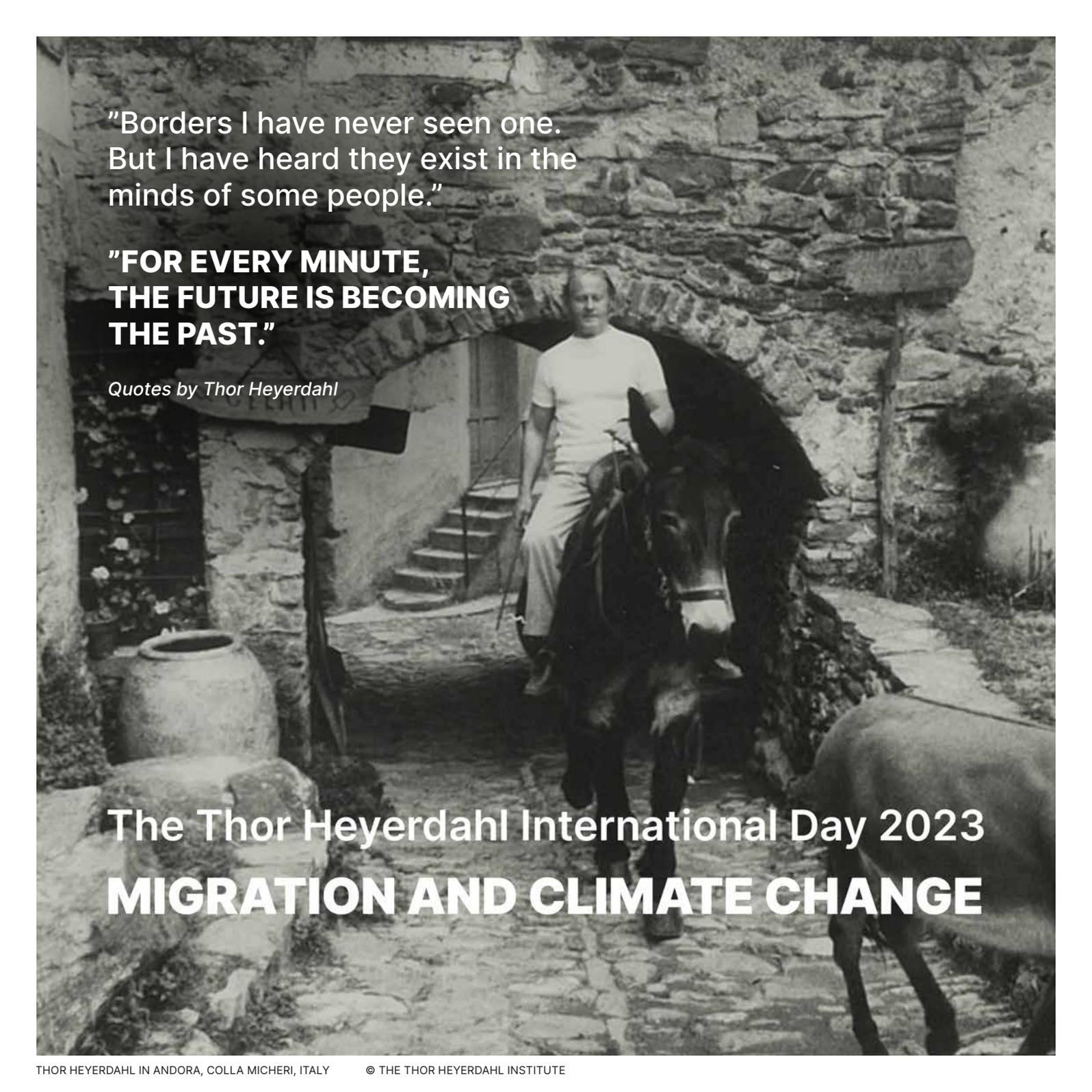


The Museum Luciano Dabroi in Palazzo Tagliaferro has hosted art exhibitions and cultural events over the years and on this occasion, three exhibitions will be opened about Migration & Climate Change.

In 2019, a Thor Heyerdahl exhibition was established at the Luciano Dabroi Mineralogical Museum of Palazzo Tagliaferro in Andora. Andora and Larvik have been twin towns since 2018. The exhibition was a collaborative project between the Italian Embassy in Oslo, the Kon-Tiki Museum, the University of Milan, the University of Genoa, the municipalities of Larvik and Andora, and The Thor Heyerdahl Institute.

In 2023, new exhibitions have been included in the former Thor Heyerdahl exhibition. It is a collaborative project between the Kon-Tiki Museum, the foundation of Saga Oseberg, The Vest-Agder Museum with the EU-project "Identity on the Line" and The Thor Heyerdahl Institute with the Thor Heyerdahl scholarship winners of 2022 and 2023.





"Borders I have never seen one.  
But I have heard they exist in the  
minds of some people."

**"FOR EVERY MINUTE,  
THE FUTURE IS BECOMING  
THE PAST."**

*Quotes by Thor Heyerdahl*

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