



**The Thor Heyerdahl International Day 2021**

**presents**

**“MIGRATION and IDENTITY”**

**Wednesday, November 10th, 09.00 – 15.30 (CET)**

The Thor Heyerdahl International Day Conference’s aim is to honour the cultural legacy of Thor Heyerdahl and continue to develop his research and ideas, highlighting his involvement in international dialogue, his advocacy for clean oceans and support towards world peace.

We are proud to announce that the Thor Heyerdahl International Day series has been organized by the Heyerdahl Institute (THI) since 2006.

This year’s conference is presented in collaboration with the Czech Republic, Augsburg University, Minnesota (USA), and Vestfold & Telemark County Council. The conference will focus on the global subject of: **Migration and Identity**.

The goals of the conference are:

1. **To act** - and put the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals on the agenda
2. **To contribute** with lectures on international matters
3. **To learn** from each other and inspire to action

The conference will be a streaming event which is accessible on several digital platforms.

## PROGRAM

**09.00**                      **Coffee table** at the Czech Republic Ambassador's residence in Oslo.

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**09.30 – 10.00**            **Welcome and opening remarks** by Ambassador Jaroslav Knot, Czech Republic Embassy

**Opening remarks** by Ambassador Fazil Corman, Embassy of Turkey in Oslo.

**Opening remarks** by Terje Riis Johansen, County Mayor of Vestfold and Telemark, Norway

**Dr. Pavel Pavel**, expedition-member of Thor Heyerdahl to Easter Island.

## The Thor Heyerdahl International Lectures 2021

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**Introduction by conferencier Bettine Hermanson.**

**10.00 – 10.30**            **Identity on the Line**, an international cooperation project between seven different European countries, which examines migration processes and identity.

By Kathrin Pabst, PhD, Project Manager, Vest-Agder Museet IKS.

**10.40 – 11.10**            **Get Your Move On: Universities, Pandemics, and the Future of Internationalization**

By Curt Rice, Rector, Norwegian University of Life Sciences (NMBU)

**11.20 - 11.50**            **Roots and Boots, identity in a changing time.**

By Thomas Hylland Eriksen, Professor, Department of Social Anthropology, University of Oslo, Norway.

**11.50 – 12.00**            **Questions from the public**

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**12.00 - 12.40**            **Lunch break**

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**12.40 - 13.00**            **Micro-integration of Refugees and Migrants into the Local Society**

By Dr. Peri Ilka-Tincman, PhD, Director of LoPe - Association for Micro-integration, Skien.

<b>13.00 - 13.15</b>	<p><b>Project Cafe Vintage – Empowering immigrant women through social enterprising.</b></p> <p>By Camilla Bilstad Johannessen, Project Leader for Social Entrepreneurship Café Vintage.</p>
<b>13.15 – 13.30</b>	<p><b>Migrating Societies</b>, an exchange project that included both artists and exhibitions, explored topics on migration and identity in connection to the local, regional, and international understanding of society today.</p> <p>By Ida Marie Tenvik-Bringedal, Oslo National Academy of Arts, Norway, and Line Ruud Ørslien, Cultural Advisor, Vestfold and Telemark County.</p>
<b>13.35 – 13.55</b>	<p><b>Perspectives on 200 years of Norwegian Emigration</b></p> <p>By Terje Mikael Hasle Joranger, Director of the Norwegian Emigrant Museum and Lene Grønvold, project manager for the 2025 anniversary celebration of Norwegian emigration.</p>
<b>14.00 – 14.20</b>	<p><b>Living Side by Side: a neighbourhood case study in building relationships among indigenous groups, a long-established immigrant group, and newer migrant groups in Minneapolis</b></p> <p>By Christina Carleton, Executive Director, Norway House Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA.</p>
<b>14.20 – 14.40</b>	<p><b>Hospitality is not Enough: Equity and Inclusion in Higher Education</b></p> <p>By President Paul Pribbenow, Augsburg University, Minnesota, USA.</p>
<b>14.40 – 14.50</b>	<b>Questions from the public</b>
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<b>14.50 – 15.00</b>	<p><b>Reflections on topic</b></p> <p>by Ambassador Jaroslav Knot, Czech Republic Embassy.</p>
<b>15.00 – 15.10</b>	<p><b>Reflections on topic</b></p> <p>by Ambassador Fazil Corman, Turkish Embassy</p>
<b>15.10 – 15.20</b>	<p><b>Closing reflections</b></p> <p>by Beate Bjørge, the manager of The Thor Heyerdahl Institute, Vestfold museums, Norway.</p>

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**Thank you for attending The Thor Heyerdahl International Day 2021**



The conference focuses on the following United Nations Sustainable Development Goals:



“I have neither the desire nor the right to set working rules and plans for The Thor Heyerdahl Institute, merely because it bears my name. But there must be a reason why the founders decided to acknowledge my life’s work in this way. I hop and believe that the basic reason is common belief in the unity of mankind. To achieve such unity, there is an urgent need for building bridges across ethnic diversity, national borders and political and religious factions.

Any scientist, thinker and wise person with global vision, who seeks to contribute towards disentangling this explosive situation, should be encouraged to speak out. Indeed, the institute represents another forum for expressing such views.”

Source: letter from Thor Heyerdahl, Tenerife, 10.09.2001