

‘Geomorphological change and the ‘lost harbours’ of the Middle Ages’

SAGES - HaNOA workshop

Wednesday 12th February 2014 9am-1pm

**Old Library, Geography Building, School of GeoSciences, Drummond Street,
University of Edinburgh**

In mainland Europe almost every important early medieval harbour developed into a town or city, but the situation in the far North Atlantic is very different. A network of enigmatic abandoned harbours exists across the North Atlantic and western Norway. The Harbours in the North Atlantic project (HaNOA <http://www.spp-haefen.de/en/projects/hanoa-haefen-im-nordatlantik/>) is a multi-disciplinary, multi-national project which aims to investigate the causes of abandonment of these harbours. The identification of these sites is frequently uncertain and the reasons why established harbours fell into disuse are also not clear- changing trade, economic and political influence, weather, geomorphology and boat design could all be contributory factors.

The SAGES-HaNOA workshop aims to capitalise on the opportunities being created by HaNOA to develop new collaborations within SAGES and promote integration between HaNOA, the Scottish Archaeology and the Problem of Erosion Trust (SCAPE: <http://www.scapetrust.org/>) and Scotland's Coastal Heritage at Risk Project (SCHARP: <http://www.ssharp.co.uk/>).

The workshop is co-convened by John Preston and Andy Dugmore (University of Edinburgh), Jim Hansom (University of Glasgow) and Tom Dawson (University of St Andrews).

If you are interested in attending and would like to be put on a mailing list for further details please contact John Preston (john.preston@ed.ac.uk) by **Friday 31st January**.

Draft Agenda

- Introductions and participants interests.
- HaNOA: research questions.
- Coastal change: geomorphological models, likely drivers and trajectories of change.
- Scale-matching between geomorphological models, empirical data, site-based archaeology and history/chronology.
- Areas of common interest between HANOA, SAGES, SCAPE, SCHARP and possible synergies.