

SVARTÁRKOT, CULTURE – NATURE (SCN)

offers an intensive graduate summer course:

Human Ecology and Culture at Lake Mývatn 1700-2000: Dimensions of Environmental and Cultural Change

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The rural regions of Mývatn and Bárðardalur in Suður Þingeyjarsýsla, northern Iceland, are unique environments - sometimes perceived as remote - but they are also entangled in the wider social and environmental histories of Iceland and the North Atlantic. Bárðardalur is a farming community in a deep valley and the neighbouring Mývatn area is an elevated, inland lakeside community with a rare biodiversity and a history of rebellious social movements. The Mývatn community has been at the centre of collaborative research by the interdisciplinary scholars teaching and leading this course. Our research has combined climate history, archaeology, ecology, literary history, and economic history. In addition to contributing scholarship, three of the instructors call these regions home. Our aim is that the diverse lectures and activities included in this course will spotlight the complex historical entanglement of society and environment, from the deep past into contemporary times. Our further goal is to inspire students and professionals alike to draw inspiration for their interdisciplinary scholarship whether their work is focused on Iceland or elsewhere.

The course welcomes professors and scholars looking for new insights and inspirations in post-and transdisciplinary methods.

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