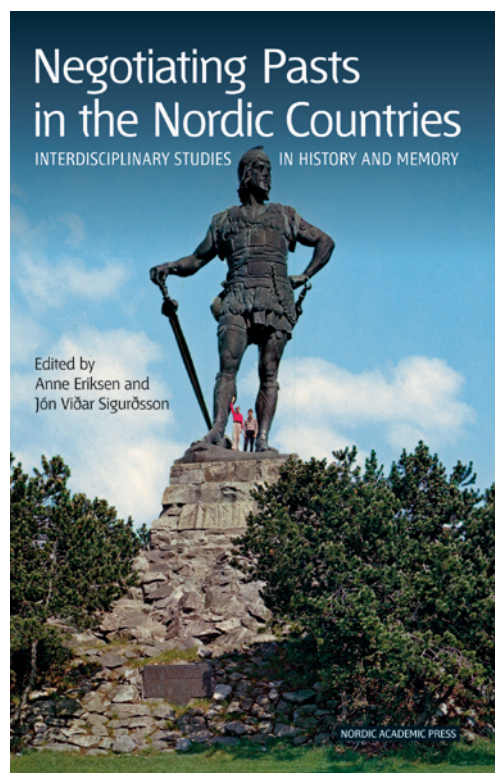


## Negotiating Pasts in the Nordic Countries

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*Negotiating Pasts in the Nordic Countries* is a collection of case-studies spanning from medieval to present time, of how the past has been made meaningful and relevant to people in later periods. As one looks at history one becomes part of a process filled by a desire to come to terms with unknown conditions, to develop consensus, not only with the past, but also with one's contemporaries. 'History' is not a simple 'yesterday', but rather a number of pasts, which are sometimes in conflict, sometimes harmoniously complementing one another.

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