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**Degrees:**     **2005:** PhD (*doctor philosophiae*), Nordic philology, University of Tartu, Estonia  
                  **2000:** MA (*magister artium*), Nordic philology, University of Tartu, Estonia

### Positions/employment:

**2016-...** Four-year assignment as external reviewer of undergraduate and graduate programmes in Old Norse Philology, University of Bergen, Norway  
**2008-2013:** Postdoctoral fellow, Centre for Medieval Studies (Norwegian Centre of Excellence in the period 2003-2013), University of Bergen, Norway  
**2007-2008:** Chair, Department of Scandinavian Studies, University of Tartu, Estonia  
**2006-2008:** Head of Programme of Scandinavian Studies, University of Tartu, Estonia  
**2005-2008:** Lecturer of Scandinavian Studies, University of Tartu, Estonia  
**1997-2005:** Assistant lecturer and teacher of Norwegian, University of Tartu, Estonia

### Current membership in academic and professional organizations:

**2017 (Nov)-...** Member of the editorial board of the publication series *Bibliotheca Nordica*  
**2017-...** Member of the *Research Network of Urban Literacy* Aarhus University  
<http://projects.au.dk/rul/>  
**2015-...** Member of the Board of the Section for Source Publications (*Kjeldeskriftkommisjonen*) at the National Archives of Norway, representing the discipline of runology  
**2015-...** Country representative for Norway, International Advisory Board of the International Saga Conference  
**2015-...** Founding member of the research group in Language and Society (*Språk og samfunn*), Bergen University College  
**2013-...** Affiliated member of the research group in Medieval Philology, University of Bergen

### Research experience and activities:

Member of several international and national research networks and academic collaboration projects. Main organizer or co-organizer of a number of international conferences and seminars; editor of collective volumes. Project leader/member of international projects, including:  
**2008-2013:** Member of the project team of an international research project, "The Forging of Christian Identity in the Northern Periphery", Centre for Medieval Studies, University of Bergen;  
**2006-2007:** Member of the project team of a Nordic-Baltic research network, "Sprid Österut", within the field of ethnic and linguistic minority studies, University of Tartu;

**2004-2005:** Project leader of an international research project, “Dialogues with Tradition: Studying the Nordic Saga Heritage”, University of Tartu;

**2001-2003:** Project leader of an international research project, “Interdisciplinary Approaches to Text: Combining Philology, History and Communication Theories”, University of Tartu.

### **Fields of interest and ongoing projects:**

Runology, medieval textual culture, Old Norse literature and its modern reception, historical multimodality, literacy and media studies. Ongoing projects:

- 1) **Reading and Writing in Medieval Bergen** (since 2015):  
<https://www.cristin.no/app/projects/show.jsf?id=455622>
- 2) **Adaptations of Old Norse Mythology in Modern Scandinavian Multimodal Narratives for Children and Young Adults** (since 2015):  
<https://www.cristin.no/app/projects/show.jsf?id=490705>
- 3) **Media and Identities in the Middle Ages** (since 2016):  
<https://www.cristin.no/app/projects/show.jsf?id=501938>

### **Select publications (since 2010)**

Zilmer, Kristel. 2016. “Words in Wood and Stone: Uses of Runic Writing in Medieval Norwegian Churches”, *Viking and Medieval Scandinavia* 2016. 207-235.

Zilmer, Kristel. 2016. “Den multimodale middelalderen: Om multimodalitet i historisk perspektiv”, *Norskklæringen* 2016, No. 1. 44-58.

Zilmer, Kristel. 2013. “Christian Prayers and Invocations in Scandinavian Runic Inscriptions from the Viking Age and Middle Ages”, *Futhark: International Journal of Runic Studies* 2013, Vol. 4. 129-171

Zilmer, Kristel & Judith Jesch (eds.) 2012. *Epigraphic Literacy and Christian Identity: Modes of Written Discourse in the Newly Christian European North*. Series: *Utrecht Studies in Medieval Literacy* 4. Turnhout: Brepols.

Zilmer, Kristel. 2012. “Christianity in Runes: Prayers in Scandinavian Rune Stone Inscriptions from the Viking Age and the Early Middle Ages.” In: *Epigraphic Literacy and Christian Identity. Modes of Written Discourse in the Newly Christian European North*, ed. K. Zilmer and J. Jesch. Series: *Utrecht Studies in Medieval Literacy* 4. Turnhout: Brepols. 99-135.

Zilmer, Kristel. 2012. “Monumental Messages and the Voice of Individuality and Tradition: The Case of Scandinavian Rune Stones.” In: *Modes of Authorship in the Middle Ages*, ed. S. Ranković et al. Series: *Papers in Mediaeval Studies* 22. Toronto: Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies (PIMS). 389-413.

Zilmer, Kristel. 2011. “Crosses on Rune-Stones: Functions and Interpretations”, *Current Swedish Archaeology* Vol. 19 (2011). 87-112.

Zilmer, Kristel. 2011. "Some Notes on the Depiction of Islands in the Baltic Sea according to Old Norse Saga Literature." In: *Stanzas of Friendship. Studies in Honour of Tatjana N. Jackson*. Russian Academy of Sciences 2011. 436-448.

Zilmer, Kristel. 2011. "The Powers and Purposes of an Insular Setting – On Some Motifs in Old-Norse Literature." In: *Isolated Islands in Medieval Nature, Culture and Mind*, ed. T. Jørgensen and G. Jaritz. Central European University Press. 23-35.

Zilmer, Kristel. 2010. "Deictic references in runic inscriptions on voyage runestones." *Futhark: International Journal of Runic Studies* 2010, Vol. 1. 123-141.

Zilmer, Kristel. 2010. "Viking Age Rune Stones in Scandinavia: The Interplay between Oral Monumentality and Commemorative Literacy." In: *Along the Oral-Written Continuum: Types of Texts, Relations and Their Implications*, ed. S. Ranković et al. Series: *Utrecht Studies in Medieval Literacy* 20. Turnhout: Brepols. 135-162.