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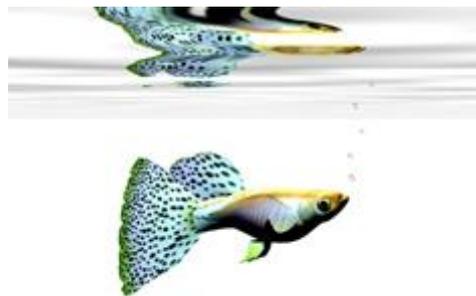
New discovery in old ring shows connection between the Vikings and Islam

A new analysis shows an Arabic inscription on a Viking ring from the 800s, found in Birka on the Swedish island Björkö in Lake Mälaren in a woman's grave. It may be a proof that there was a direct link between the Viking Age Scandinavia and Islam. The silver ring has been examined by a scanning electron microscope of an international research team, led by Stockholm University biophysicist Sebastian Wärmländer. [Read more »](#)



New international alumni portal

Stockholm University is pleased to announce the launch of its new portal for international alumni. [Welcome to join! »](#)



Guppy males with larger brains are more attractive

A new study shows that guppy males with larger brains are more colorful, have bigger tails and genitals and have better condition than guppy males with smaller brains. [Read more »](#)



Master's programmes in law

The Faculty of Law at Stockholm University is the biggest Law Faculty in Sweden, both in number of researchers and number of students. The Department of Law offers two master's programmes in English 2015-2016.

Scholarships for international students are also available. [Read more »](#)



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The application period for European students wishing to apply for courses and programmes starting in autumn 2015 is now underway. Choose from over 80 programmes taught in English, as well as a wide range of free-standing courses at all levels. The deadline for applications is 15 April. [Read more »](#)



Stockholm University magnet for students at London education fair

Students from many different parts of the world stopped by the Stockholm University booth at the QS World Grad School Tour event in London on 21 March. The event was aimed at those currently studying for an undergraduate degree, recent graduates, or those planning to start their own business. [Read more »](#)



The fragile power of think tanks

While think tanks often succeed in getting their message across, their power is much more fragile than often assumed, says Christina Garsten, Professor in Social Anthropology, in an article published on University of Oslo's website. [Read more »](#)

First Glimpse of Chemical Bond Being Born

The moment when two atoms come together and create a bond has been caught. Researchers at Stockholm University led an international collaboration using X-ray laser to make the observations. [Read more »](#)

[Watch a video](#) with Professor Anders Nilsson explaining the observation.



Understanding and mapping the human brain

The last episode of the academic talk show Crosstalks discussed lifelong learning and relearning with researchers from Stockholm University and KTH among other panelists. The next episode airs on 23 April and will be about the human brain.

[Read more and watch all shows at crosstalks.tv »](#)



CAMPUS NEWS



The Stockholm Syndrome of Advertising – a TEDx Talk

As consumers we are constantly influenced by marketing and advertising. We need to scrutinize market communications and brands more seriously, says Stockholm Business School Professor Jacob Östberg in this TEDx Stockholm Talk.

[Watch it here »](#)



"Game of Thrones" throne at Stockholm University

Students and employees had the chance to sit on the famous throne from the TV series Game of Thrones in the foyer outside the Frescati Library some weeks ago, after fan and Stockholm University employee won competition. [Watch the video »](#)



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