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SWEA International awards its 2018 Scholarship for Research Related to the Swedish Language, Literature, and Society (US \$10,000) to Heidi Synnøve Djuve.

## Heidi Synnøve compares medieval princes

Heidi Synnøve Djuve, a doctoral candidate at the University of Aberdeen, is the recipient of the 2018 SWEA Scholarship for Research Related to the Swedish Language, Literature, and Society for her work on the thesis *The Scandinavian Medieval Specula*.

The jury's motivation:

Heidi Synnøve Djuve's project is a comparative examination of Scandinavian political literature that uses two *specula principum*, commonly referred to as *mirrors for princes*. These political writings are meant to educate young monarchs, princes, and leaders. Heidi Synnøve has selected the 13<sup>th</sup> century Norwegian *Konungs Skuggsjà* and the 14<sup>th</sup> century Swedish *Konungastyrelsen*, both of which exist solely in one copy. She also intends to translate the *Konungastyrelsen* into contemporary language to make it more accessible for research. Heidi Synnøve's thesis will enhance our knowledge of medieval Scandinavian language and culture, and the changes in political ideology to which the texts bear witness.

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