Date: 27th October (Tuesday), 11.30 a.m.
Venue: Room 0.1

Professor Rory McTurk
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will give a lecture

**Hero and king, hero and leader: Beowulf and the Icelandic Njáls saga**

PROFESSOR RORY MCTURK, Emeritus Professor of Icelandic Studies, taught at the University of Leeds, having taught earlier at University College Dublin, University of Lund and University of Copenhagen. He holds degrees from the University of Oxford and the University of Iceland, Reykjavík. Professor McTurk’s research interests span Old and Modern Icelandic language and literature, Old and Middle English language and literature, Irish (Gaelic) language and literature, Old Norse mythology, Viking history, and modern literary theory. He has published extensively on Old Norse literature and its connections with Old, Middle and Modern English literature and culture. Among his numerous publications, the most important are *Studies in Ragnars Saga Loðbrókar and Its Major Scandinavian Analogues* (Oxford, 1991), and *Chaucer and the Norse and Celtic Worlds* (Aldershot, 2005), as well his editorship of the *Blackwell Companion to Old Norse-Icelandic Literature and Culture* (Oxford, 2004). At present he is completing an edition, with introduction, translation and commentary, of the thirteenth-century Icelandic prose narrative *Ragnars saga loðbrókar* and contributing to the collaborative edition of Norse-Icelandic skaldic poetry for which he is editing verses related to *Ragnars saga*.

Everybody is cordially welcome