

## Anna Catharina Horn: Manuscript Culture at the Skara diocese in the late 13th Century

The manuscripts B 58 and B 59, dated ca. 1285–1300 and containing two versions of the old Västgöta law, are unique in the sense that they are the oldest Swedish manuscripts written in the vernacular. Studies so far have been focusing on the relation between the two manuscripts based on the content and historical events in the late 13th and early 14th century. In my paper, however, I will focus on the manuscripts themselves, as representations of a manuscript culture in the diocese of Skara, where they are supposed to have been produced. As we know little about the manuscript culture in Sweden in this period, more studies have been made on the manuscript culture in Norway. The neighboring regions of the Skara and Oslo dioceses suggest some level of contact between the two, and the paper will compare B58 and B 59 with contemporary manuscripts from the Oslo area in order to shed light on the manuscript culture in the diocese of Skara.