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**Philosophy of Space/Place
in Late Antiquity**
**Reconsidering Simplicius'
Corollary on Place**

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program

Sunday, September 18th

until

18.30 Arrival + Welcome

19.00 Dinner

20.30 Introduction

General introduction
[Carlos Steel]

The Corollarium de loco: manuscript tradition,
new edition, outline of the text
[Philippe Hoffmann / Pantelis Golitsis]

Simplicius' immediate predecessors: Proclus and Damascius

15.30 (1) Proclus' doctrine: place as immaterial body
and 'light'
Proclus = Simplicius, *Cor. de loco*, p. 611, 10-614, 7 D.
[Antonio Vargas]

16.30–17.00 Break

17.00 (2) Damascius' doctrine, from the work Περὶ
ἀριθμοῦ καὶ τόπου καὶ χρόνου
Damascius = Simplicius, *Cor. de loco*, p. 625, 4-34
[Philippe Hoffmann / Pantelis Golitsis]

The doctrine of place as 'measure' according to Simplicius

18.00 Simplicius, *Corollarium de loco*, p. 625, 34-627, 5 D.
(Simplicius' commentary on Damascius)
[Gerd van Riel]

19.00 Dinner

15.30 Simplicius, *In Cat.*, p. 361, 7-364, 6 K. (place
according to Iamblichus)
[John Dillon]

16.30–17.00 Break

(2) The doctrine of place according to the commentary on the Categories

17.00 Simplicius, *Commentary on the Categories*:
place as ποσόν [Frans de Haas]

18.00 Simplicius, *Commentary on the Categories*:
the category of ποῦ [Matthias Vorwerk]

19.00 Dinner followed by general assembly of the
Academia Platonica Septima Monasteriensis e.V.

Monday, September 19th

Morning session

Neoplatonism. Harmonizing Plato and Aristotle?

9.00 Plato on *chōra*
[Francesco Lisi]

Aristotle and the peripatetic tradition on place
[Keimpe Algra]

11.00–11.30 Break

11.30 The *aporiai* of Aristotle's definition,
Corollarium de loco, p. 602 ff.
(on the place of the world)

Simplicius' commentary on *Phys.* IV. 1-5
[Christoph Helmig]

12.30–14.00 Lunch

Afternoon session

Methodological framework

14.30 Dialectical preparation: Simplicius and the
Aristotelian quadripartite division (discussion of
the theses of place as body or as *diastēma*)
[Jaap Mansfeld – Carlos Steel]

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Tuesday, September 20th

Morning session

The doctrine of place as 'measure' according to Simplicius, continuation:

9.00 Simplicius, *Corollarium de loco*, p. 627, 6-629, 12 D.
(= essential and external place)
[Andrew Smith]

10.00 Simplicius, *Corollarium de loco*, p. 634, 11-637, 21 D.
(measure and participation)
[László Bene]

11.00–11.30 Break

11.30 Philoponus on place (= *diastēma*)
Philoponus, *Corollarium de loco*
[Ioannis Papachristou]

12.30–14.30 Lunch

Afternoon session

(1) The forerunners of Simplicius' doctrine

14.30 Simplicius, *Corollarium de loco*, p. 639, 10-640, 11 D.
(Theophrastus and Iamblichus, forerunners of the
good doctrine: cf. *In Cat.*, p. 361, 7-364, 6 K.)
[Jan Opsomer]

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Wednesday, September 21st

Morning session

Place and time

9.00 The doctrine of measurements according to
Simplicius, *In Phys.*, 773, 8-774, 35 D.
(*Corollarium de tempore*)
[Filip Karfik]

10.00 Place and time as 'measure': Simplicius,
In Cat., p. 364, 7-35
[Christian Tornau]

11.00–11.30 Break

11.30 General conclusion

12.00 Dinner + Departure

Philippe Hoffmann (Paris) and Pantelis Golitsis (Berlin) have kindly put at our disposition an improved version of Diels' edition of the *Corollarium de loco* (1882) which can be found at <http://beta.teuchos.uni-hamburg.de/pdf>.