Historiography and Space in Late Antiquity, Ghent 15-17 January 2015

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**Thursday 15 January 2015**

9.00-9.10: opening - Peter Van Nuffelen

Space(s) for empire

9.10-9.50: **H. Leppin (Goethe University Frankfurt)** *- The Roman Empire in John of Ephesus‘ historiography*

9.50-10.30: **M. Humphries (Swansea University) -** *Empire and Beyond: Concepts of Space in the Latin Christian Historiographical Tradition (4th-5th centuries)*

10.30-11.00: coffee break

11.00-11.40: **D. Engels (Université Libre de Bruxelles) –** *Historiography and Space in Sassanid Historical Memory*

11.40-12.10: **T. Greenwood (University of St. Andrews) -** *Being in Between? Armenia in late Antiquity*

12.10-12.50: **M. Meier (University of Tübingen) -** tbc

12.50-14.00: lunch break

Compilations and transmission

14.00-14.40: **P. De Cicco (University of Nantes)** - *How to reduce a historical production into a compendium of geographical knowledge: Asinius* *Quadratus* *and* *his* *Late*-*antique* *readers.*

14.40-15.20: **P. Manafis (Ghent University)** - *Geography* *and* *history* *in* *Parisinus* *suppl.* *gr.607* *A.*

15.20-15.50: coffee break

15.50-16.30: **D. Acolat (University of Bretagne Occidentale)** - *Les espaces marginaux et extraordinaires dans les digressions de géographie physique d’Orose, Procope et Jordanès : savoir géographique, curiosité de l’historien, compilation de la tradition littéraire?*

16.30-17.10: **M. Conterno - A. Hilkens (Ghent University**) - “*Notitiae Urbis Romae” in Syriac and Christian Arabic sources*

17.10-17.40: General discussion

19.30: Dinner

**Friday 16 January 2015**

The self and the other

9.00-9.40: **M. Horster (University of Mainz)** – *The Soil of Italy in Cassiodorus’ Variae*

9.40-10.20: **A. Petkas (Princeton University)** - *Self-Ethnography* *and* *Philosophical* *Spaces* *in* *the* *letters* *of* *Synesius* *of* *Cyrene*

10.20-10.40: Coffee break

10.40-11.20: **J. W. Drijvers (University of Groningen)** *-* *Frontiers* *and the* *space* *of* *the* *other* *in* *the* *Res* *Gestae* *of* *Ammianus* *Marcellinus.*

11.20-12.00: **E. Ben‐Eliyahu (University of Haifa)** - *Geographical* *Conceptions* *in* *Rabbinic* *Literature in* *Late* *Antiquity:* *Borders* *and* *Self Identity.*

12.00-12.30: General discussion

12.30-13.30: lunch break

Space and authority

13.30-14.10: **S. Johnson (Washington University) – F**rom Local to Universal in Early Medieval Pilgrimage: A Spectrum of Historiographical Aesthetics

14.10-14.50: **P. Blaudeau (Angers University) -** Appartenance africaine et conscience de l'oekoumène : éléments d'analyse géo-ecclésiologique des récits de Liberatus de Carthage et de Victor de Tonnona

14.50-15.30: **M. Debié (EPHE, Paris) -** *Between confrontation and coexistence: the conception of boundaries in the Historiography of the Syriac Borderlands*

15.30-16.00: coffee break

Imaginary landscapes

16.00-16.40: **T. Grossmark (Tel Hai College, Israel)** - *In* *the* *wake* *of the children of Israel in the wilderness: perception of the Sinai desert in some rabbinic travellers' tales.*

16.40-17.20: **J.‐C. Haelewyck (Université catholique de Louvain)** - *Histoire* *de Zosime sur les Bienheureux Réchabites. Un voyage entrepris par un illustre inconnu au pays de nulle part óu vivent des gens en-dehors du temps.*

17.20-17.50: General discusion

19.30: dinner

**Saturday 17 January 2015**

Literary creation of space

9.00-9.40: **B. Salway (University College London)** - *Traditional and contemporary geography in the sub-literary genres of late antiquity*

9.40-10.10: **E. Turquois (St. Hugh’s College, Oxford)** - *Space and landscapes in the “Wars” of* *Procopius.*

10.10-10.50: **A. Palmer** **(Radboud University Nijmegen)*-*** *Space in* *the* *Vita* *Barsumae (457)*

10.50-11.20: coffee break

11.20-12.00: **G. Kelly (University of Edinburgh) -** *The geographical Digressions in the “Res Gestae” of Ammianus Marcellinus?*

12.00-12.30: General discussion

12.30-: lunch