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# SPACE<sub>in</sub> Hellenistic Philosophy

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Historically speaking, the majority of efforts in the study of ancient Greek physics have traditionally been devoted either to the analysis of the surviving evidence about the Presocratic philosophers or to the detailed examination of the Platonic and Aristotelian oeuvre. The aim of this meeting is, on the one side, to discuss in a systematic way the notion of space in the most representative exponents of the philosophical schools of the Hellenistic age and, on the other, to explore the role of spatial concepts in authors who, while not having thematised this subject, have made use of these notions in a philosophically original way. With this purpose in mind, renowned scholars have been invited to Anacapri in order to investigate the philosophical meaning and the historical significance of the different conceptions of space endorsed by various thinkers, ranging from the beginning of the Hellenistic period to the early Imperial age. A special session will be devoted to the ways in which such conceptions have been met in Modern philosophy.

#### Thursday, April 12

13.00 Buffet (Hotel San Michele)  
15.30 Introduction (Villa Orlandi)

##### **Keimpe Algra**

University of Utrecht

*Aristotle's Theory of Place in the Early Peripatos: Theophrastus and Eudemus.*

##### **Michele Alessandrelli**

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*Aspects and Problems of Chrysippus' Conception of Space.*

Coffee break

##### **Teun Tieleman**

University of Utrecht

*Topos, Chôra and Kenon in Posidonius.*

Discussion

Chair: **Christof Rapp**

University of Munich

20.30 Dinner

#### Friday, April 13

9.15 Villa San Michele

##### **David Konstan**

New York University

*Epicurus on the Void.*

##### **Holger Essler**

University of Würzburg

*Space and Movement in Philodemus' De dis III.*

Coffee break

##### **Carlos Lévy**

Université de Paris-Sorbonne (Paris IV)

*Roman Philosophy under Construction: the Concept of Spatium from Lucretius to Cicero.*

Discussion

Chair: **Voula Tsouna**

University of California Santa Barbara

13.30 Lunch

15.30 Villa Orlandi

##### **Richard Bett**

Johns Hopkins University

*Aenesidemus the Anti-Physicist.*

##### **Emidio Spinelli**

Sapienza University of Rome

*Phainomena vs. Noumena:*

*Sextus Empiricus, the Notion of Place and the Pyrrhonian Strategy at Work.*

Coffee break

##### **Jaap Mansfeld**

University of Utrecht

*Doxographical Reverberations of Hellenistic Discussions on Space.*

Discussion

Chair: **Anna Maria Ioppolo**

Sapienza University of Rome

20.30 Dinner

#### Saturday, April 14

*Appendix: The Modern Reception*

9.15 Villa San Michele

##### **Antonio Lamarra**

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*The Leibniz-Newton Controversy about Space: Real and Absolute vs. Ideal and Relational.*

##### **Camilla Serck-Hanssen**

University of Oslo

*The Task of Space: Kantian Space Revisited.*

Coffee break

##### **Giuseppe Cantillo**

University of Naples Federico II

*Hegel's Concept of Space.*

Discussion

Chair: **Christoph Horn**

University of Bonn

13.00 Conclusions

13.30 Banquet