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# Neoplatonism and Early Christianity

Saturday, 17 December 2011, Classical Archaeology and Ancient History  
Department of Archaeology and Classical Studies, Stockholm University  
Conference venue: Lecture hall B4, Building B, Södra huset

8.45–9.00 Inauguration of the conference

9.00–10.15 Keynote lecture

Christian Wildberg (Princeton) *The God Dionysus in Neoplatonic Philosophy*

10.15–10.30 Discussion

10.30–10.50 Coffee break

10.50–11.20 Pauliina Remes (Uppsala/Helsinki) *Neoplatonist Ethical Orders of Priority: Plotinus and Simplicius on Action*

11.30–12.00 Tuomas Rasimus (Helsinki/Laval) *Porphyry and the Gnostics: Radical Reassessment of Pierre Hadot's Thesis on the Origins of Neoplatonism*

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13.00–13.30 Gunnar af Hällström (Åbo) *Neoplatonism in the Light of a Rival*

13.40–14.10 David Westberg (Uppsala) *Ekphrasis, Memoria and Prayer: Issues of Rhetoric and Mental Representation in Late Antique Monasticism*

14.20–14.50 Börje Bydén (Stockholm) *The Historicity of Zacharias Scholasticus' Ammonius*

15.00–15.20 Coffee break

15.20–15.50 Erkki Sironen (Helsinki) *Neoplatonic and Christian Elements in Late Antique Verse Inscriptions from the Area of Greece*

16.00–16.30 Arja Karivieri (Stockholm) *Divine or Human Images? – Neoplatonic and Christian Views on Aesthetics*

16.40–17.10 Anne Karahan (Stockholm) *Comprehension Equates with Circumscription. Threefold and Twofold, but One: Incarnation and Cappadocian Apophatic Thinking in Ravennatic Byzantine Aesthetics*

17.10–17.40 General discussion

Closing of the conference

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Boethius, *Consolatio Philosophiae*  
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