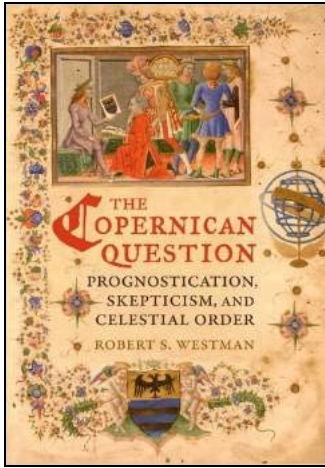


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# Copernicus and the Astrologers

Nicolas Copernicus's hypothesis that the earth is a planet revolving together with five other planets around a stationary sun is one of the best known claims in the history of science. First announced publicly in print in 1543, historians often describe Copernicus's proposal as the beginning of the Scientific Revolution. But what was the question to which Copernicus's hypothesis was the answer? In *The Copernican Question* (2011), Westman argues that crucial clues lie in the late-fifteenth century controversy about the status of astrology--although not a single word about astrology exists in any of Copernicus's extant writings. In this talk, Westman extends his thesis based upon new evidence.

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